



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS**
ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

The half term has come upon us really quickly, and it looks set to be a lovely week with some beautiful weather forecast.

Although it has been a short half term, it has certainly been a very busy one, packed full of learning, activities and achievements. Everyone has worked incredibly hard and we are all ready for a well-deserved rest.

There will still be teachers in school over the break supporting our Year 11 students with some final revision sessions ahead of their exams, and we are very grateful for their continued dedication.

We hope you all enjoy a relaxing and enjoyable half term holiday with your families.

Have a wonderful break.

NEWSLETTER

22 May 2026

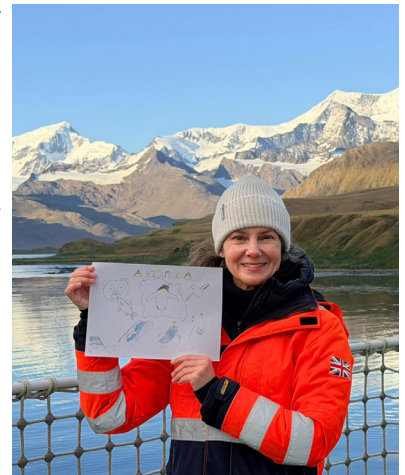
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Celebrating our curriculum

through their commitment to mastery

Raising a flag in Antarctica

Dimitri from Year 8 took part in a competition to design a flag for Antarctica Day, and his flag was chosen to sail aboard the RSS David Attenborough to Antarctica, with Dr Nadine Johnston! She has shared some photos holding the flags from her expedition and we couldn't be prouder of this amazing achievement, well done Dimitri!



Geography fieldwork

Year 8 students recently took part in a traffic survey as part of their geography fieldwork. They worked carefully to collect data on the number and types of vehicles travelling through the local area, developing valuable skills in observation and data collection.

After the holiday, students will be using the information they gathered to plot and analyse their own data, helping them to draw conclusions about traffic patterns in Wythenshawe!



Celebrating our students

Through their focus

Preparing for the drama

Year 7 students made some fantastic masks for next half term where they will be studying Greek and Italian theatre. We can't wait to see the inspiration they take from some of the greats, and how they take this forward into their own expression during performances.



Masterchef season

The season has come for our masterchef year competitions to begin. Over the coming Fridays, our confident chefs will come together to cook and present michelin-star dishes. This will be judged by Ms Bowdery with different guest judges each week - whoever can make it down to T6 the fastest!

We kicked things off with our Year 10 competition... which culinary masterpiece would you rank as the winner? We are proud of all these excellent plates created, well done all!



Celebrating our students

Through their focus

Student spotlight: Maths



Tuesday 19th May 2026
How do we calculate missing angles in a triangle?

- $678 = 1 \rightarrow 678.0$
- $678 = 10 \rightarrow 67.80$
- $678 = 100 \rightarrow 6.780$
- $678 = 1000 \rightarrow 0.6780$

5. right angle

6. $\triangle ABC$ is an obtuse angle

7. $90^\circ < \angle ABC < 180^\circ$

8. 170°

Wednesday 20th May
How do we convert Percentages to fractions to decimals?

Do Now

- $\frac{10}{10} = 1$
- Parallelogram
- $\frac{10}{10} = 1$
- $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} = f(x) - 2 \frac{1}{2}$
- $\frac{10}{10} = 1$
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- Reflex $\angle ABC$ is an Reflex angle
- $180^\circ \angle ABC 360^\circ$
- 190°

Acute = $0 - 90^\circ$
Right angle = 90°
Obtuse = $90 - 180$
Reflex = $180 - 360$

Tuesday 19th May 2026
How do we solve simultaneous equations?

$$\begin{array}{r} 180 \\ 148 \\ \hline 032 \end{array}$$

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- Isosceles triangle
- Isosceles
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- angles on a straight line add up to 180
- regular pentagon
- $$\begin{aligned} 180 &= 2a + 2a + 14a = 180 \\ 180 &= 18a \\ a &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Naseem (Y7), Isla (Y8), and Mia (Y9), these 'Do Now' works are a fabulous example of clarity and accuracy. It is clear that you are determined to become the best mathematicians you can be. Keep it up!

Joseph (Y11), this work highlights the deep connection between algebra and geometry. You have shown an understanding of this connection by solving these three 'A-Level' problems.

QUESTION 3
Evaluate $\int_{-3}^0 (2x+3)^2 dx$

$$\int_{-3}^0 (2x+3)^2 dx = \int_{-3}^0 (4x^2 + 12x + 9) dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{4}{3}x^3 + 6x^2 + 9x \right]_{-3}^0$$

$$= \left(\frac{4}{3}(0)^3 + 6(0)^2 + 9(0) \right) - \left(\frac{4}{3}(-3)^3 + 6(-3)^2 + 9(-3) \right)$$

$$= 0 - (-36 + 54 - 27) = -(-9) = 9$$

QUESTION 4
The position vector of A is $6i + 8j$. The position of the midpoint of the line joining A and B is $3i + 2j$. Find $|\overline{AB}|$

$$\frac{1}{2} \overline{AB} = (3i + 2j) - (6i + 8j)$$

$$\overline{AB} = 2(-3i - 6j) = -6i - 12j$$

$$|\overline{AB}| = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-12)^2} = \sqrt{180} = 6\sqrt{5}$$

QUESTION 5
The point $(-1, 4)$ lies on the graph of $y = f(x)$. State the coordinates of its image when the graph is transformed to $y = f(x-1) + 3$

$(-1 + 1, 4 + 3)$

$(0, 7)$

Step 1: Draw out 2 tables of values

x	0	1	2	3
y	5	4.5	4	3.5

$0 = 2y = 10$ $1 = 2y = 10$
 $2y = 10$ $2y = 9$ $y = 4.5$
 $2 \times 2y = 10$ $3 \times 2y = 10$
 $2y = 8$ $y = 4$ $2y = 7$ $y = 3.5$

x	0	1	2	3
y	14	12	10	8

$2 \times 0 + y = 14$ $y = 14$
 $2 \times 1 + y = 14$ $y = 12$
 $2 \times 2 + y = 14$ $y = 10$
 $2 \times 3 + y = 14$ $y = 8$

Mia (Y9) has done a fantastic job in presenting her work in her lesson this week - well done, Mia!

Extra-curricular activities

to enrich our students' experiences

We are excited to share with you our updated extra-curricular activities timetable. At Dixons Brooklands Academy, we believe that learning goes far beyond the classroom, and we are proud to offer a wide range of clubs and activities designed to enrich our students' school experience.

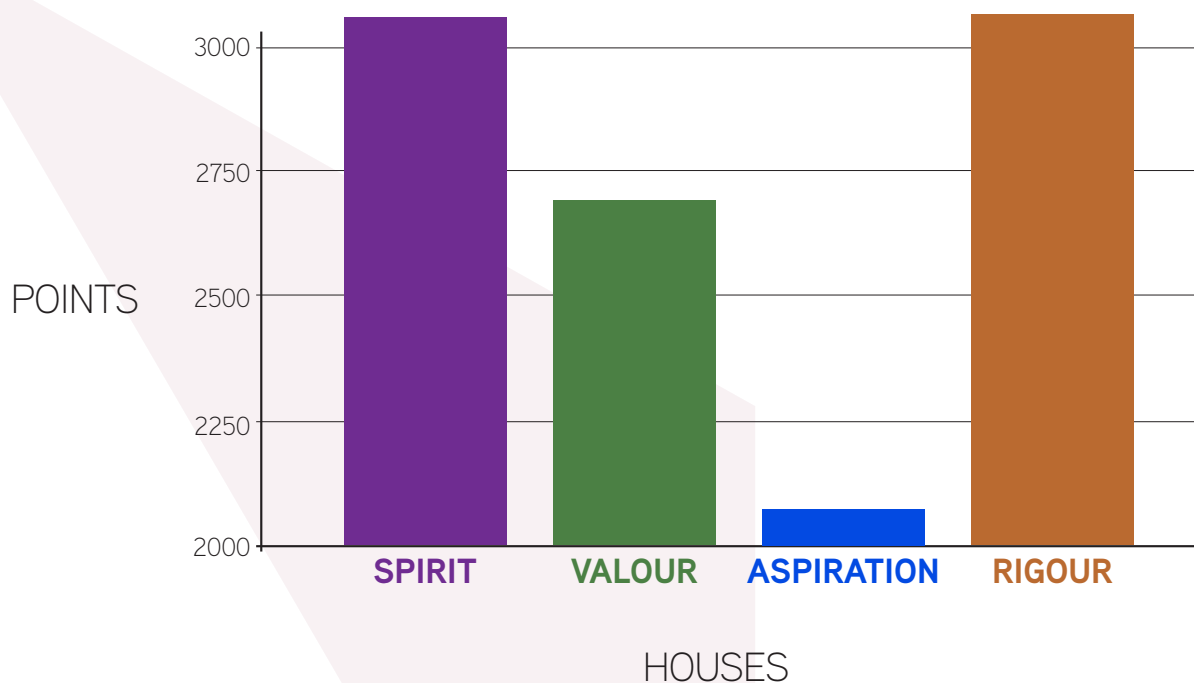
	Lunch	After school
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FootballBasketballThrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Achieve club (T9)Football (Girls)BasketballBTEC Music (week A)Science Club (S15)Football (week B)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FootballBasketballThrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)Steel Pans (T8)Cricket	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NetballBadmintonGCSE Art Club (S8/P16/S13)Sustainability club (P12)Poetry revision (P3)Homework club (P13/P19)Science intervention (S15)BTEC Music (week B)Musical Theatre (assembly hall)SoftballAthletics
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FootballBasketballThrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)KS3 Spanish film club (T4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Football (Boys)Sparx homework support (P22)Creative writing (P1)RoundersLacrosse
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FootballBasketballThrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)KS3 GCSE Spanish exams skillsRainbow Club (Hub)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">BTEC SportKeyboard club (T8)Darts
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FootballBasketballThrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)Cooking (week B, T7)Softball	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Separate science (week B)Singing club (T8)

There is also a free breakfast club every morning before school from 7.30am, this is open to all students.

House points

The house points have been hotly contested this week, with our World Cup inter-advisory football competition! We have so far hosted the Year 9 and 10 events, with House Rigour and House Spirit taking the win for their respective year groups. A fantastic turn out from all Houses, this has been a wonderful tournament!

This means that there are just nine points separating House Rigour and House Spirit, as we head into the final half term of the year.



Preparing our students

Notices for families

Year 11 holiday revision

To support our Year 11 students in their last leg of their GCSE examinations, we will be holding the following revision sessions during the half term holiday.

	Time	Subject
Monday	Bank holiday	
Tuesday	10am - 2pm	History Geography
Wednesday	9.30am - 12pm	English
Thursday	9.30am - 11.30am	Maths
Friday	No sessions	

Free school meal holiday vouchers

Free school meal holiday vouchers have now been issued. If your child does not currently receive free school meals and you think they may be entitled to this, please make an application through this link: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>.



Upcoming attendance rewards

We are delighted to announce that inflatables have been booked for the final day of the school year, promising an even bigger and better celebration than last year!

To earn a place, students will collect attendance points each day they are in school, please see below for how points can be obtained:

- 10 points per day
- 30 points on Fridays (with points halved for late arrivals).

A total of **440 points** are required to take part, so we encourage everyone to maintain strong attendance right up to the end of term.

In addition, we are running a weekly lucky draw for students who achieve 100% attendance. Each Friday, selected winners are invited to enjoy ice cream with five friends - a reward that has already proven to be extremely popular!



What's On



Collaboration Concert 2026

United through music

Join us for an evening
of classical, pop and
musical theatre.

A celebration of
talented musicians
from across our trust.

Monday 13 July | 6pm
St George's Hall, Bradford



Get tickets
Scan here or visit
ticketsource.co.uk/dixonsca

Summer water safety

We are due warm weather next week, and it is important that students know how to access water safely.



BE SAFE THIS SUMMER

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE TIPS TO KEEP YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR FRIENDS SAFE.



SUN SAFETY

- Use sun cream with UVA and UVB protection
- Sun cream should be SPF 30 or higher
- Avoid the sun between 11am-3pm
- Know your skin type and how to protect it
- Drink plenty of water
- Wear a hat and sunnies



Scan the QR code for sunburn advice



WATER SAFETY

- Swim in places that have a lifeguard on duty
- Never swim alone
- Take warm clothes with you to get changed into afterwards
- Make sure your phone is fully charged
- If you get into trouble in the water float on your back in a starfish shape and call for help

Scan the QR code for water safety advice



TRANSPORT SAFETY

- Take care when crossing roads, tram lines and train lines - use crossing points
- Wear a helmet when on a bike or scooter

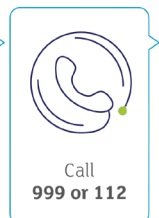
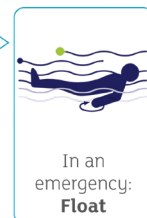


Scan QR code for ideas for the holidays



WATER SAFETY CODE

If you fall in, follow the **Water Safety Code**.



What's On



Baby Group (non-mobile babies)

Mums, dads and carers - come and join our Family Hub baby group (non-mobile) at **Brooklands Library** every Thursday for fun, relaxed activities.



Brooklands Library, M23 9BP

Every Thursday from 23rd April



14:00 - 15:00

Rhymes
and Songs

Sensory
Play

Messy
Play

family-action.org.uk



Academy Tours

Book a tour to visit our academy!

We have been working hard to bring joy, encouragement and motivation to all aspects of our academy life, and we would like to open our doors to show you!

Open to our current and prospective families.

Email Dr Rogers at nrogers@dixonsbk.com to book a guided viewing.

Dixons Brooklands Academy, Moor Road, Wythenshawe, M23 9BP

Follow our Facebook page to keep up to date with future events



BAGULEY LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

As part of the Neighbourhood Advice Project, delivered in partnership with the Manchester Local Care Organisation, we already recovered over £500,000 in unclaimed benefits in Wythenshawe. Offering face to face appointments in Baguley.

Do you need support? Or have service users who need this support?

Service available for residents on the neighbourhood wards of Baguley, Brooklands, Northenden, Sharston, & Woodhouse Park.



Get a face-to-face appointment for your clients by making a referral using the form on the QR or by contacting us on neighbourhoodadvice@gmlaw.org.uk or **0161 769 2245** (Please note this is not an advice line)

ONE-OFF ADVICE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL 30 MINUTES APPOINTMENT

**INCOME MAXIMIZATION
BENEFITS CHECKS**

**WELFARE BENEFITS
DISABILITY BENEFITS APPLICATIONS,
MANDATORY RECONSIDERATIONS &
APPEALS**

**HOUSING LAW
EVICTIONS, HOMELESSNESS,
DISREPAIR, RE-HOUSING**

**EMPLOYMENT LAW
DISCRIMINATION AT WORK, UNFAIR
DISMISSAL, UNPAID WAGES,
GRIEVANCE AND/OR DISCIPLINARY
PROCESS AT WORK**

Next week

Menu week commencing 1/6/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Chinese chicken drumstick with stir-fried rice	Vegetable stir-fried rice
Tuesday	Mexican beef chilli with rice & doritos	Mexican bean chilli with rice & doritos
Wednesday	Hot dogs with caramelised onions & chips (halal option: turkey sausages)	Vegetable sausage hot dogs with caramelised onion & chips
Thursday	Doner meat with spicy noodles & naan bread with yogurt & mint sauce	Giant vegetable samosa with noodles & sweet chilli sauce
Friday	Chicken burger with chips, salad & selection of sauces	Vegetable burger with chips, salad & selection of sauces

Each day there is also a panini selection with fillings of cheese, ham, pepperoni, and cheese & beans. Alongside this are a variety of sandwiches and baguettes, a salad bar and a choice of dessert.

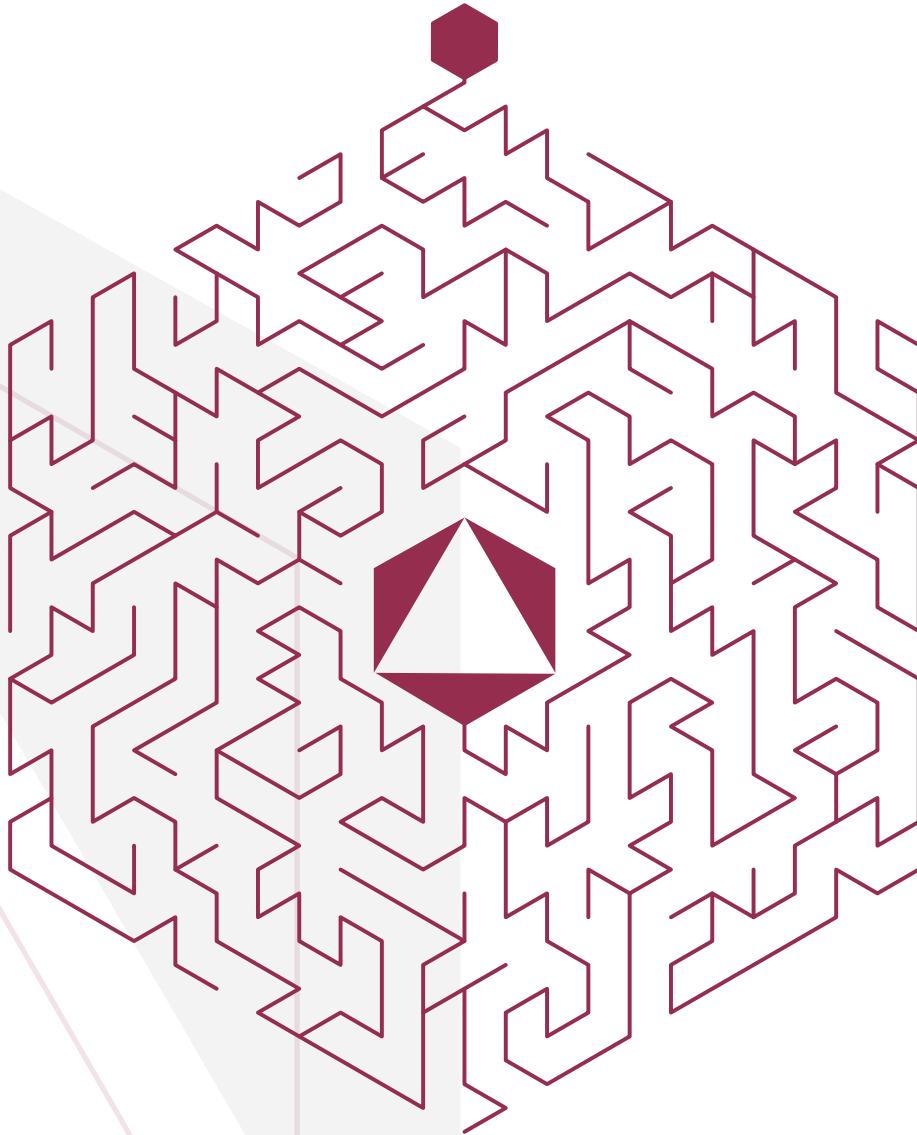
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment where some of our ingredients or products from suppliers may have been produced in an environment with other allergens. Please double-check with a member of staff if you have any questions.

Dates for your diary

	Year group	Description
Monday 1 June	All	Students return to school
1 June - 25 June	Year 7 - 10	Cycle 3 assessments
Tuesday 16 June	Year 11	Final GCSE paper!
Wed 24 June	Year 11	Year 11 prom; Bowdon Rooms
Wed 1 July	Year 6	Transition evening
Thursday 2 July	Selected	Dixons Cup - Athletics Championship

Brain teaser

Can you complete this alternate maze path by travelling along the lines to the centre?



Last issue's solution:

$$\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ \triangle \\ 256 \\ 4 \quad 6 \\ (10 - 6)^4 = 256 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 8 \\ \triangle \\ 27 \\ 3 \quad 5 \\ (8 - 5)^3 = 27 \end{array}$$