



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS**
ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

We would like to thank all parents and carers who attended our Year 11 Information Evening this week. It was fantastic to see such a large turnout and such a strong commitment to supporting our students as they embark on this important academic year.

The evening provided an opportunity to discuss what Year 11 will look like over the coming months, including study expectations, revision strategies, and the many careers and post-16 pathways available to students beyond their GCSEs. The conversations were positive, purposeful, and focused on ensuring every student is equipped with the knowledge, guidance, and support needed to succeed.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students. They have started the year with maturity, determination, and a positive attitude towards their learning. They are excellent ambassadors for our academy and continue to demonstrate the high standards we expect every day.

As we reminded students and families during the evening, success in Year 11 comes from consistent effort. If our students attend regularly, work hard in lessons, complete their independent study, and commit to regular revision, we know they will achieve the results they deserve. We look forward to working closely with families throughout the year and celebrating their successes in the months ahead.

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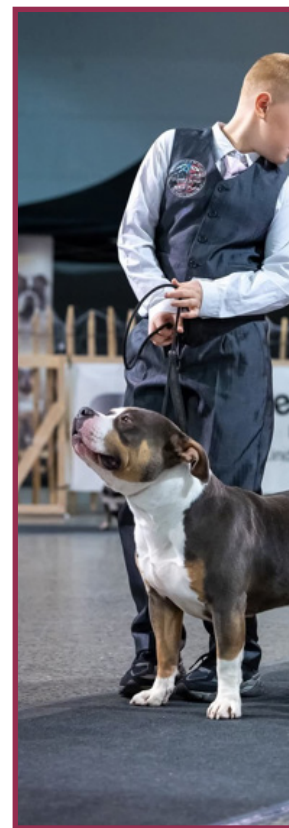
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Celebrating our students

Zack J wins International Dog Handling Champion

Zack has been a professional junior dog handler for four years. Last weekend, Zack competed with distinction in Belgium against some of the best Junior Handlers in the world, beating a 14-year old American girl ranked number one in the world.

He attends shows both nationally and internationally. The competitions involve Zack being placed with a dog for an hour and then assessed on his dog handling skills by a team of judges. He trains the dogs he works with, stacks them in certain positions and has to show brilliant ring craft in making sure the dogs trot around the ring correctly. One of his awards last year was for scoring the most amount of points in the registry, he is being titled 'Supreme Future Legend 2025'.



Zack also competes in breed classes against some of the most professional handlers in the world, many of which are adults. This has made his own dog a champion in this registry.

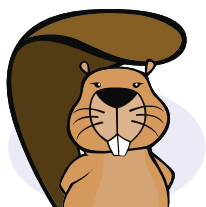
It's not just a sport for Zack, it's his passion. We are all very proud of you here at Dixons Brooklands Academy!

Super start to Code Club

The Code Club, run by Mr Hugill, made a great start this week. Running each Tuesday in T1, 28 very eager students were delighted to get started with the first activity being a Minecraft Education PvP event.

Future events will include Minecraft Build Arena competitions, BEBRAS UK Challenges (<https://www.bebbras.uk>), games design, and coding using Visual/block or Python.

We are running this club at full capacity and are proud of the students' enthusiasm. We reserve a handful of places for girls.



Celebrating our curriculum

Tonal shading in art

Year 8 have started their sweet treats art project, we have begun the term with tonal lollipops. The students have been observing how shadows are cast from the lollies and how the shape of the lollies create different tones. Some students paid extra attention to the cracks and marks of the lollipops which allowed them to show even more depth. These drawings look good enough to eat!



Introducing the Credits Shop!

Last academic year, our students flagged that there wasn't any reward associated with achieving credits. To respond to our students and the strong argument they put forward, this year we are introducing the **Credits Shop!**

As the name suggests, this is a chance to purchase rewards for achieving credits! The following are what our shop is kicking off with this year:

- Novelty pen
- Choosing a song to play during advisory
- House bookmark
- Skip the lunch queue pass (valid for one week)
- Lunchtime computer access
- 4G during advisory time
- Skip a lesson to have hot chocolate and snack with three friends and a member of SLT

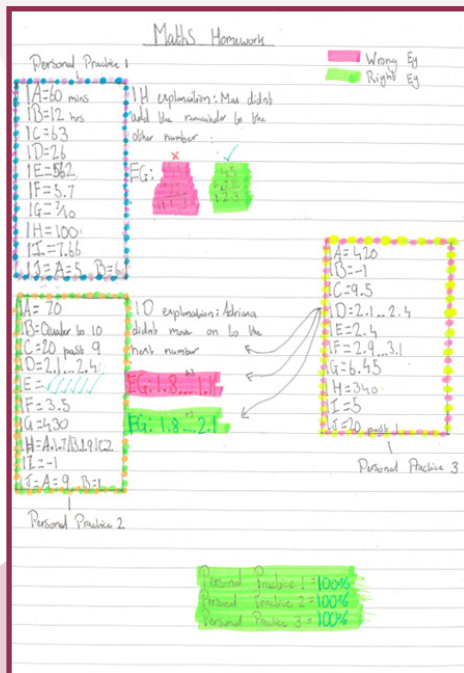
The cost of these are higher the more substantial the reward, we wonder how many students will have some hot chocolate before the Christmas holiday!

Celebrating our curriculum

Student spotlight: Maths

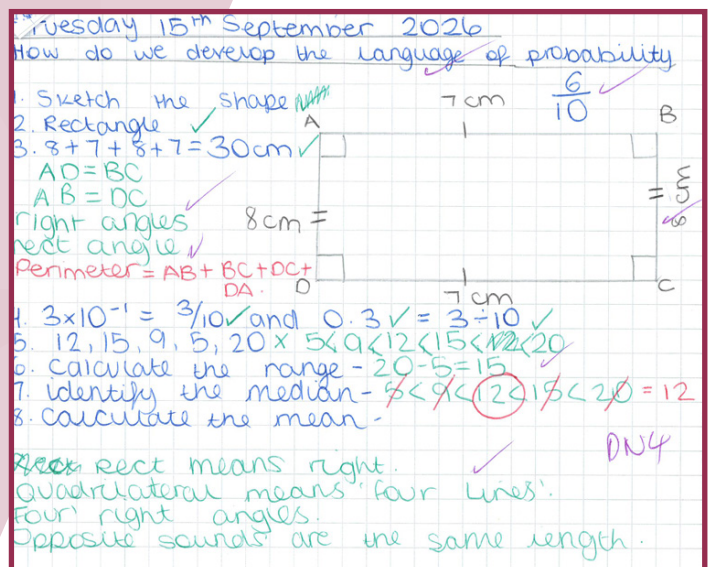


Brooke (Y7), this is a fantastic example of developing self-discipline to use 'Bookwork' when completing your 'Sparx Maths' homework. Keep it up!



Kacie-Leigh (Y8), you are identifying which are the 2% gains that you can make each lesson.

It is clear that you are determined to become the best mathematician you can be. Keep it up!



Free school meal eligibility

Free school meal eligibility has changed from September 2026 and families must now apply every academic year. If you have not checked your eligibility, please do so here: <https://fsm.lgfl.net/> or contact our reception team at info@dixonsbk.com.

The first October half term holiday voucher for £12 has been confirmed.



Celebrating our students

The Scholastic book fair is coming to Dixons Brooklands

We are excited to announce we will be taking part in the Scholastic travelling book fair. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to browse their next favourite read to cosy up with as the autumn chill fast approaches!

The fair will run from 5 - 12 October, further details will be shared soon...



English subject stars

Students that have demonstrated incredible effort in their English lessons this week who have been nominated by class teachers.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
• Raneem S • Brooke C • Harry W • Ivy E	• Fatima A • Emily O • Chase R	• Naomi B • Jonjoe M • Salem A • Oscar P	• Emme C • Cameron B • Louie D • Maysaa O	• Mama D • Lewis C • Harvey O • Harry W • Brodie E

English independent thinkers

Students that have shown excellence in independent work or thinking throughout their English lessons this week.

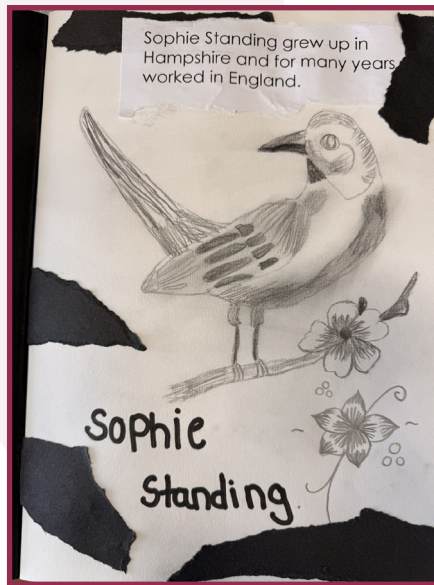
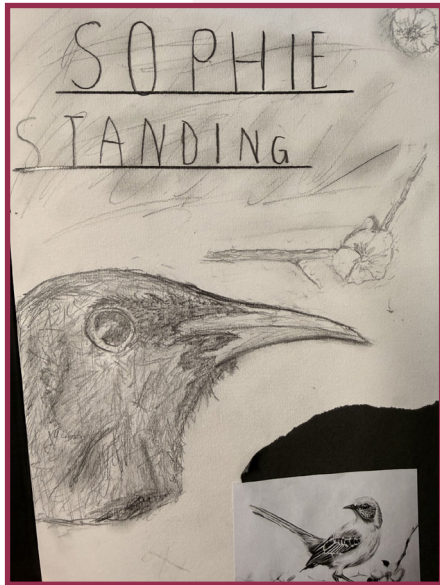
KS3	KS4
• Sam N • Charlie M	• Aisha S • Toby L • Dexter F • Louis E • Caisha C • Tyler B • Harley G

Celebrating our students

Year 9 are bird-spotting!

Year 9 students have started their birds project in art. Students have been looking at British author, Sophie Standing, and how she explores form, texture and anatomy through her work.

They then went on to drawing their own birds, using pencil to bring out the different textures and features, including intricate shading around the beak and eyes. We look forward to seeing your drawings fly!



Join us for the first Parent Forum of the year!

Parent Forum

Help us support our childrens' and academy's success by sharing your views. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.

Tuesday 29 September | 5-6pm

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

Extra-curricular activities

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. We expect every student to attend at least one extra-curricular activity.

	Lunch	After school
Monday	Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- Year 11 Maths - Year 11 Computer Science (P21) - Boys Football
Tuesday	- KS3 Coding (T1) - Steel Pans (T8) - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- GCSE Art Club - Year 11 Computer Science (P21) - Girls Football - Mixed Rugby - Keyboard Club (T8) - Basketball
Wednesday	Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- Musical Acting (T13) - Guitar Club (T8) - Photography, 3D , Graphics (Year 10 / 11, S6) - Eco Club (P12) - Sparx Maths Homework Club - Chess Club (S1) - Science Club (Year 7 / 8, P17) - BTEC Sports Club - Creative Writing Club (P1)
Thursday	Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- Achieve Club (T9) - Darts (Sports Hall)
Friday	- Head chef club (Year 10, T7) - Cookery Club (Year 8, T7) - Revolution Youth (Year 7 & 8, T16) - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- Musical Singing (T8) - Table Tennis (Sports Hall) - Netball - Cross-country

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

Next week

Menu week commencing 28/9/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	BBQ pulled pork or BBQ chicken on bun with hot roasted veg salad	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles
Tuesday	Chicken tikka curry with brown rice & garlic naan	Indian selection brown rice with garlic naan & sweet chilli sauce
Wednesday	Beef bolognese with brown pasta & green beans	Mozzarella sticks with brown pasta & green beans
Thursday	Homemade lamb kofta with spicy rice and khubz bread	Cheese & onion slice with new potatoes & steamed broccoli
Friday	Southern fried chicken burger with homemade wedges & side salad	Vegetable burger with homemade wedges & side salad

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.

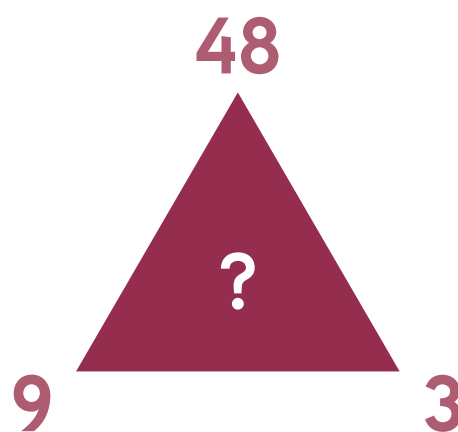
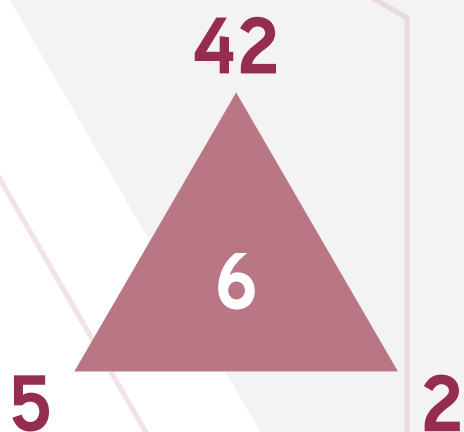
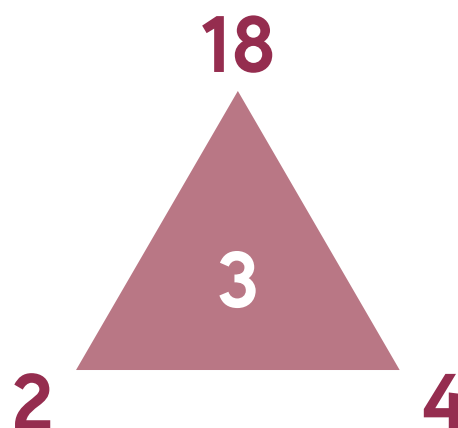
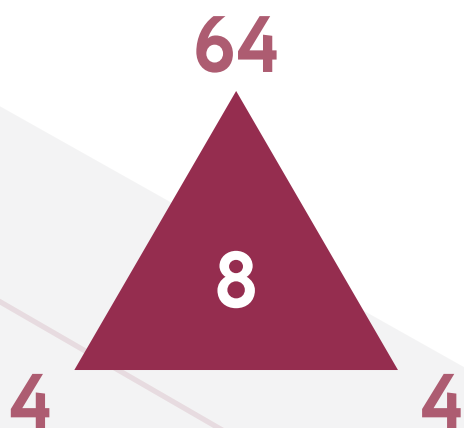
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment 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
Tues 29 Sep	All	Parent Forum, 5-6pm
Thur 1 Oct	All	Flu immunisations
Mon 5-9 Oct	All	Scholastic book fair
Mon 12 Oct	Year 7	Cycle 1 assessments
Fri 16 Oct	All	Last day of term 1
Mon 2 Nov	All	Term 2 begins

Brain teaser

Can you find the missing number?



Last week's solution:

