



## A message from our principal



**Mrs K Gardner**  
**Principal**

At the heart of everything we do as a school is a simple but powerful belief: every child deserves to feel that they belong.

A strong sense of belonging is essential for young people to thrive. When students feel safe, valued and supported, they are more confident, more resilient and better able to succeed, both academically and personally. It is our responsibility and our commitment to ensure that every child who walks through our doors knows that they are part of our community.

We are proud to say that our school is a safe place for all students. Safeguarding, wellbeing and pastoral care are at the centre of our work, every single day. We know that students can only achieve their very best when they feel secure, understood and respected. Our staff work tirelessly to build positive relationships, to listen, and to respond quickly when support is needed.

However, belonging goes beyond safety. It is about feeling known, recognised and celebrated. We strive to create an inclusive environment where every student feels that they matter - regardless of their background, ability or starting point. By nurturing strong relationships between staff, students and families, we create a culture where young people feel confident to be themselves and to aim high.

Alongside this, we are ambitious for every child's future. We are committed to ensuring that all students, without exception, are equipped with the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to access the very best opportunities - whether that is higher education, apprenticeships or the world of work.

From the classroom to our wider enrichment programme, everything we offer is designed to broaden horizons, raise aspirations and remove barriers. We want our students to leave us not only with strong qualifications, but with a clear sense of purpose and the belief that they can achieve whatever path they choose.

This work is strongest when we do it together. Your support, encouragement and partnership are vital in helping your child feel secure, motivated and ready to succeed. By working closely with families, we can ensure that every student benefits from a consistent message: that they are valued, capable and full of potential.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

# NEWSLETTER

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# Celebrating our curriculum through their commitment to mastery

## Year 9 Masterchef

Hot off the press! Our Year 9 students battled head to head to for today's competition. Coincidentally a room of male contestants all submitting savoury dishes, the drive to make it to the top of the leaderboard was impressive, the air filled with friendly but competitive spirit!

Noah and D'Jean take the pride of first place home today for their chicken burger and skin-on fries. The judges chorused that each bit was succulent and flavoursome.

We are proud of all our Year 9 chefs and encourage Year 8 and Year 7 students to speak to Ms Bowdery if they are interested in competing in their year group's competition.



# Celebrating our students

## Through their focus

### **Citizens UK Integrated Care Board meeting**

On Thursday, Dixons Brooklands Academy had the privilege of hosting the Citizens UK Integrated Care Board meeting. We welcomed 20 representatives from a range of organisations across Manchester, alongside five of our own students, to engage in a vital discussion with Manchester CAMHS directors focused on improving local mental health services.

Our students were exceptional throughout. They spoke with confidence and clarity about the importance of accessible, high-quality mental health support, and played a leading role in challenging and shaping conversations around improvement.

Priya, Birva, Sharise, Alana-Mae and Thea represented the academy brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of them.

### **Masterchef season - Year 10 victory**

Though our Year 10 students were able to celebrate their win, we are excited to share our winners.

- Savoury category Birva and Sharise
- Sweet category: Johanna and Emily

We are extremely proud of your work and encourage all our students to keep practicing their culinary skills!



### **Free school meal holiday vouchers**

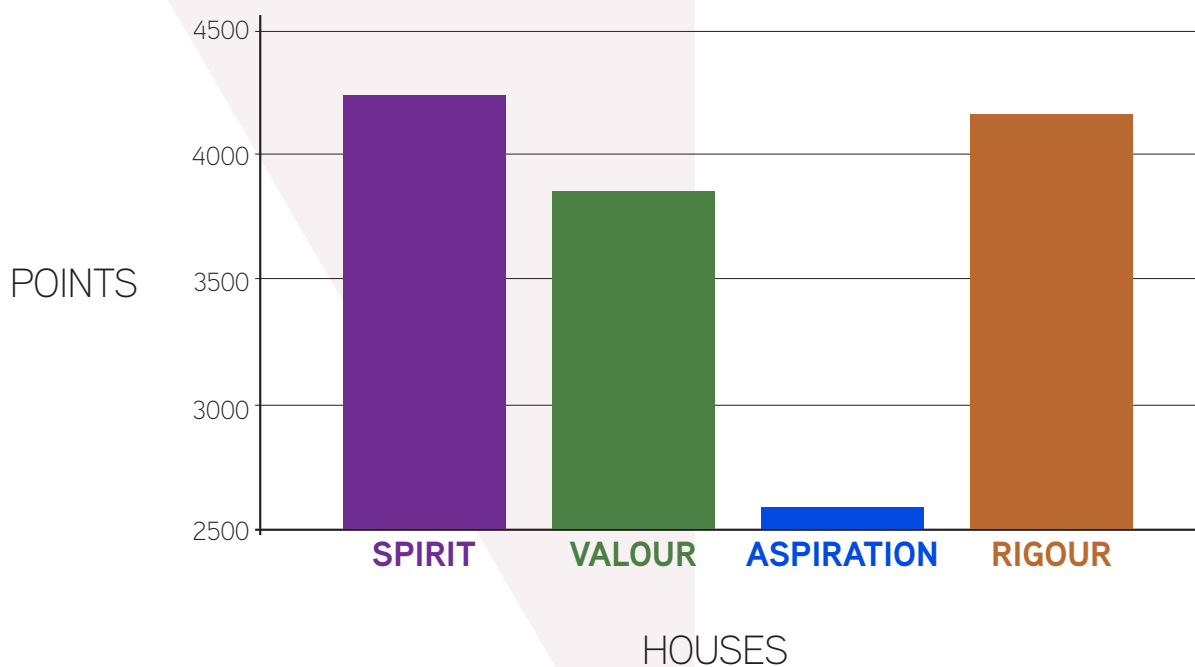
Funding has been approved for the summer holidays for a £50 voucher. If your child does not currently receive free school meals and you think they may be entitled to this, please make an application through this link: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>. Year 11 students will also receive this voucher if entitled to free meals.



# House points

Just before half term, the Year 7 and 8 football tournaments took place: and they were extremely competitive! Valour emerged as the winners of the Year 7 tournament, and Spirit the winner for Year 8.

This means that Spirit are now marginally ahead of Rigour in the house points leaderboard, as we march ever closer to the end of the year!



## 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!



# 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"><li>Football</li><li>Basketball</li><li>Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Achieve club (T9)</li><li>Football (Girls)</li><li>Basketball</li><li>BTEC Music (week A)</li><li>Science Club (S15)</li><li>Football (week B)</li></ul>
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football</li><li>Basketball</li><li>Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)</li><li>Steel Pans (T8)</li><li>Cricket</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Netball</li><li>Badminton</li><li>GCSE Art Club (S8/P16/S13)</li><li>Sustainability club (P12)</li><li>Poetry revision (P3)</li><li>Homework club (P13/P19)</li><li>Science intervention (S15)</li><li>BTEC Music (week B)</li><li>Musical Theatre (assembly hall)</li><li>Softball</li><li>Athletics</li></ul>
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football</li><li>Basketball</li><li>Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)</li><li>KS3 Spanish film club (T4)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football (Boys)</li><li>Sparx homework support (P22)</li><li>Creative writing (P1)</li><li>Rounders</li><li>Lacrosse</li></ul>
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football</li><li>Basketball</li><li>Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)</li><li>KS3 GCSE Spanish exams skills</li><li>Rainbow Club (Hub)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BTEC Sport</li><li>Keyboard club (T8)</li><li>Darts</li></ul>
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football</li><li>Basketball</li><li>Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)</li><li>Cooking (week B, T7)</li><li>Softball</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Separate science (week B)</li><li>Singing club (T8)</li></ul>

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

# 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](https://ticketsource.co.uk/dixonsca)



## ROLLERS CLUB

**ROLLER DISCOS FOR ALL AGES FROM 4.**

Skate hire available.

### FRIDAY

**5.45 to 7.00pm**

Ideal for beginners with help available and fun games

**7.15 to 8.30pm**

Ideal for older or more experienced skaters

**LATEST MUSIC // SKATING GAMES  
SPEED SKATING // LIGHTING & EFFECTS**



## SATURDAY NIGHT PROJECT

**TRY SOMETHING NEW AT THE FORUM WITH ODD ARTS.**

Devise your own work and ideas in creative workshops.

Choose from:

**DRAMA // ACTING // IMPROVISATION  
PERFORMANCE // SCRIPT-WRITING  
EVERY SATURDAY AT 5.30 TO 6.45PM**

**SPORT & FITNESS:  
GYM SWIM FOOTBALL**

Open access football, gym and swimming. Fun, inclusive and positive!

**EVERY SATURDAY AT 5.00 TO 7.00PM**

**ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE. AGES 8-18.  
Register on first visit at the desk on the concourse**



## FORUM LEISURE

- **GYMNASTICS**  
Additional classes now available
- **SWIMMING**
- **JUNIOR GYM**
- **TABLE TENNIS**
- **FOOTBALL**



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Scan the QR code to visit the Forum website



# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> April



14:00 - 15:00

Rhymes  
and Songs

Sensory  
Play

Messy  
Play

[family-action.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 8/6/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
<b>Monday</b>	Pasta bolognese with garlic bread	Vegetable bolognese with rice & garlic bread
<b>Tuesday</b>	Breaded fish with chips & mushy peas	Cheese & tomato turnover with chips & garden peas
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chinese chicken drumstick cheesy fusilli pasta	Mozzarella sticks with cheesy fusilli pasta
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken korma with rice & garlic naan bread	Giant vegetable samosa with rice & garlic naan bread
<b>Friday</b>	Southern fried chicken in petit pain, chips & selection of sauces	Vegetable burger with chips & 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.

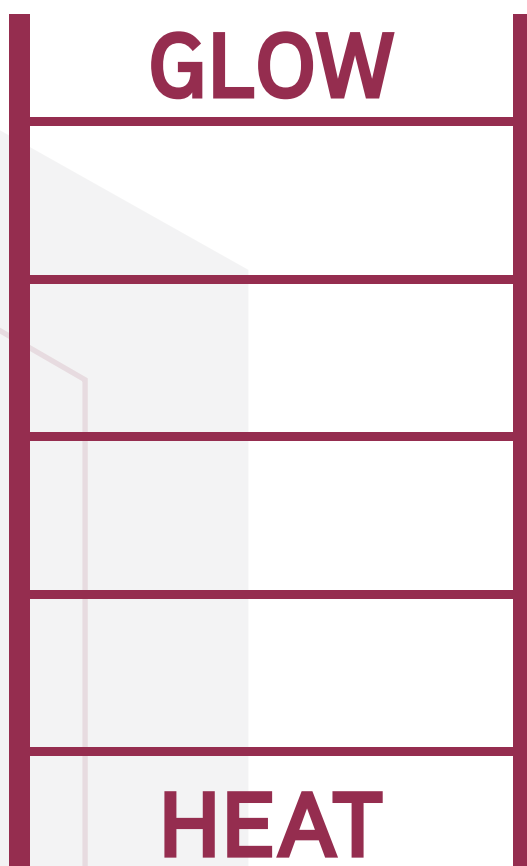
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment 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
<b>1 June - 25 June</b>	Year 7 - 10	Cycle 3 assessments
<b>Tuesday 16 June</b>	Year 11	Final GCSE paper!
<b>Wed 24 June</b>	Year 11	Year 11 prom; Bowdon Rooms
<b>Wed 1 July</b>	Year 6	Transition evening
<b>Thursday 2 July</b>	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:

