



**DIXONS  
BROOKLANDS**  
ACADEMY

## **A message from our Principal**

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year! It has been truly wonderful to see all of our students back in the classroom, filled with enthusiasm and ready to learn. Their energy and positivity have made an amazing start to the year, and we couldn't be happier to have them with us.

This year, we have so many incredible opportunities and activities planned that we believe will enrich their learning experience and foster their growth. From innovative projects to fun events, we're committed to making this year memorable for each student.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to collaborating with you to make this school year the best one yet for our children!



**Mrs K Gardner**  
**Principal**

# **NEWSLETTER**

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Issue #1

# Celebrating our students through their achievements

## GCSE Results

On Thursday 21 August, our class of 2025 made their way to Dixons Brooklands Academy bubbling with excitement, nervousness and hope for their final exam results of their school life. They came by themselves, with their families or with their friends who experienced the challenging exam season with them.

As they opened the white envelopes with their names on, the students were showing signs of pride and disbelief, impressed by the results that reflected their hard work and discipline. On their way to become young adults, their next journey takes our alumni on many paths, from studying psychology, politics and chemistry in various colleges to apprenticeships like child nursing and motor vehicle engineering. We can't wait to see where they will progress to in the future!



## Inspiring creativity and joy

In addition to a refresh of our school environment to welcome our students, our academy corridors have been enriched with some of our students' artwork that lines the walls.

# Welcoming our community

## through discussions and action

### Parent Power

The first Wythenshawe Parent Power meeting of the year took place on Thursday and the group were delighted to welcome new members of our Dixons Brooklands Academy community.

As ever, discussions were positive and solution focused as all members of the group continue to be passionate about working together to improve the experiences and academic achievements of all our students.



This week's discussion points focused on communication, community and positive recognitions. It was great to hear everyone's contributions and leave the meeting energised, excited and with a clear plan of action. We look forward to sharing more with you in the weeks to come! Our next meeting is on Tuesday 30 September at 4.00pm, all are welcome! To find out more, please contact Ms Boden via email: [cboden@dixonsbk.com](mailto:cboden@dixonsbk.com).

### Open evening

We are excited to host our annual open evening on Thursday 25 September at 4pm for Year 6 students. If you know a family who are exploring their options for secondary education, or you have a child of your own in Year 6, come along to discover how we continue to develop Dixons Brooklands to be an exceptional place to learn.



**Visit our open evening**  
Thursday 25 September  
4-7pm



# Welcoming Year 7 students

## encouraging friendships through activity

### Media Cubs

This summer, we were proud to partner with Media Cubs to bring an exciting and engaging media experience to our new Year 7 students ahead of their official start on Monday.

Over three dynamic days, students took part in a pop-up TV studio and newsroom sessions, building digital literacy, confidence, and friendships as they prepared for the transition to secondary school. From scripting and presenting their own video content to tackling topics like fake news and digital citizenship, our new Dixons students developed essential skills for the modern world.

They hosted press conferences with staff and used tools like Adobe Character Animator and Microsoft Word to create meaningful media projects. We were pleased to see every student expressed an increased confidence in media skills and teamwork.

A huge thank you to Media Cubs, Manchester City Council's digital inclusion team, and our dedicated staff for making this possible. This was more than just an enrichment activity, it fostered community-building with new friends and encouraged students to use their voice.

We look forward to welcoming Media Cubs back this autumn to continue this brilliant initiative and grow our young media teams across our student body.



### Year 7 student reflections

- I have loved my first week and my favourite part was going to lessons.
- I enjoyed walking to lessons by myself.
- My favourite lesson - definitely art!
- I have made one new friend.
- My first week at DBK was amazing!
- It's been great, it's a nice school and I like it.
- The most exciting thing was going to my elective.
- I loved the new clubs and the football.
- I enjoyed 3D design and PE.

# 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](mailto:attendance@dixonsbk.com)

## Students who have achieved 100% this week

741 students achieved 100% attendance this week, on Monday they will be in with a chance to win a queue jump pass for use in the canteen!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
132 students	151 students	139 students	183 students	136 students

## Top advisory groups

7X	8Y	9W	10X	11W
100%	95.4%	95.2%	97.2%	95.5%

# Next week

Menu week commencing 11/9/2025

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
<b>Monday</b>	Doner kebab with flatbread and spicy rice	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles and sweet chilli sauce
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rich pepperoni & tomato sauce with pasta and garlic bread	Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tandoori chicken drumstick with salt and peper noodles	Homemade bean burgers with side salad
<b>Thursday</b>	Homemade beef meatballs in rich tomato sauce with pasta	Cheese and potato slice with side salad
<b>Friday</b>	Chicken burger with chips and side salad	Vegetable giant samosa with noodles

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
<b>Thursday 11</b>	All Years	Meet the Advisor evening at 4.30pm
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	All Years	Annual student photographs throughout the day
<b>Thursday 25</b>	Year 6	Open evening at 4pm

# Brain teaser

Can you find the words below?

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Work Hard  
Have Integrity  
Be Kind  
Joy

Resilience  
Respect  
Autonomy  
Mastery