



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS
ACADEMY**

A message from our principal

Every school day provides valuable learning experiences that cannot easily be replicated. When students are absent, they miss important teaching, discussions, practical activities and opportunities to develop key knowledge and skills. Even occasional absences can quickly add up, creating gaps in learning that may become increasingly difficult to overcome over time.

Good attendance is about much more than academic achievement. School is also where young people build friendships, develop social skills and strengthen their sense of belonging within the school community. Regular attendance helps students maintain strong relationships with their peers and teachers. When a student is frequently absent, they can feel disconnected from friendship groups and may find it harder to re-engage socially when they return.

The impact of poor attendance can also extend beyond school. Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better qualifications, progress successfully into further education, training or employment, and develop the resilience and confidence needed to navigate adult life. Habits established during childhood often continue into adulthood, making regular attendance an important life skill in itself.

We understand that there will be occasions when children are genuinely unwell and unable to attend school. However, wherever possible, we encourage families to ensure that students attend every day and arrive on time, ready to learn.

Together, we can ensure that every child has the best possible chance to thrive academically, socially and emotionally.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child's attendance or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Have a wonderful weekend!



**Mrs K Gardner
Principal**

NEWSLETTER

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Issue #33

Celebrating our students through their development over time

Trestle theatre masks in drama

Our Year 7 students have been experiencing Trestle theatre masks to enhance their performance when studying Greek theatre. These were used to convey exaggerated expressions to dramatise emotions of their plays.

Our actors had lots of fun leaning into the expressed masks and adjusting their tone and movements to accentuate the impact of their lines. Well done!



Parent Forum

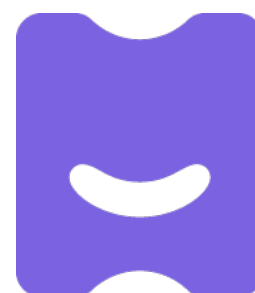
Thank you to those parents who joined us for the final Parent Forum of the year, where we were lucky enough to have Rachel from BeeWell come in and speak to us about their data.

As a reminder, the Parent Forum meets once every half term, and we look forward to seeing even more of you there next academic year to share your views and work collaboratively with the school on shaping our future!

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.



Celebrating our history

Through exploration



Student spotlight: Maths

Wednesday 15th July
How do we add fractions?
Do Now:

- 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60
- 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56, 63, 70
- $72 \times 6 = 342$
- $72 \times 76 = 5472$
- $a+b=7$ $a=2$ $7-2=5$
- $\frac{8}{5} = 7$ $a=35$ $8 \times 7 = 35$ $8=7$
- $8a=7$ $a=\frac{7}{8}$
- INPUT $\times 5 \rightarrow -20 \rightarrow$ OUTPUT
- $20 \times 5 - 20 = 100 - 20 = 80$
- INPUT $-5 \leftarrow +20 \leftarrow$ OUTPUT

How do we add fractions?
1. $\frac{6}{10} + \frac{15}{10} = \frac{21}{10}$
2. $\frac{7}{10} + \frac{28}{10} = \frac{35}{10} = 3\frac{5}{10} = 3\frac{1}{2}$
3. $72 \times 62 = 4464$
4. $72 \times 76 = 5472$
5. $715 = 7$

How do we resolve the C3 argument?
1. calculate $\frac{2}{3}$ or 2.55
2. I know that the base is the same, operation is multiplication. Therefore ADD the powers/indexes.
3. $15^6 \times 12^4 = 15^6 \times 12^4$
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Raheem (7), Rosie (8) and Aaliyah (8), your 'Do Now' work is 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!

Sparx maths excellence



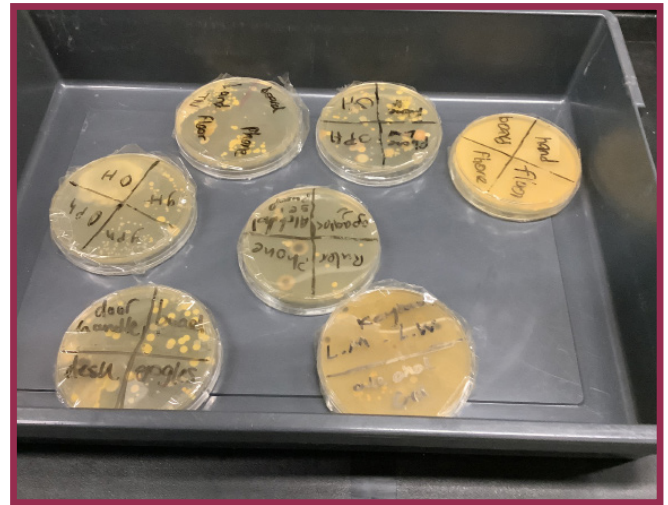
The following students have all completed their Sparx maths homework on the day that it was set. This indicates a growing maturity to developing your independent learning programme. Keep it up!

- Gracie (7)
- Sammy (8)
- Isla (8)
- Lexie-Marie (8)
- Oscar (8)
- Darin (8)
- Robert (9)
- Saksham (9)
- Leighton (9)
- Lilly (10)

Celebrating our students through their development over time

Microbes on all the surfaces

Year 9 were excellent microbiologists, studying the microbes on different objects in the classroom like the whiteboard or their own desks. The swabs taken from the keyboards and phones were quite interesting! Lots of microbes!



Year 10 mock interviews

On Wednesday 1 July, 140 Year 10 students took part in mock interviews. A key part of our careers education, these mock interviews give students a vital change to learn just what being in an interview is like.

We were joined by 12 members of staff from a variety of local businesses, who kindly gave up their time to work with our students on their interview skills. The feedback from these interviewers was fantastic, with them describing our students as 'amazing' and 'exciting people to watch in the future'. Well done Year 10!

Elective spotlight: cookery club



Year 9 didn't let a little thing like a heatwave put them off improving their food preparation and cooking skills.

Last week they made bubble waffles from scratch and Miss Bowdery was very impressed with their whipped egg whites which were used to make a super light waffle batter.

They topped their waffles with chopped strawberries, Biscoff and ice cream. Delicious!

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Year 10 dazzle in their hospitality and catering mock exams

Miss Bowdery has been so impressed this week with all the Year 10 students who undertook their first full mock practical assessment in catering and hospitality. Students had three hours to prepare, cook and present two dishes of their choosing.



One dish needed to be suitable for a child and one for their parent / carer. They remained calm under pressure and showcased an array of complex preparation and cooking skills which culminated in many delicious dishes.

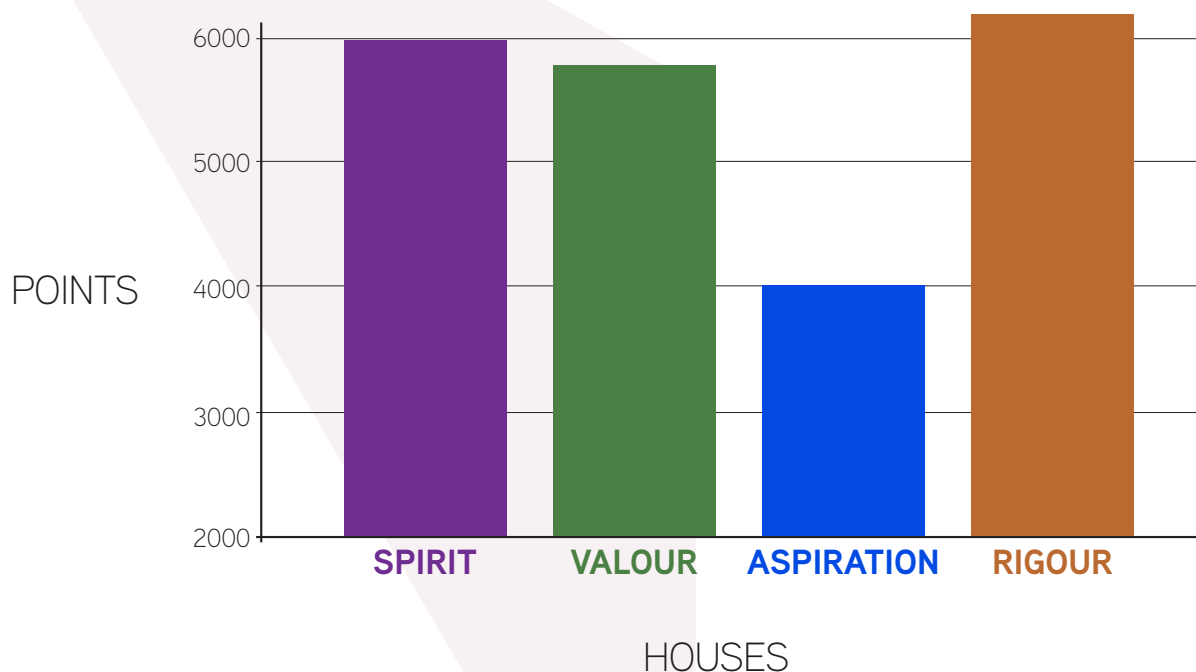


The judges were beyond impressed with the professional quality of their food and their contemporary presentation skills. Students proved they are ready for the real practical assessment in Year 11 with their organisation and independence too! Miss Bowdery is very excited to see what they will cook up next, and with the summer to practice their culinary skills, they have set the bar high!



House points

The race to be crowned the winning House continues, with Rigour extending their lead over Spirit to 250 points, heading into the final two weeks. Valour have closed the gap on Spirit, making it a tight race for the top three places!



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	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14)	- Achieve club (T9) - Football (Girls) - Basketball - BTEC Music (week A) - Science Club (S15) - Football (week B)
Tuesday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) - Steel Pans (T8) - Cricket	- Netball - Badminton - GCSE 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) - Softball - Athletics
Wednesday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) - KS3 Spanish film club (T4)	- Football (Boys) - Sparx homework support (P22) - Creative writing (P1) - Rounders - Lacrosse
Thursday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) - KS3 GCSE Spanish exams skills - Rainbow Club (Hub)	- BTEC Sport - Keyboard club (T8) - Darts
Friday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9/T14) - Cooking (week B, T7) - Softball	- 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.

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



THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

**ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE
WEEK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

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
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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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ARTS

 **CITY IN THE
COMMUNITY**

FORUM

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Scan the QR code to
visit the Forum website



What's On

Have a PARKTASTIC SUMMER!



Join us for free, fun-filled play sessions here this summer — games, crafts, and adventure await! Open to all children from June to September.

For all dates and times: childfriendlymanchester.co.uk/parktastic

SOUTH PARKS

Park	Post Code	Dates of sessions*	Session Times
Beech Road Park	M21 9FA	Tuesdays (16 June - 15 September)	3pm - 5pm
Chorlton Park	M21 7UD	Wednesdays (17 June - 16 September)	3pm - 5pm
Old Moat Park	M20 3GL	Thursdays (18 June - 17 September)	3pm - 5pm
Alexandra Park	M16 7JL	Wednesdays (17 June - 16 September)	5pm - 7pm
Chesterton Road Park	M23 9AL	Mondays (15 June - 14 September)	4pm - 6pm
Riverside Park	M22 4HJ	Mondays (15 June - 14 September)	5pm - 7pm
Ladybarn Park	M20 4NL	Tuesdays (16 June - 15 September)	5pm - 7pm
Cringle Park	M19 2QP	Wednesdays (17 June - 16 September)	5pm - 7pm
Fog Lane Park	M20 4UP	Thursdays (18 June - 17 September)	5pm - 7pm
Hollyhedge Park	M22 4GP	Fridays (19 June - 18 September)	5pm - 7pm
Alderman Rodgers Park	M23 2YH	Wednesdays (17 June - 16 September)	4pm - 6pm
Mersey Bank Park	M20 2XU	Fridays (19 June - 18 September)	5pm - 7pm
Kirkup Gardens	M22 1UY	Wednesdays (17 June - 16 September)	5.30pm - 7.30pm

***Please note during the first week of August, all parks will be running sessions on National Play Day, Wed 5 August, instead of their usual day**





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



Dixons Brooklands Academy

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**



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Next week

Menu week commencing 6/7/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Doner meat in flat bread with spicy noodles and yogurt & mint sauce	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles and sweet chilli sauce
Tuesday	Chicken tikka curry with rice and garlic naan	Cheese & onion slice with potato wedges
Wednesday	Honey chili chicken with new potato salad	Savory cheese wrap with sweet chili coleslaw
Thursday	Coronation chicken salad with garlic bruschetta	Onion bhaji with salad & garlic bruschetta
Friday	Chicken tikka flat bread with side salad & spicy mayo	Roast pepper pasta 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.

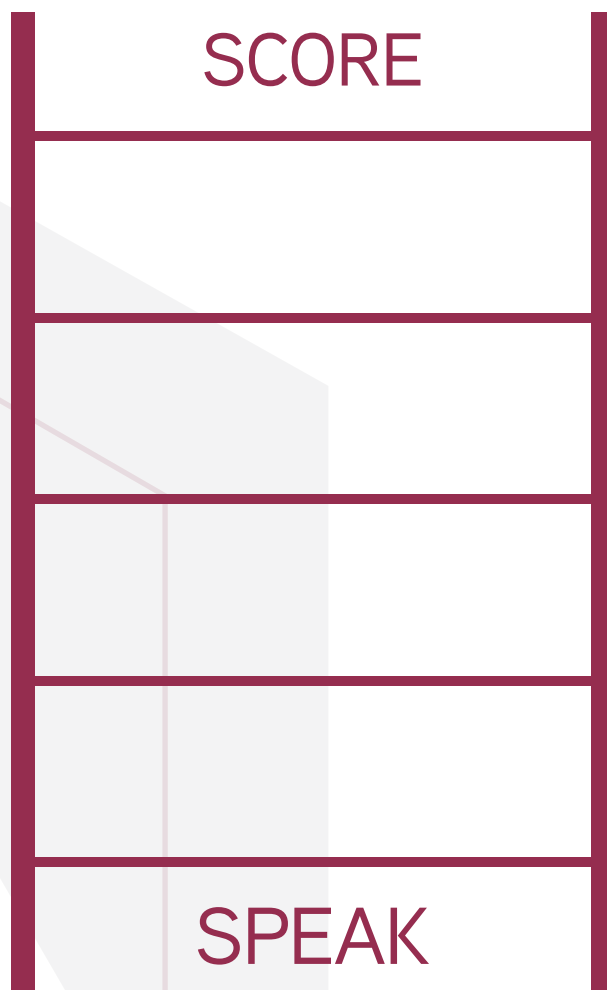
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment 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
Wed 8-10 July	All	Futures Week
Thursday 9 July	All	Sports Day
Monday 13 July	All	Dixons Collaboration Concert
Thursday 16 July	Year 7-10	Final day of the school year!

Brain teaser

Can you cross each rung on the ladder by changing a single letter each time?



Last issue's solution:

