



## Message from the Head of School

We are thrilled to announce that our school has emerged as the winners of the Trust Sports Day! This achievement is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship of all our students who participated. We could not be prouder of their effort and enthusiasm throughout the event!



**Mrs K Gardner**  
Principal

As we approach the final week of term, we have an exciting lineup of activities planned for our students. There will be plenty of fun and engaging experiences to celebrate the end of the school year. We are committed to making this last week memorable, filled with joy and camaraderie.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an amazing week ahead and more winning moments to come!



# Celebrating our Curriculum

## College taster day:

Year 10 students attended a college taster day at The Manchester College – Wythenshawe Campus.

This exciting opportunity allowed students to explore a range of vocational subjects and gain insight into potential future career paths. During the day, students took part in interactive taster sessions across various industries, including:

**Automotive:** Maintenance, repair, accident repair, vehicle fitting principles, auto electrical & mobile electrical principles

**Construction:** Brickwork, carpentry & joinery, painting & decorating, plastering

**Engineering:** Electrical installation, building services, design & development, civil engineering

**Hair, Beauty & Media Makeup:** Hairdressing, beauty therapy, media makeup

**Computing & Digital:** Digital business services, cyber skills, digital design & development, computer science

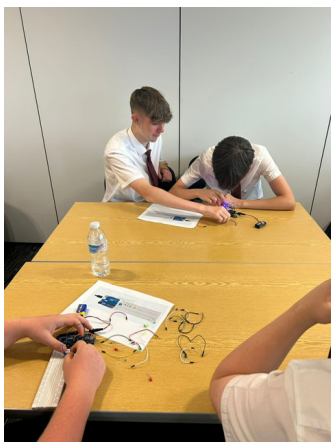
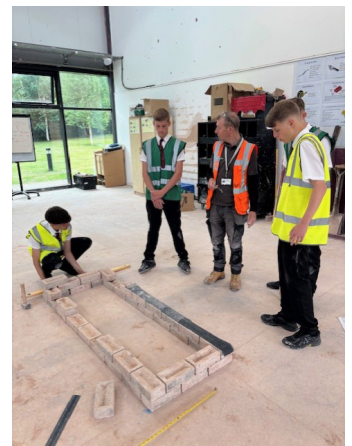
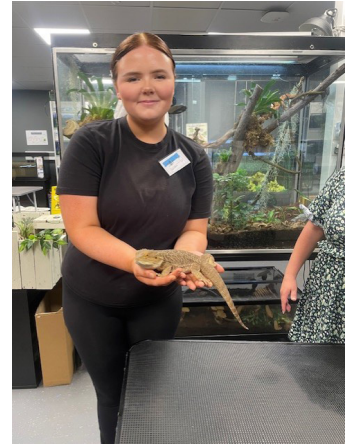
**Business & Professional:** Accounting, business management, administration, finance, entrepreneurship

**Animal Management:** Animal science, nursing assistant roles, land-based studies

**Hospitality & Catering:** Patisserie & confectionery, professional cookery, culinary skills, food & beverage service

**Travel & Tourism:** Travel, tourism & aviation, cabin crew

**Performing Arts:** Dance, acting, musical theatre



The day was both enjoyable and informative, helping students make more confident decisions about their future education and career pathways. I would also like to recognise the excellent behaviour and enthusiasm displayed by the students who were throughout an absolute credit to the school.



# Celebrating Student Achievements

## Sparx Maths:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Maisy	Oliver	Cesar	Ava
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Rayan	Roshaan	Luke	Wilson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Natalie	Piper	Jason	Ruby

## DBK Smashes The Great Glen Expedition!

This week, a group of our courageous students from Years 9 and 11 braved Scotland and UK's biggest lochs to complete the Great Glen challenge. Travelling by canoe, the team journeyed over 150km embarking on their expedition from the Irish Sea on Monday, they successfully reached the North Sea on Thursday afternoon.



The students both paddled and sailed across vast lochs and canals, demonstrating their strength and resilience at all times. Portaging their canoes and camping equipment at several locks along the way was an arduous and at times challenging task, but they pulled together and worked as an impressive team.

Wild camping for two out of the four nights, the group embraced the great outdoors and enjoyed the opportunity to play games, socialise and bond together, forging everlasting friendships and memories.

We are extremely proud of our Dixons Brooklands students and all they have achieved this week!

Thank you to John, Rob, and Julie from The Ghyll Head Outdoor Centre for supporting the team and sharing their expertise, making this an unforgettable experience.



Written by Birva and Alana (Year 9)

# Dixons Athletics Championship

## Crowned Champions at Trust-Wide Sports Day!

We're thrilled to share the fantastic success of Team Brooklands at this year's Trust-Wide Sports Day, held at the iconic Manchester Regional Arena. Competing against 12 other Dixons academies, our students from Years 7 to 10 showcased incredible talent, determination, and team spirit across both track and field events.

Each student represented DBK in one track and one field event, going head-to-head with some of the best young athletes from across the Trust. The day began with a 60-minute delay due to an unfortunate accident en route from West Yorkshire, but once the events were underway, our students came out flying, and never looked back.

From sprint victories and long jump heroics to dominant performances in throwing events, our students delivered outstanding results in every year group. We were especially proud to finish top of the table in both the Year 7 and Year 9 categories, a testament to the hard work and commitment shown by our young athletes.

After a thrilling day of competition, Dixons Brooklands was crowned overall winners, securing the top spot by a margin of just under 600 points!

Special mention will go to our individual winners, including:

**Year 7:** Maria (200m), Frankie (800m)

**Year 8:** Devin (Triple Jump), Isobel (100m), George (400m)

**Year 9:** Gabriella (Long Jump), Jake (100m), Daisy (200m), Noah (800m) and Tamzin (800m)

**Year 10:** Camron (Shot Put), Alisia (200m)



A huge congratulations to every student who competed and represented DBK with pride. Your effort, sportsmanship, and team spirit were second to none. And a big thank you to the staff who supported the team throughout the day, we couldn't have done it without you.

It was truly an unforgettable day of sport, and one that will go down in Dixons Brooklands history!



# Year 7 MasterChef

## Year 7 MasterChef Finalists:

On Wednesday 9 July, Year 7 undertook the DBK MasterChef challenge. The seven finalists, who were supported by their staff sous chefs, were to peel, baton, batter, whisk, boil, bake, deep fry and plate up their food to produce a professional standard of sweet and savoury dishes.



With only an hour and 15 minutes to prepare, cook and serve their dishes the Year 7 head chefs impressed the judges with the taste, texture and appearance of their dishes. They also impressed Miss Bowdery with their organisation and excellent food safety.



It was a difficult task to choose only two winners but the judges decided the best savoury dish were Nevaeh and Ms. Baker-Haslam's smash burgers with chips and salsa. Second place for the savoury dishes were Giorgi and Ms. Woolstencroft's Georgian dumplings and Khachapuri.

The best sweet dish was won by Amelia and Mr. Smith for their apple crumble with ice cream and blackberry coulis.

Thank you so much to students and staff who took part.



# Dixons JOY

Over the past few weeks, our students have poured their creativity and passion into producing artwork for our first-ever whole-trust virtual art and design exhibition. Our 2025 virtual art exhibition proudly showcases remarkable artistic talent of students from nursery to sixth form, all inspired by one of our trust's big moves: joy.

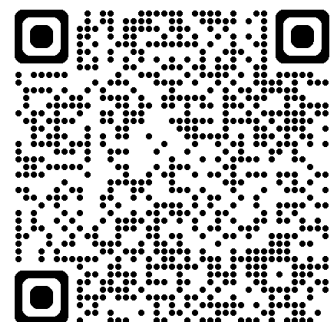


From finger-painted masterpieces to advanced mixed-media outcomes, this exhibition captures the distinctive perspectives, creativity, and passion of our young artists at every stage of their educational journey. Our virtual art exhibition is now live, dive into a vibrant showcase of drawings, paintings, sculptures, and photography via the links below, along with a sneak peak.

Nursery - Key Stage 2: <https://www.artsteps.com/view/6827051b62e43b6f1cb9a661>

Key Stage 3 - Key Stage 4: <https://www.artsteps.com/view/6820c6ba2787b8f505739e01>

Key Stage 5: <https://www.artsteps.com/view/685981ee540cb496cd521217>



# Dixons Brooklands Weekly Menu

Week commencing 11 July

## MONDAY

Mexican beef chilli with  
rice and garlic bread

or

Cheese and onion slice  
with side salad

Panini selection:  
cheese, ham, pepperoni,  
or cheese & beans

## TUESDAY

Doner meat with spicy  
wedges and sauces

or

Cheese and tomato  
turnovers with side salad

Panini selection:  
cheese, ham, pepperoni,  
or cheese & beans

## WEDNESDAY

Pasta in rich pepperoni  
and tomato sauce

or

Vegetable giant samosa  
with noodles

Panini selection:  
cheese, ham, pepperoni,  
or cheese & beans

## THURSDAY

Jerk chicken wrap with  
spicy noodles

or

Cheese and onion slice  
with side salad

Panini selection:  
cheese, ham, pepperoni,  
or cheese & beans

## FRIDAY

Mix and match day  
(selection of different  
mains with chips)

or

Spicy roast vegetables  
with noodles

Panini selection:  
cheese, ham, pepperoni,  
or cheese & beans

Every day the salad bar plus  
a variety of sandwiches and  
baguettes are available, as well  
as 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.