



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS
ACADEMY**

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

As we move further into the autumn term, our Year 11 students are now approaching one of the most important milestones of their final year: their mock examinations. These assessments provide an invaluable opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned so far, identify areas for improvement, and develop the habits and confidence they will need for success in their GCSE examinations next summer.

We are encouraging all Year 11 students to approach their mock exams with determination, commitment and a strong sense of purpose. At Dixons Brooklands Academy, we talk regularly about the Drivers of Mastery, Autonomy and Purpose. These principles are particularly important at this stage of a student's journey.

Autonomy means taking ownership of their learning, organising revision effectively and making positive choices every day. **Mastery** is about striving to improve, embracing challenge and putting in the effort required to achieve excellence. **Purpose** reminds students why their hard work matters and how the choices they make today can help them achieve their ambitions for the future.

We know that every student is capable of making significant progress when they fully commit to the process, and we encourage all Year 11 students to give these mock examinations their very best effort. The habits they develop now will make a real difference as they prepare for the summer examination season.

Over the past two weeks, we have also completed walkthroughs of our lockdown and fire drill procedures. I would like to personally commend our students for the mature and responsible manner in which they conducted themselves. The way they listened carefully, followed instructions promptly and demonstrated excellent self-discipline was genuinely impressive.

While these routines are an important part of keeping everyone safe, they also provide an opportunity for students to demonstrate our shared values. I have been incredibly proud of the maturity, respect and composure shown by students throughout these exercises. Their impeccable behaviour reflects the positive culture we continue to build together as a school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that our Year 11 students approach the coming weeks with confidence, determination and a commitment to being the very best they can be.

NEWSLETTER

9 October 2026

Issue #5

Celebrating our community

Harvest and Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who got involved in the cake sale and Harvest donations on Monday 5 October. We raised a fantastic £130 for Wythenshawe Age Network, and had brilliant donations for Wythenshawe Foodbank.

Excellent contributions to the local community!



KS3 girls' football

On Wednesday the KS3 girl's football team had their first league fixtures of the year. They made a fantastic start winning three and drawing one match. The girls showed fantastic skills and determination throughout and are currently joint 1st in the league. Training will continue on Tuesdays after school to prepare the girls for their next round of fixtures on Wednesday 4 November.

The player of the matches (selected by the team) was Ella S. Keep it going!

Maths Sparx top five scorers

By completing all of your 'Compulsory', 'Personal Practice' and attempting any 'Independent Learning' tasks, you will gain vital mathematical knowledge and skills.

Taken together, these habits will help you to become the best mathematician you can be!

The 'Sparx Maths Homework Club' is held every Wednesday 3.30pm to 4.30pm in T14

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
• Oliver O • Harley M • Jacob C • Chloe A • Annie F	• Layla H • Raheem Z • Talitha E • Naseem S • Fatima A	• Mohammed • Rafiq Z • Aun M • Oliver P • Ryan D	• Elsie R • Sheng Wei Z • Naya R • Saksham D • Ousman K	• Jwan A • Maisy D • Brooke S • Jamie W • Aistis V

Celebrating our students

Sports clubs

Mr Bamford, Mrs Taylor & Mr Caldwell have lunch time clubs running for students from all years to attend once they've eaten their lunch.

On Thursdays, Mr Bamford has a multi-sport club starting with volleyball in the Sports Hall. Mrs Taylor has 'Just Dance' & 'rowing' on in the Dance Studio. Finally Mr Caldwell has cricket on in the Sports Hall on Fridays. All years welcome! We've only just started & already had great attendance! Students are loving the sessions!



Good enough to eat!

Elsie-Mai went above and beyond in her art homework for the 'Sweet Treats' topic this week. Excellent detail has been put into shading, matching colours and capturing the crinkle of the food packets. Well done!





Wednesday 30th September

How do we calculate the mean, mode and range from a list of numbers

1. $11 - 8 = 3$
It is a prime number because 3 only goes into 3.
Self check: Only 1 factor + the 1 factor are different.
It only has 2 different factors.
2. $75\% \rightarrow \frac{75}{100} \rightarrow \frac{15}{20} \rightarrow \frac{3}{4}$
It only has 2 different factors.
 $\frac{3}{4} \rightarrow$ not prime but could not be 1 factor.
3. $0.365 < 0.4$
4. $67 \times 100 = 67 \times 100 = 6700$
5. Round 412 to one significant figure = 400
6. $\frac{1590}{+226}$
 $\frac{616}{1816}$
7. 2nd cube number = 8 $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$
8. $25\text{mm} = 2.5\text{cm}$
9. $7\text{m} + 5\text{m} = 12\text{m}$
10. $\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$

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Wednesday, 20th September 2018

Estimating the mean and range from a list of numbers

1. To find the mean = Sum of numbers and multiply by number of numbers

2. Finding both the mean and the range

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Celebrating our students

The Scholastic book fair was a great success

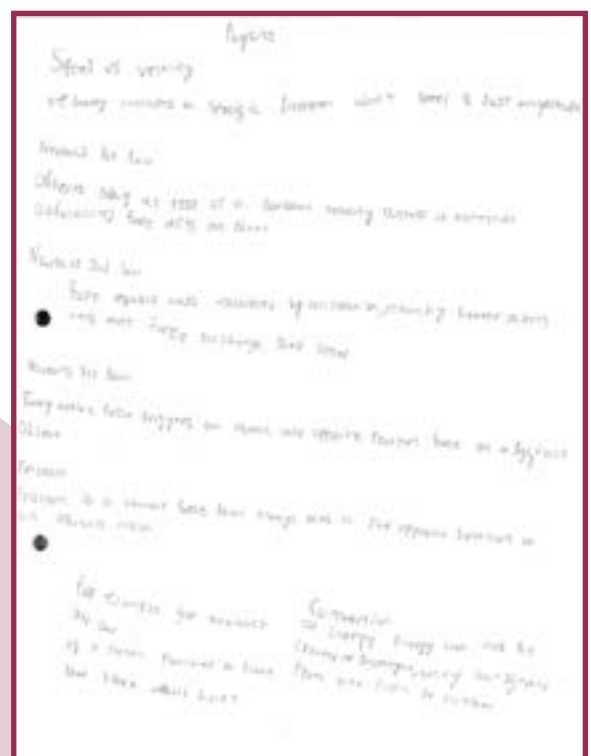
This week we have received multiple orders for books delivered by the Scholastic Travelling Book Fair. It was enlightening to see our students enjoying browsing and discovering new books to read.

A reminder that we have Brooklands Library on our doorstep for our students to keep up their exploration of the written world, they will be open throughout the holiday period.



Matthew's foray into physics

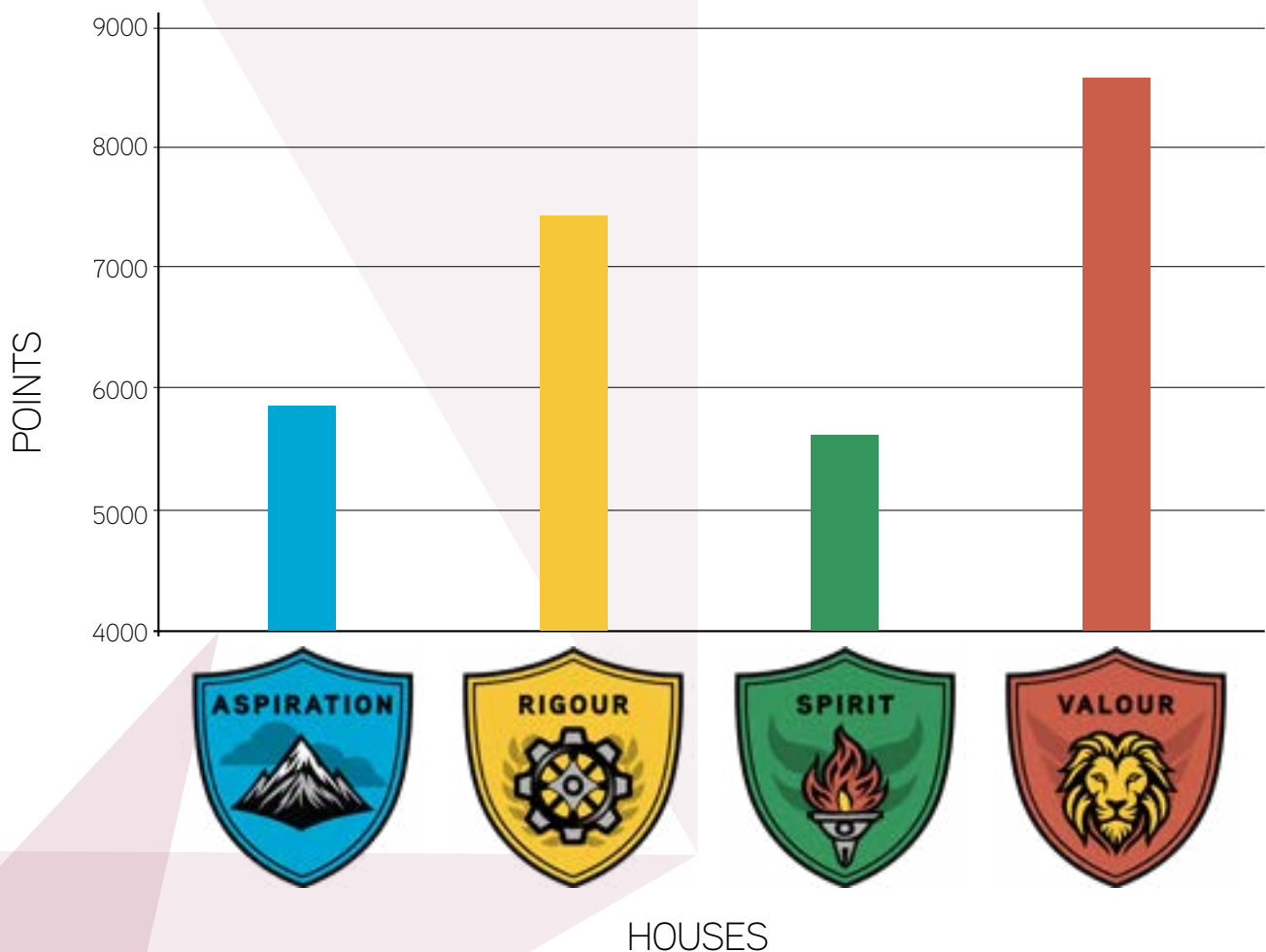
Matthew F in Year 11 has embarked on a wonderful research project into the world where physics and maths collide. He has started by exploring Newton's laws and how this plays into speed, elocity and friction. We are excited to see where your research takes you!



House points

House Valour are beginning to stretch away in the house competition, with House Rigour only just behind! Well done to all of the students who have contributed to the points so far, with an incredible 25,902 individual credits being handed out by students so far this year!

The next competition, to create a flag to sail on the RSS Sir David Attenborough, has been launched, and we look forward to students handing in their entries!



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



FREE

**WYTHENSHAW
FORUM CREATIVE SPACE**

Every Thursday
8th Oct – 3rd Dec
5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Writing & Performance
Workshops**

- Join a community of young creatives
- Work with professional writers and artists
- Build experience with writing and performance opportunities

Ages 12-25 First Floor, Forum Library, Simonsway, Manchester, M22 5RX

For more info, visit youngidentity.org/workshops

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 **WYTHENSHAW COUNCIL**
Local Authority

 **Paul Hamlyn Foundation**
Foundation

 **Young Identity**
Registered Charity: 1181028

FORUM 

Free school meal eligibility

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. As these are issued from the Local Authority's term dates, the October half term will have one week of vouchers, a total of £12.



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 12/10/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Doner meat with spiced rice & sweet braised red cabbage	Giant vegetable samosa with rice & sweet braised red cabbage
Tuesday	BBQ pork or lamb burger with roast vegetables	Mozzarella sticks with pasta & roast vegetables
Wednesday	Hot dogs or Gyros with wedges & caramelised onion	Vegetable sausage hot dogs with wedges & caramelised onion
Thursday	Mexican beef chilli with rice & steamed broccoli	Mexican bean chilli with rice & steamed broccoli
Friday	Southern fried chicken with homemade wedges & salad	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.

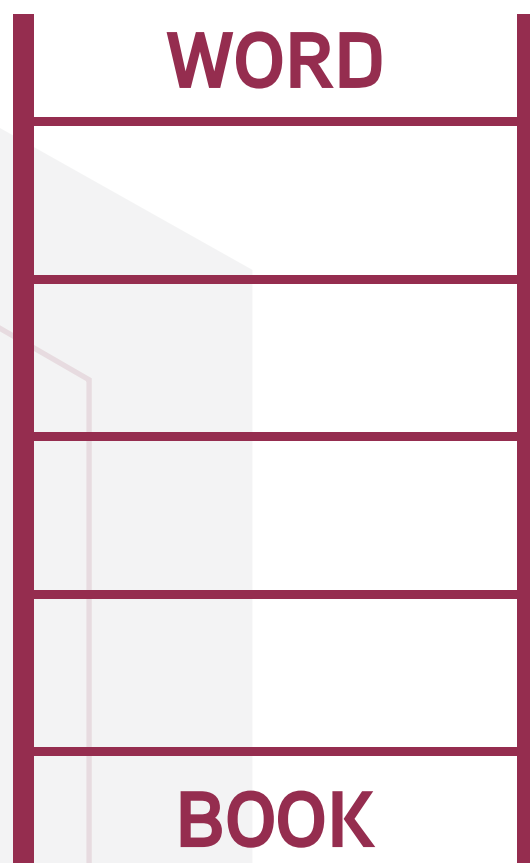
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment 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
Mon 12 Oct	Year 7	Cycle 1 assessments
Fri 16 Oct	All	Last day of term 1
Mon 2 Nov	All	Term 2 begins
2 - 11 Nov	Year 11	Year 11 mock examinations
12 & 13 Nov	All	Data & Planning days, students not in attendance

Brain teaser

Climb the ladder by changing only one letter at a time, do not rearrange the order of the letters



Last week's solution:

4	3	2	5	6	1
5	4	3	1	2	6
3	6	1	2	5	4
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2	1	6	3	4	5
6	2	5	4	1	3