DIXONS BROOKLANDS ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs K Gardner
Principal

We have had a fantastic start to our second half term.

It was wonderful to welcome our students back with such a positive attitude. They arrived looking smart, ready to learn and prepared to make the most of the weeks ahead.

We are especially proud of our Year 11 students, who are showing tremendous resilience, determination and maturity throughout their mock examinations. Their commitment has been fantastic to see, and they are setting a brilliant example for the rest of the school. They really are role models for our younger students and people they can look up to.

As we head towards the festive season, we have lots of exciting activities and events planned for our students and families. It is always a special time of year for our school community, and we are looking forward to sharing these opportunities with you.

Please make sure you keep an eye on your emails and our social media channels over the coming weeks so that you don't miss any important dates, events or celebrations!

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Celebrating our students

MUFC and IN4's Mega Day!

20 students ventured to Old Trafford with our MUFC school partnership officers, Mark and Sean, to partake in the IN4 Mega Day!
The day was filled with workshops and activities engaging in the cyber and technological space.







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A piece of cake

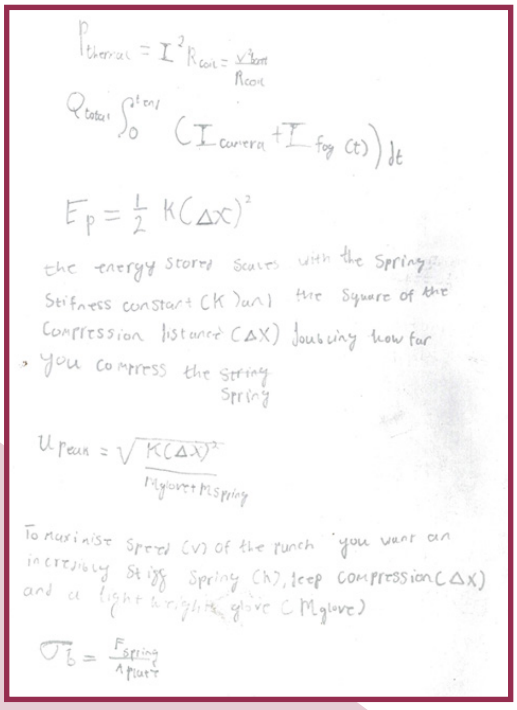
Year 10 art students demonstrated our value of 'hard work' this week by creating these fantastic artist research pages focusing on the style of Nancy Standleen



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.

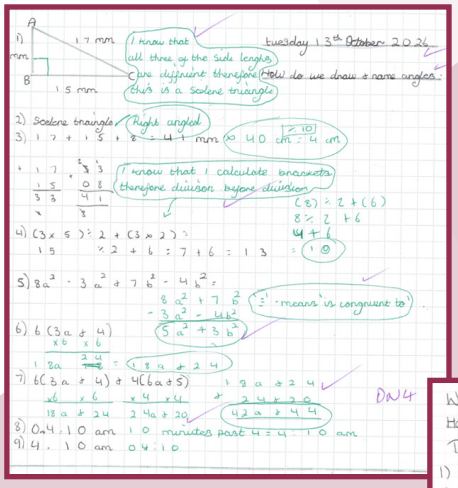
This week, Matthew has been exploring compressive energy stored in springs.

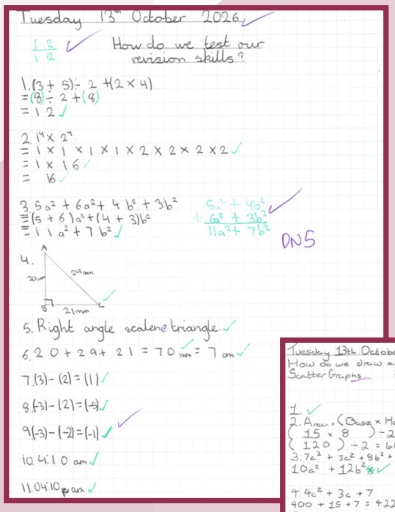


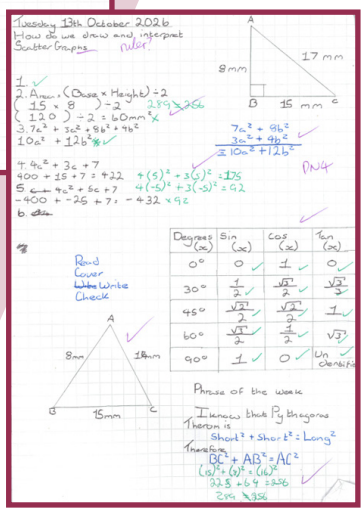
Celebrating our curriculum

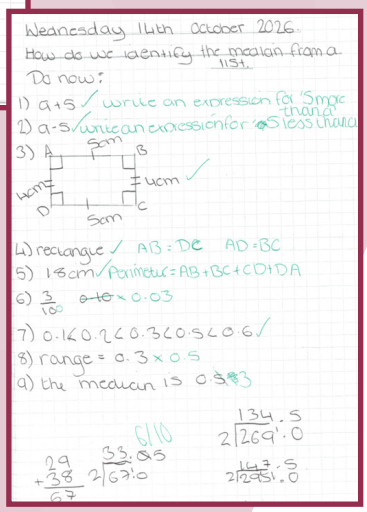
Student spotlight: Maths

Olivia (Y11), Emily-Jane (Y9), Elsie (Y10), and Holly (Y11), 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!



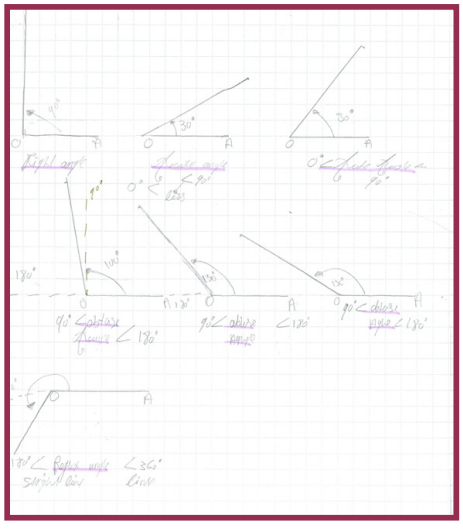






Mia (Y11), you have shown great geometric technique and understanding in this lesson on 'Drawing Angles'.

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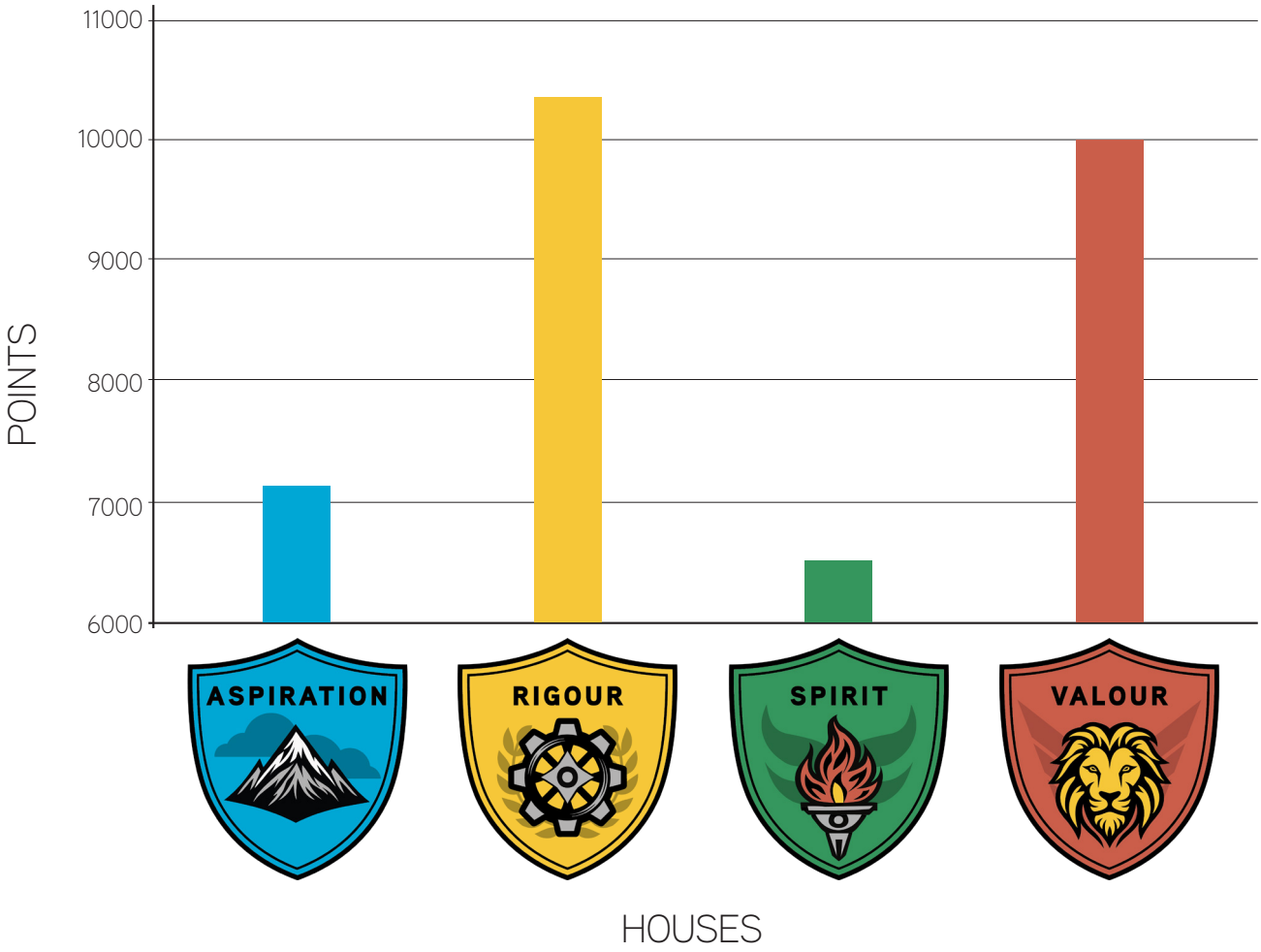


House points

We are quick off the marks this half term with House events! Launching on Monday 9 November we have our Art House competition, which will see students compete to design praise postcards with student designs.

Keep an eye out for more information during your art lessons! Shortly after that we have the hotly anticipated house basketball tournaments, which will lead us into Christmas!

This academic year so far, there have been an enormous 34,240 separate instances of praise being handed out and recorded - well done to everyone who has worked hard for that praise!



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



WYTHENSHAWE
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 13-25

First Floor, Forum Library, Simonsway, Manchester, M22 5RX

For more info, visit youngidentity.org/workshops

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Next week

Menu week commencing 9/11/2026

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Chicken gyros with fried rice & steamed broccoli	Bean chilli with fried rice & steamed broccoli
Tuesday	Chinese 5-spiced chicken drumstick with stir fried noodles	Vegetable stir fried noodles
Wednesday	Beef chilli tacos with potato wedges	Homemade bean burgers, potato wedges & salad
Thursday	Staff data and planning day Students not in attendance	
Friday		

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.

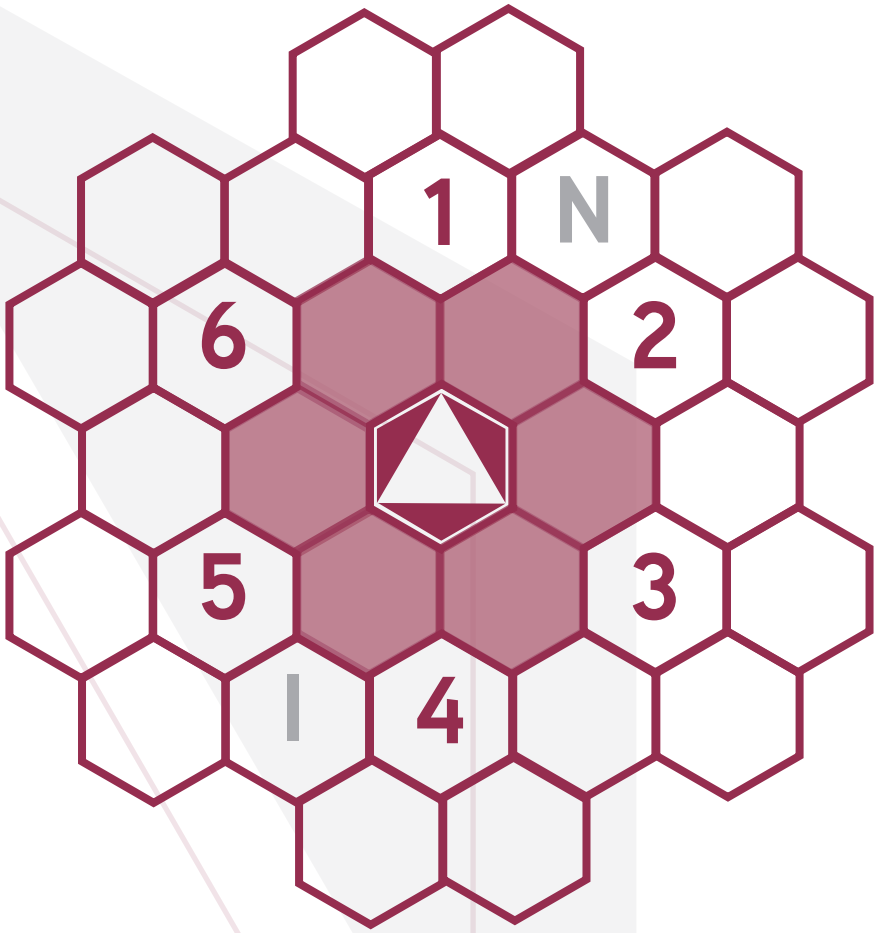
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment 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
9 - 11 Nov	Year 11	Mock examinations continue
12 & 13 Nov	All	Data & Planning days, students not in attendance
3 December	Year 8	Parents' Evening
8 December	N/a	Christmas Showcase, details tbc
9 December	All	Flu immunisation catch up
9 December	N/a	Christmas Fayre, 4-6.30pm

Brain teaser

Write each answer in a clockwise direction around its clue number. Can you decode the spice that will be revealed in the central tinted hexagons?



1 - Classification, ranking
2 - Give up one's job
3 - Send into exile
4 - Indicator, cue
5 - Roman army divison
6 - Only just, hardly

Last week's solution:

