



Message from the Head of School

This week, we had a bittersweet moment as we said goodbye to our Year 11 students during their leaver's breakfast. It was a lovely occasion filled with memories and smiles, as everyone reflected on the wonderful times they've had at school. There were lots of laughs and a few tears as the students shared their experiences.



Mrs K Gardner
Head Of School

They have truly been a joy to have at our school, and we're so proud of everything they've achieved. We will definitely miss them but are excited to see what the future holds for each of them.

Let's all wish them good luck on their new adventures ahead!

Be Part of Change

Our students in Years 7 to 10 had the opportunity to hear from the founder of BPOC, Jeannine Burke, this week who delivered a powerful message to raise awareness about the consequences of knife crime including advice about how to prevent any knife related incidents.

Students listened to Jeannine attentively and respectfully, as she shared her story about her son, Ty'relle who was killed in his home by a 'friend.'

For more details about BPOC please email: BPOC555@gmail.com



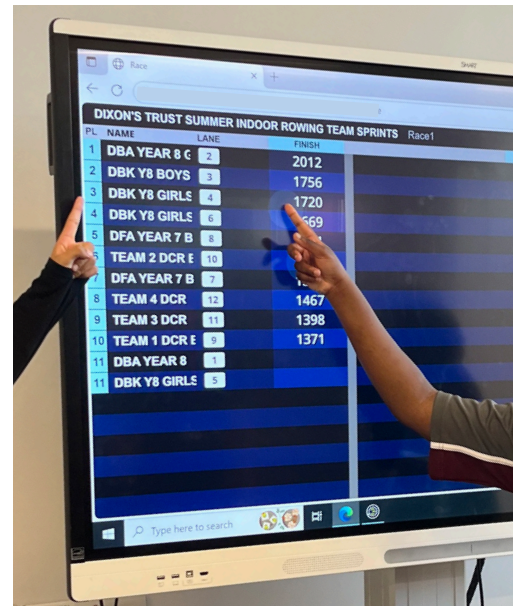
Celebrating our Curriculum

Dixons North West Rowing:

On Thursday 19th June, students from Years 8 and 9 showcased their incredible talent in the Dixons North West Virtual Rowing Events. Their hard work and determination paid off, with outstanding results across the board:

- Year 8 Boys: Secured a fantastic 1st place finish!
- Year 8 Girls: Achieved impressive 2nd and 3rd place positions.
- Year 9 Boys: Dominated their category with a brilliant 1st place victory!

A huge congratulations to all participants for their dedication and exceptional performances!



The sport is now embedded in the PE curriculum, helping students build physical fitness, resilience, and mental wellbeing.

Students from Year 7 to Year 10 are now competing in virtual inter-academy indoor rowing races, coordinated by British Rowing as part of our new PE programme. These races are hosted in each school's new rowing room and streamed online, giving students a fun, motivating way to engage in physical activity and connect across our trust.

This collaboration is helping to break down barriers to what has traditionally been seen as an elite sport and is opening up new opportunities for our young people. This is just the beginning of a movement to bring equity, energy, and excellence to school sport.

Celebrating Student Achievements



DBK Year 8 MasterChef Finals:

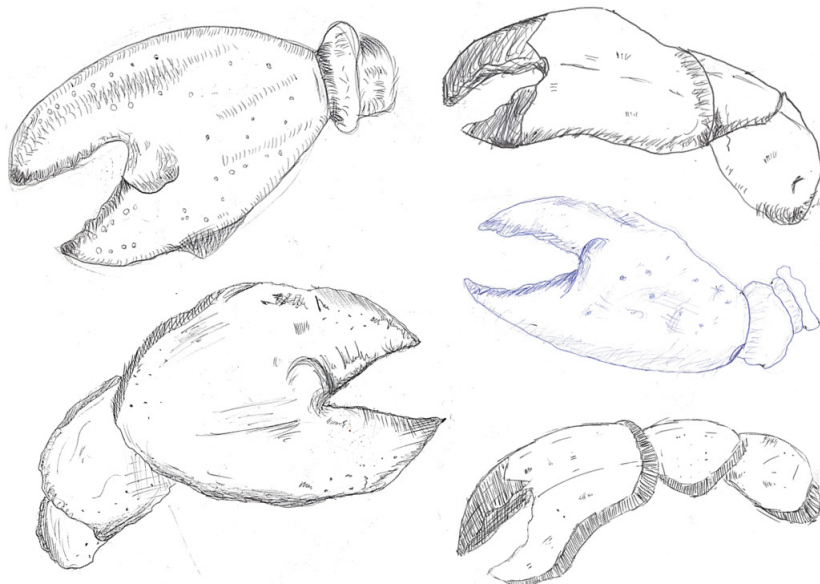
Wednesday 18th June, Year 8 students battled it out in the DBK MasterChef finals. All students worked independently with their sous chef to produce an exciting range of their chosen dishes and plated them up to a professional standard too. The judges enjoyed all the dishes but Declan G and Nathan K's Thai basil pork (Pad Kra Pao) was the clear favourite.

A special mention to Lottie D and Maizie C for their delicious Victoria sponge too.



Art:

Year 7 have been drawing crab claws this week in art, here are some amazing examples from 7A3!



Attendance

A total of 498 students from Years 7 to 10 achieved 100% attendance, demonstrating a strong commitment to their education. This accomplishment highlights the dedication of these students to maintaining perfect attendance throughout the school year.

Please see the following page for interesting data about how attendance at school can impact future career earnings.

Students with 100% attendance this week:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
121 students	120 students	149 students	107 students

Top Advisory Groups:

7Z	8C	9C and 9Z	10W
93%	94%	92%	91%

Attendance and Behaviour Recognition

Students who arrive to school on time, attend every single day and demonstrate our core value will be awarded an ice cream from the ice cream van who will be at school on Friday 18th July! Students must be in for the full 40 days to enjoy this treat before they head off for their summer break!

Full House Friday:

Each Friday, students who attend school are entered onto an Attendance Wheel! During Monday's Morning Meeting, the wheel spins and selects one student per year group as a winner. The winning students will receive a sweet treat and a Queue Jump Pass in recognition of their Friday (and Monday) attendance to school!





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WHY IT MATTERS



Persistent absence means students who miss more than 10% of school every year

-£750

For each additional day of absence between years 7 to 11, the typical pupil could miss out on average of £750 in future lifetime earnings

-£10,000

Persistently absent students in year 10 and 11 could earn £10,000 less on average at the age of 28, compared to students with near perfect attendance

This rises to almost £20k less on average at age 28 for those who are severely absent



For employability over a sustained period, people age 28 were around:



Less likely to be employed when persistently absent*



Less likely to be employed when severely absent*

***Compared to their peers with near perfect attendance!!!**

Family notices

Warm weather reminder:

Amidst the warmer weeks of the academic year, we kindly request students to uphold the uniform requirements as this emulates the standards of a professional setting. On warmer days, families will be notified if blazers can be left at home to accommodate.

Please prompt students to come to school with a refillable water bottle and sunscreen for these hotter days.



MyChildAtSchool and others:

In our remaining weeks of the school year, we kindly encourage you to continue to check MyChildAtSchool, ParentApps and ParentPay for important updates.

We have trips, activities, exhibitions and much more planned to celebrate our students and their journeys this year. We greatly appreciate your time to stay updated and keep us updated.

Free school meal vouchers over summer:

We are delighted to share that we will be receiving funding for free school meals over the summer holidays.

If your child does not currently have access to free school meals but believe they may be eligible, please contact us on info@dixonsbk.com.

Students in Year 11 who have been eligible for free school meals this year will also be included through the Free School Meals voucher scheme.

