



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS
ACADEMY**

A message from our principal

This week has been another fantastic example of the strength of our school community and the importance of the partnerships we have with our local primary schools and families.

We were delighted to welcome Year 6 students from Sandilands Primary School to Dixons Brooklands Academy, where they took part in Drama and History lessons. Our visitors were exceptional and fully embraced the opportunity, demonstrating enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour throughout their time with us.

We also had the pleasure of visiting Sandilands to deliver an assembly to Year 6 pupils about life at Dixons Brooklands Academy. It was wonderful to share what makes our school special and to begin building relationships with students who may soon become part of our school community.

In addition, we hosted an exciting football tournament for Year 5 and 6 students from Button Lane, Rack House and Sandilands Primary Schools. Our student Sports Leaders played a key role in supporting the event, showing fantastic leadership, encouragement and professionalism. We were incredibly proud of the way everyone came together to make the tournament such a success. Events like these highlight the strong sense of community that exists across our local schools and provide valuable opportunities for students to develop confidence, teamwork and friendships.

This week also saw our first parent forum of the academic year take place. We were pleased with the excellent turnout and would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the discussions. Together, we explored a number of important areas that we know we need to continue developing as a school. Parent voice is incredibly important to us, and we greatly value the honest feedback, suggestions and perspectives that families provide. Working in partnership with parents helps us to ensure that we continue to improve and provide the very best experience for our students.

Thank you to all of our students, families and local schools for your continued support. It is through these strong partnerships that our community continues to thrive.



**Mrs K Gardner
Principal**

NEWSLETTER

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Issue #4

Celebrating our culture

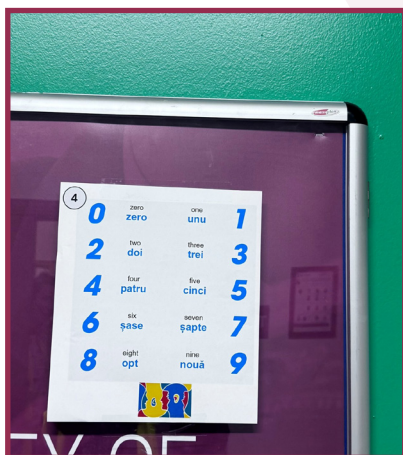
European Day of Languages competition

On Friday 25 September, Dixons Brooklands Academy celebrated European Day of Languages a day early! Students completed a series of activities in advisory linked to the many different languages spoken in Europe.

At break and lunchtime students enjoyed completing a quiz sheet of eight questions that linked to images hidden around the canteen, atrium, food tech corridor and music corridor.

In total 50 students entered with five students correctly answering all eight questions - prizes will be handed out to these fabulous five in class next week!

1. Which country is this tower located in?
France
2. Which European language is this?
Welsh
3. Which country is this building located in?
Italy
4. Which European language is this?
Romanian
5. Which country is this stadium located in?
Spain
6. Which is this football player's first language?
Portuguese
7. Which country does this food originate from?
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8. Which European language is this?
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Celebrating our community

Parent Forum

Our first Parent Forum of the year was held on Tuesday 29 September, and we had an excellent turnout of 15 families. In a wide ranging conversation, we discussed the PE kit, the uniform, belonging, homework, personal development, and other important issues in school.



The next Parent Forum will be held after the October half term, and we encourage families to attend to help build constructive and productive links between school and families. The date will be shared soon!

A visit from Sandilands Primary School

On Thursday we welcomed Year 6 students from Sandilands Primary School, to take part in Drama and History lessons! Hosted by Mr Hughes and Ms Sheldon, students had a fantastic time experiencing a lesson at Dixons Brooklands. You are all welcome back any time!



Revolution Youth are at Dixons Brooklands Academy

We have been super lucky to welcome Revolution Youth on a Friday lunchtime to Dixons Brooklands Academy, where they have been working with Year 7 and 8 students. Run as a drop-in session, students can come along and play games, eat snacks, and talk about mental health. The participation so far has been fantastic! Revolution Youth will be coming every Friday this academic year.



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

Original cheesecakes

Year 9 students were challenged this week to create an original cheesecake recipe.

All students managed to create a delicious crumbly biscuit base and creamy topping but Charley, Darin and Finley also managed to put their own twist on by adapting the recipe. Their Biscoff, strawberry and custard cream creations were an absolute treat! Well done!



Primary School football tournament

On Thursday this week, we were joined by Sandliands, Button Lane and Rack House primary schools for a fantastic football tournament!

Ran by the MUFC Foundation and Mr Sutton, along with our Year 9 sports leaders, a brilliant competition was held on our 4G pitches. We can't wait to do it again!



Celebrating our curriculum

Rugby Leadership opportunity for Year 10

On Thursday 1 October, we hosted a primary school rugby festival attended by over 40 students! Our Sport Leaders delivered training sessions, helping the students develop their rugby skills. The feedback from the primary school teachers was fantastic! They commented on how amazing, confident and excellent role models our Sport Leaders were and we couldn't agree more.

The evening finished with our students handing out medals, making the young participants feel like superstars! They have all been invited back to lead next week's festival.



Year 8 take off rowing!

Mr Sutton & Mrs Taylor are taking a group of students from Year 8 to Agecroft Rowing Club, at Salford Quays each week. This week the group went onto the water for the first time and were amazing! The rowing coach who is a Team GB hopeful for the 2032 Brisbane Olympics stated the group were the best group she'd coached going onto the water for the first time. High praise from an Olympic athlete!



Celebrating our curriculum

Student spotlight: Maths



Olivia (7) and Joshua (8), Carol-Anne (10) and Summer (11), you are identifying the 2% gains that you can make each lesson. It is clear that you are determined to become the best mathematicians you can be. Keep it up!

Thursday 24th September 2026

How do we use order of operations?

1. $AB = BC = CD = DE = EF = FA =$ perimeter

2. Regular hexagon

3. $5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 30\text{cm}$

4. $2.3 \times 10^{-2} = \frac{23}{1000} = 0.023$

5. $0.23 \times 10^{-2} = 0.0023$

6. The median is 23%

7. $0.023 + 0.23 + 0.2323 = 0.4853$

The mean is 0.16176

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Thursday 22nd September 2026

How do we list outcomes?

1. $AB = BC = CD = DE = EA =$ perimeter

2. Pentagon

3. $8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 = 40\text{cm}$

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7. Calculate the Mean

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Celebrating our students

The Scholastic book fair is coming to Dixons Brooklands

The fair is right around the corner! The fair officially runs for the duration of next week, but some classes were able to browse early! We are excited to see what worlds will be discovered this week!

Details of what to expect and how to pay for books have been shared via email.



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
- Lily T - Aria-Grace H - Keegan F - Luna D	- Phoebe B - Oscar W - Elsie-Mai T	- Liv C - Jihaan M - Charlie R - Danni M - Ithalia W	- Taylor B - Elsie R - Izzy B - Murad A	- Ava-Lou V - Aya A - Lexi H - Phoebe S - Amelia M

English independent thinkers

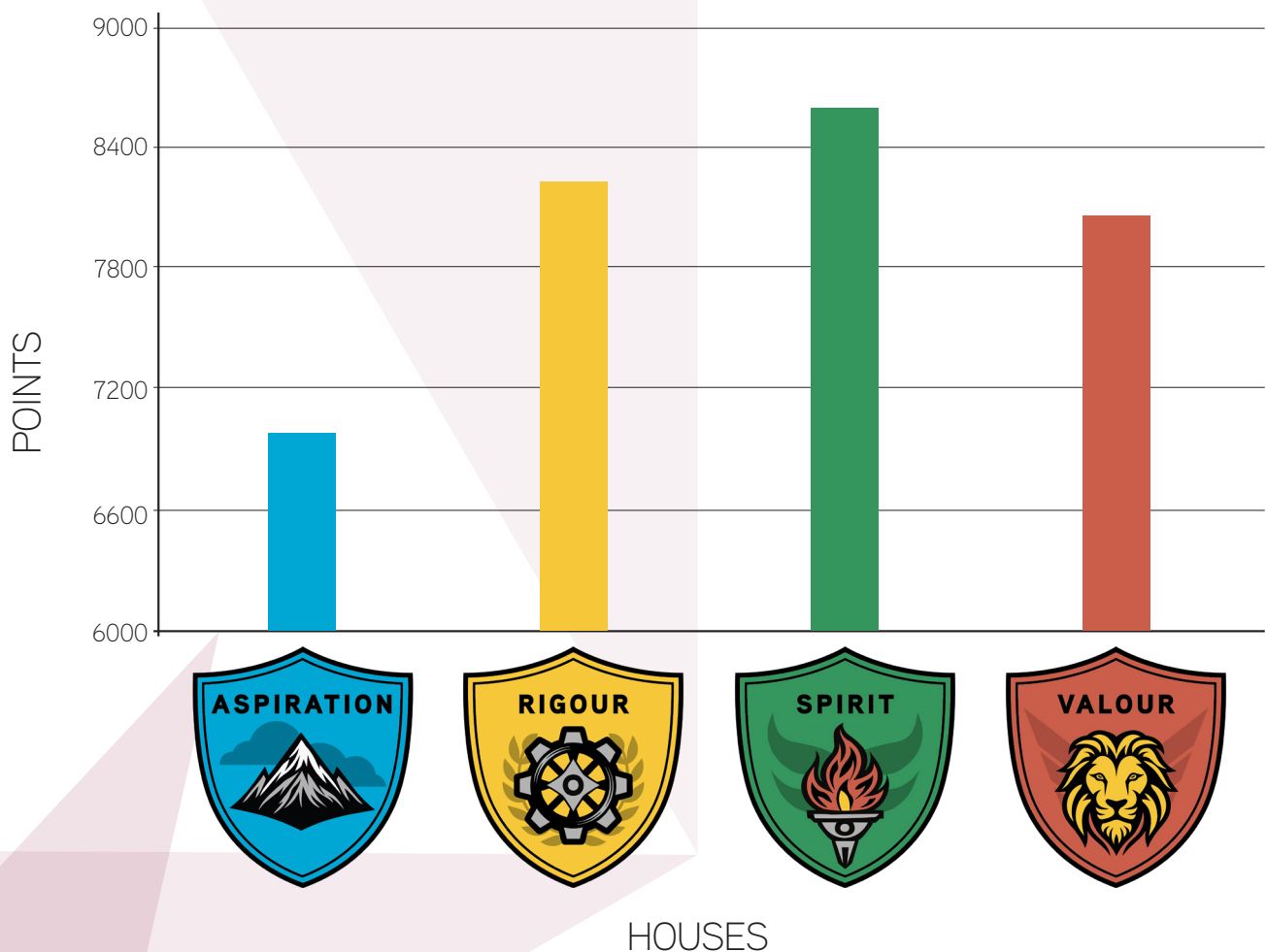
Students that have shown excellence in independent work or thinking throughout their English lessons this week.

KS3	KS4
- Mariam J - Olivia C - Melvyn A	- Golnar S - Zaida E - Dexter F - Zain S - Jodie B - Cheyenne B

House points

With the first house event completed, an extremely successful European Day of Languages scavenger hunt, we are looking forward to the next! This will be a Geography competition to design a flag, which will then be entered into a national competition to have that flag taken to Antarctica aboard the RSS David Attenborough!

The house points remain close, with no house taking a clear lead at the moment. There is a huge appetite for credits this year, due to the new credits shop, and that is reflected in the huge number of house points already earned!



Credits Shop

- 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

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) - Badminton (Sports hall) - Rowing (week A, Dance Studio) - Just Dance (week B, Dance Studio)	- 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) - Cricket (Sports Hall)	- 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.

What's on



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**Sharing skills, connecting communities,
creating tiny revolutions**

YOUR FREE, LOCAL FUN PALACE

Forum Library Creative Space. Saturday 3rd October, 12-3pm

Calling all young musicians aged 8 to 16!

Join Music Evermore for an inspiring and interactive music-making experience.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore a variety of musical instruments, develop new skills, and collaborate with others in a fun, supportive environment.

Whether you're picking up an instrument for the first time or already have musical experience, this hands-on session offers the chance to build confidence, express creativity, and perform as part of a band.

Free to attend and open to all abilities.

Come along, make new friends, and discover the joy of making music together.

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School admissions/2-year funding drop in

- Is your child due to start primary school in September 2027? The closing date is 15th January
- Is your child due to start high school in September 2027? The closing date is October 31st
- Is your child turning 2-years old? You may be entitled to 15-hour free nursery place

**We can help you with these applications,
just drop in!**

📍 Crossacres Family Hub

🕒 12:30 – 2:30

📅 23rd October



Next week

Menu week commencing 5/10/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Chicken gyros in flat bread with lemon & thyme rice	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles
Tuesday	Green Thai chicken curry with brown rice & garlic naan	Indian selection brown rice with garlic naan & sweet chilli sauce
Wednesday	Chicken slice with garlic new potatoes & steamed kale	Mozzarella sticks with brown pasta & green beans
Thursday	Homemade beef meatballs in rich tomato sauce & fusilli pasta	Cheese & onion slice with potato wedges & steamed kale
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
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

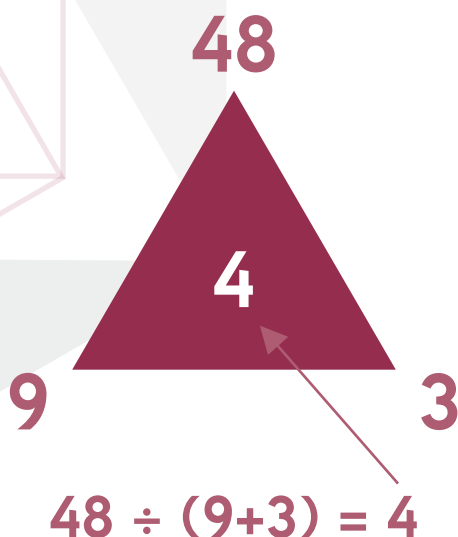
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Last week's solution:

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