



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS**
ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to reflect on the term we have just experienced. It has been a time of both incredible highs and challenging lows, filled with memorable events and meaningful moments for our school community.

We have enjoyed some fantastic occasions, including our open evenings, the KS4 information evening, various sports events, and charitable activities that brought us together for worthy causes. These events not only showcased the talents and hard work of our students but also strengthened our sense of community. At the same time, we recognise that many families have faced challenges during this term. We have worked diligently to support you through these times, and it is inspiring to see how we come together as a community, emerging stronger than ever.

As we head into the half-term, I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to spend quality time with family. Cherish every moment, make new memories, and recharge for the term ahead. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing everyone back in two weeks!

Wishing you all a wonderful half-term break

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Spanish writing

El año pasado fui ^Ffrancica con mis amigos. ^Afuimos ^{los}visite monumentos porque es guay. ~~perdi~~ ~~el~~ ~~mi~~ ~~amigo~~ ~~perdi~~ el móvil. ~~perdi~~ ~~lo~~ ~~mejor~~ fue cuando fui a acuario. lo peor fue cuando perdi mi móvil fue terrible.

Vivo en Manchester. Siempre he vivido una casa que está al Sur del pueblo. lejos de la playa. Me chifla donde vivo porque hay muchas instalaciones como una zona industrial y un estadio de fútbol. Pero no aguanto donde vivo porque ~~hay~~ no hay muchas para visitar por ejemplo unas calles bonitas y un jardín público.

Mi amigo piensa que Manchester es aburrido porque no hay muchas tiendas

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	En mi dormitorio hay una cama de matrimonio ✓	In my bedroom there is a double bed ✓
	Comparto mi dormitorio con mi hermana ✓	I share my bedroom with my sister ✓
	En mi casa hay una mesa enorme ✓	In my house there is a big table ✓
	En mi casa hay una cocina grande ✓	In my house there is a big kitchen ✓
	En mi casa tenemos una cocina amplia ✓	In my house there is a big kitchen ✓
	En mi casa hay un salón ✓	I have a living room ✓

mei piso es grande y está ^{en} el campo. Hay dos dormitorios y hay un ~~un~~ ^{baño} baño. También hay ~~un~~ ^{una} cocina y es pequeña.

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Even Another

to what extent do you think food miles are a good thing (answer 2 & 3/4's)

to a small extent I think that food miles are a good thing this is because food miles allow for seasonal foods to be bought and eaten all year round. this allows people to be generally buying better foods which may not be available in other places. As well as this, food miles also allows for a range of resources such as herbs and spices that other people from other countries buy. people's taste food miles also makes it opportunities for people produce goods to be transported. shipped and stocked at your local area gives job opportunities to these who may not find one else ~~where~~

daily of life be may

However, to a larger extent I think that food miles are a bad thing. this is because food miles don't support local or small businesses which then makes it hard for them to compete with larger scale farmers and companies. this then may lead to bankruptcy of these firms as there is not enough financial gain going towards them from what can then be quality of life. As well as this, food miles can be bring in diseases, contamination and pests from other countries. this may cause global pandemics

Revision - The urban world, Lagos

I have studied the social and economic opportunities for people in NECS (Nigeria) and LIC'S (Lagos) and I am going to be elaborating.

Lagos now offers free education for children up to the age of 9, this means that children will have a much higher class education. However, if it starts at 9 years old how are children in primary supposed to be expected to pay? so in reality there isn't higher education because the many education will stop at the age of 9. There are also new public houses which is great because poor people won't have to go out to get their own water that is possibly contaminated.

Energy is a issue in Lagos because business will rely on battery generators to keep the lights on and if this continues there will be dirty air pollution. Also 80% of their population buy water from street vendors this water will usually be contaminated and this can lead to cholera which will also lead to poor health and will continue the vicious cycle of poverty. In Lagos, traffic is a big issue because there are not many roads and more because there are not many roads and more ways so it takes a while to get around so the average person spends about 1 hour in traffic.

I studied Lagos in Nigeria and I am going to be evaluating on how the effectiveness of an urban planning strategy is helping to improve the quality of life in the poor.

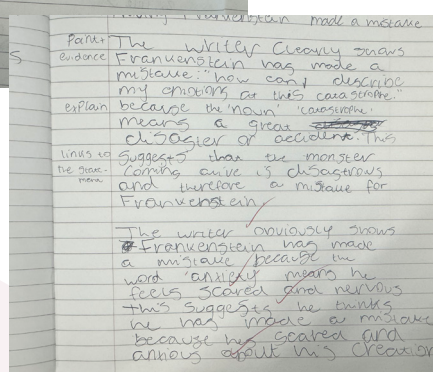
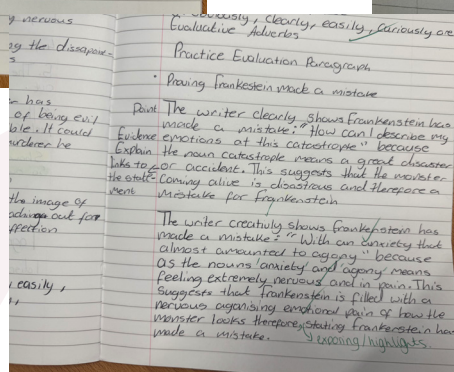
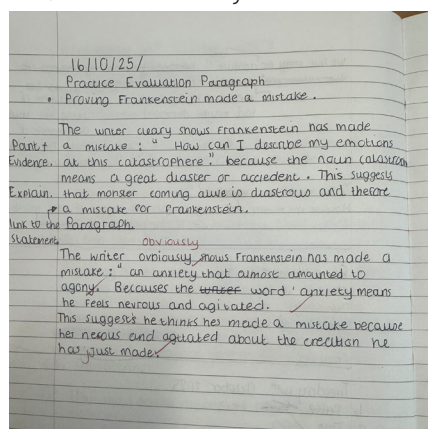
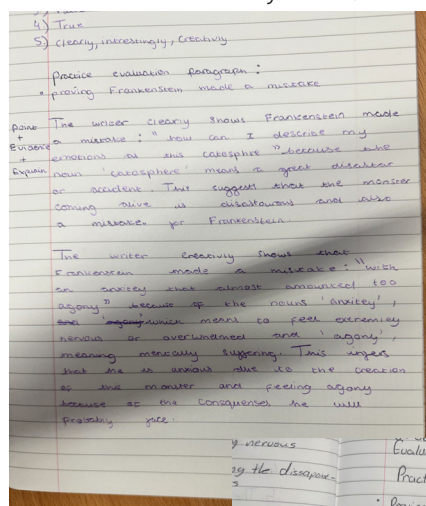
Celebrating our curriculum with space for curiosity

Year 9 End Gothic Module with Spooktacular Success!

Miss Moran's Year 9 students have just wrapped up their Gothic Literature module in truly spine-chilling style! The highlight of the term was their thought-provoking evaluation of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, where they grappled with the ultimate question: Who is the true villain of the story – Victor Frankenstein or his Creature?

Through lively debates, analytical essays, and creative responses, students explored themes of ambition, morality, and the dangers of playing God, uncovering the dark heart of this Gothic masterpiece. Their critical thinking and enthusiasm brought the text to life, proving that Gothic literature still has the power to thrill and challenge us today.

Special mentions to Tyler D, Zackary, Brooke T, Jess M for your work.



Clubs spotlight: Hospitality & Catering Y11

Year 11 Hospitality and Catering students show cased their batter and sauce making skills this week at their after-school club. They made bubble waffle cones, ice cream and caramel sauce all from scratch!

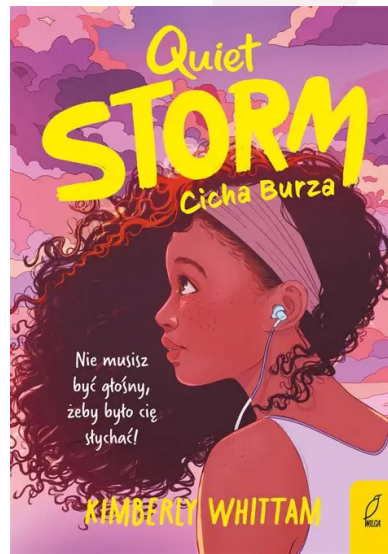


Welcoming visitors

to share and explore

Author visit

Our Year 7 students were treated to a 'Meet the Author' event last Friday when writer Kimberly Whittam visited us to share her experience of creating the story 'Quiet Storm.' The students thoroughly enjoyed the interactive session as they learnt about how the author's own childhood and time at school had helped with her character development and plot line. All Year 7 students were gifted with a copy of the novel which they have started to read during their weekly reading sessions in their Advisory Group.



Sandilands Primary School Visit

On Thursday 16 October, Dixons Brooklands welcomed 60 Year 6 students from Sandilands Primary School to take part in drama and music lessons. Mr Hughes and Mrs Morton commented on how fantastic the students behaved, and fully invested themselves into the lessons. The students had a fantastic experience, getting to know what life is like at secondary school and supporting their transition from primary.

We look forward to seeing most of you again in September!



Celebrating our students through their growth

Announcement of year reps

The votes have been cast and counted - the results for the year reps are in! The students below have been voted as representatives for their year group, driving change within the school and giving every single student a representative.

Students: remember that your reps are there for you - if you have an idea, speak to them and ask them to bring your idea to school council meetings.

Reps: congratulations on being elected! Good luck, and remember to listen well to your year groups. You represent them, and that is a huge responsibility!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
• Benjamin • Willow M	• Lily M • Giorgi	• Brooke T • Mohamed	• Leighton • Brooke	• Kayden W • Colette

Marvellous meringues

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students have been focusing on their plating up skills this week whilst learning how to make meringues using whisking to aerate their mixture. All students showed a marked improvement in their decoration skills but special mentions to Johanna and Amir who showcased a range of decorative techniques successfully to create these eye catching desserts.



Dixons Brooklands victorious!

Dixons Brooklands travelled to Dixons Fazackerley for the first football tournament of the year. The boys started slowly losing their first game, but this was merely a warm up as they won the next five games leading to them to the overall victory of the event. Well done to all our boys that took part in Year 7 & 8, a strong start to the year!

Extra-curricular activities

to enrich our students' experiences

Timetable

We now have over 25 amazing clubs up and running and Dixons Brooklands Academy! Every student is expected to attend at least one club per week, and with such a wide range of clubs on offer, there is something for everyone! Get involved and reap the benefits of being involved in clubs!

	Lunch	After school
Monday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) - Music club (T8) (Week A)	- Achieve club (T9) - Football (Girls) - Rowing - Singing rehearsals (T8) - Duke of Edinburgh (P18)
Tuesday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) - Music club (T8) (Week B) - Cooking club (Week A) (T7) - Steel Pans (T8)	- Netball - Rugby - GCSE Art Club (S8/P16/S13) - Sustainability club (P12) - Poetry revision (P3) - Homework club (P13)
Wednesday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) - KS3 Spanish film club (T4)	- Football (Boys) - Sparx homework support (P22) - Guitar club (T8) - Show acting - Maths games and puzzles (T4) - Creative writing (P1)
Thursday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) - KS3 GCSE Spanish exams skills	- BTEC Sport - Basketball - Keyboard club (T8) - Media Cubs (Year 7 only) (S1)
Friday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14)	- Cross Country - Dance - Foundation science revision Year 11 (P13) - Singing club (T8)

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

Celebrating our students

through focus and independence

English subject stars

Students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, integrity, and perseverance in their pursuit of powerful knowledge. Their consistent hard work and commitment to learning have not only elevated their own understanding but also inspired those around them.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
- Logan C - Ella-Rose - Areasha	- Golnar - Lillie R	- Alexia-Mae - Afia - Arthur W - Dylan D - Lottie D	- Ralphy M - Alfie F - Ethan M	- Olivia F - Aimee H - Kian A - Kian L

English independent thinkers

Students who are developing into resilient, inquisitive young people. These learners ask bold questions, explore ideas beyond the classroom, and embrace challenges with a growth mindset.

KS3	KS4
- Jacob A - Darna M - Emme C - Charlie W - Murad A	- Reuben T - Louie M - Duane L - Birva D - Bailie N



Maths Sparx Target

Those students who use this online resource, have a weekly, personalised and bespoke revision programme. This maximises their independent learning time and accelerates their mathematical progress. See below for some of our students who achieved over 50% on their 'Sparx Target' this week. Next week, it could be you!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
- Zi Han - Gabriel D - Talitha - Archie F - Daniel G - Thomas H - Bobby K - Barachel	- Cairan - Emily O - Olivia P - Richie P - Samuel R - Dominic - Harley	- Sofina - Jack D - Isla D - Ava-Mae - Caeden - Rayan
	- Fatuma - Jack M - Aun - Dimitris - Lexi-Mae - Cody T	- Bobby D - Naya R - Lexi S
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Extra-curricular activities

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Cake sale

Friday 10 October marked World Mental Health day, and in support of this, we held a bake sale to fundraise. Students had the option to buy cakes baked by staff or those generously donated by Tesco Wythenshawe. Our students and staff raised £188.78 for Young Minds.



Trophy for athletics championship

After a long awaited summer break, Dixons Brooklands Academy received the trophy for being the winners of the secondary Dixons Cup Athletics championship. This was the first ever trust-wide sports day and our students put their year-round athleticism to the test against some great competitors.

There was a celebratory ceremony where students were presented with certificates for their successes!



Harvest Foodbank

Thank you to every student and family who donated to our Harvest collection in aid of Wythenshawe Food Bank. A huge amount of food was donated and will have a real positive impact to our local community! We thank you warmly for your support and will continue to support our local organisations.



Attendance

Our **academy target** is for all students to achieve between 97 - 100% attendance. All students are **expected to arrive by 8.15am**, any student arriving after this time are late. Students arriving after the register has closed at 8.45am will receive an unauthorised absence (u code) which will impact on their attendance.

We can and will provide support to remove any barriers to attending school on time every day. Please contact the Attendance Team should you wish to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's punctuality and / or attendance: attendance@dixonsbk.com

Countdown to the holidays

In the last two weeks, our students have been winning novelty prizes for their attendance with those with full attendance included in a prize draw. There were five lucky winners of the £20 voucher: Zayne (7Y), Lucy (8D), Olivia M (9Z), Alfie (10W), and Jack (11X).



100% Club

Well done to all our students who achieved 100% this half term! To celebrate their dedication to attending school all 35 days of school thus far, they were rewarded with a snack buffet and a movie to kick off their well-deserved holiday. We were delighted that the assembly hall was full of students, and that more seats were needed to get everyone in. Well done! If you were unable to attend school each day, the tally will restart on Monday 3 November for the next half term, so get some rest before the next stretch begins. If you would like to discuss how to improve your child's attendance, please contact the attendance team at attendance@dixonsbk.com.



Celebrating our students in their athleticism

KS3 Girls football league

The KS3 Girls football team have had an excellent start to the Manchester school league. Playing in their second tournament. The girls played 6 games, winning 2, drawing 2 and narrowly losing two. Player of the night went to Ella-Rose who scored lots and lots of goals.



Year 7 & 8 5-a-side for North West Dixons Cup

This Event was a North West Dixons Trust 5-a-side fixture with mixed Year 7 and 8 teams. The boys team showed a fantastic performance. They lost their first game and then won the next three. This resulted in a play-off with Dixons Broadgreen for first place. The boys were neck and neck in the final seconds of the game with a final goal scored by Benjamin, leading them to win the whole tournament.

Well done Benjamin and Bruno in Year 7, and Reece, Rocco G, Caeden, Gene, and Giorgi in Year 8. What an excellent team!

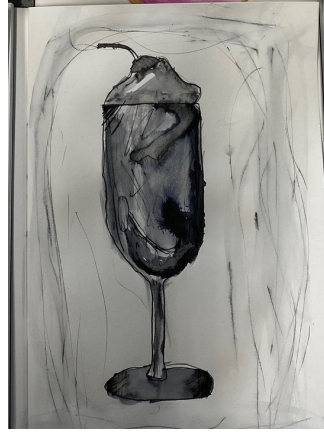
Year 11 girls badminton

Year 11 Girls in their core PE lessons doing Badminton, working hard & using their skills in lesson.



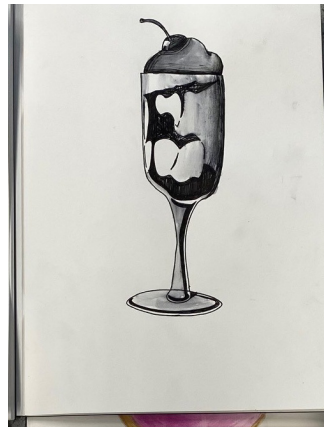
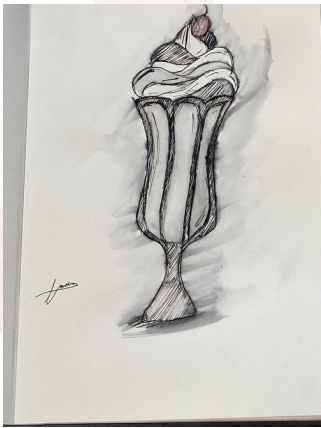
Celebrating our students in their creativity

Year 8 pen and wash technique



Here are some beautiful examples from Year 8 demonstrating the pen and wash technique. These students have shown great care over their work and the results are outstanding.

Vada, Layla D, Alisha B, Simeon and Lila G created stunning sundaes using this technique, great work!



Elective Spotlight: Y7 Print and pattern



Well done to year 7 print and pattern elective for a fantastic first go at block printing! The results are individual and varied, with each print holding unique charm.

See what you can use over the holidays to create new designs, we can't wait to see what you create next!

House points leaderboard

The last two weeks leading up to half term have been bubbling with competition, with several House events taking place. Alongside the house basketball which helped raise the bar for points, House Rigour bought the most cakes in the charity cake sale and secured 500 points too!

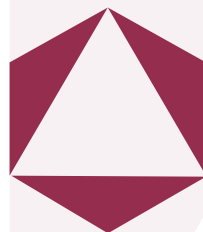
The House logo competition has now also closed, and there are some amazing entries. Judging will begin soon, Mrs Cashmore with a panel of judges will review the entries and determine which designs embody our Houses.

Watch this space for the winners, and our new House logos! Well done to everyone who took the time and effort to create an entry.



VALOUR

RIGOUR



ASPIRATION

SPIRIT

Well done everyone, keep pushing!

Inter Advisory/House Basketball

All year groups over the last two weeks have been taking part in our first of the year Inter-House events. At the end of each half term the PE department are arranging a different sports event. This half term was basketball!

Year 8 were brilliant in their game! The results were 3rd - 8Z, 2nd - 8Y & 1st - 8W. this meant that House Valour were the winners of this game.

Year 9 students brought great energy and teamwork to the court, with three forms tying for first place. Ultimately, House Spirit claimed the overall win thanks to their consistent performance and sportsmanship.

On Thursday, it was Year 10's turn to shine. The matches were fast-paced and competitive, and a special shout-out goes to our Year 10 BTEC Sport students, who did an excellent job umpiring Tuesday's games. On Thursday, the Year 11 BTEC students stepped up to officiate, showing great leadership and professionalism throughout.

Well done to all students involved, your enthusiasm and teamwork made both events a huge success! But what does this mean for house points? Each winning team secured 500 points to their house points.

Congratulations to all who took part, and with the potential to turn the scoreboard around, in December we go head to head again with dodgeball!



Next week

Menu week commencing 3/11/2025

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Donner meat on rustic flatbread with noodles	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles and sweet chilli sauce
Tuesday	Beef steak slice with chips and garden peas	Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad
Wednesday	Chicken tikka masala with rice and naan bread	Vegetable giant samosa with noodles
Thursday	Jerk chicken drumstick with Jamaican cocount rice	Cheese and onion slice with side salad
Friday	Chicken burger with chips and selection of sauces	Vegetarian bean burgers with chips and 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.

Upcoming dates for your diary

	Year group	Description
Monday 3 Nov	All Years	First day back
4 - 27 Nov	Year 11	Year 11 mock exams
10 - 21 Nov	Years 7- 10	Cycle 1 mock exams
Tuesday 2 Dec	Year 8	Parents' evening; 4pm - 6.30pm
9 and 10 Dec	All	Robin Hood Rides to Wythenshawe Christmas Panto
Friday 19 Dec	All	Last day of term

Brain teaser

Can you decipher the code?

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