



12th April 2024

## Message from the Head of School

It was lovely to welcome back our students following the Easter break, and Eid festivities. It now feels as though Spring is in the air, with the lighter nights and (slightly) warmer days.

For our Year 11 students, the focus now is on their GCSE examinations. Hopefully they have started their revision at home. We hope they are finding the study resources provided by the Academy useful. The Dixons Brooklands Academy website contains a revision link, which your child should find helpful as it also contains resources that will help them to revise: <https://www.dixonsrevision.com>

If you have any questions regarding the exams, please contact Mr Morgan, Year 11 Head of Year - [pmorgan@dixonsbk.com](mailto:pmorgan@dixonsbk.com) or Ms McVey, Assistant Principal: Assessment, Recording and Reporting - [dmcvey@dixonsbk.com](mailto:dmcvey@dixonsbk.com). If you require SEN support, please contact Ms Etheridge, Assistant Principal: SENCO / SEND Teaching and Learning - [petheridge@dixonsbk.com](mailto:petheridge@dixonsbk.com)

Following our letter home prior to the Easter break, we have noticed a large reduction in the number of students using their mobile phones around the Academy. This has always formed part of the Academy behaviour policy, and following further government guidance, use of mobile phones is not allowed in schools. We have also noted an improvement in school uniform compliance from students. I would like to thank you for your support.

## Celebrating Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who achieved the most credits for our value of 'Work Hard' this week:

**Year 7:** Mohammad A-K, Abigail B, Max C, Gracie J, Kai O, Molly P, Elise P, Milly P, Jeremi S, Joshua T

**Year 8:** Caisha C, Aya A-R, Harry C, Ruby C, Grace G, Georgia H, Lilly H, Tamsin N, Tye R, Ava-Lou V

**Year 9:** Kajetan G, Idris R, Yana G, Franciszek G, Alisia H, Alfie R, Charlie S, Artin A, Pryia A, Sana E

**Year 10:** Ryan F-M, Thomas B, Nevaeh C, Kyran James C, Summer D, Scarlett L, Katie P, Jacob W, Zach A, Aimee B

**Year 11:** Lucy A, Mishal A, Callum D, Ruby E, Lily F, Leah G, Leelan G, Cameron H, Tom M, AJ R, Jennifer S-K, Ryan Y



**Mrs K Gardner**  
Head of School



*Ms Boden with her Year 8 students.*

## Sport at Dixons Brooklands Academy

### Basketball: After School Club

Mattia T and Leba M were awarded our after-school club basketball players of the week this week; their hard work and dedication exemplify the qualities we strive to instil in all our student-athletes.

Keep up the fantastic work!



### Fitness Bootcamp

Miss Taylor will be running a Fitness Bootcamp for students after school on Thursdays. Activities will include a combination of circuits, pad work and other fitness tasks. If your child would like to participate in this extra curricular activity, they should speak to Miss Taylor in PE.

### Premier League Kicks national finals

During the Easter break, students from Year 11 took part in a Premier League Regional tournament representing Manchester United Foundation. Our team won the tournament and now moves on to the Premier League Kicks finals day which is being played at St Georges Park; what an amazing opportunity!! Congratulations to Khadim, Billy, Jake, Oscar and Luca on this amazing achievement - we look forward to them bringing the trophy home for the second time in three years!

Street Reds is the Manchester United Foundation community session which is delivered at school on Monday and Friday nights, providing diversionary activities for young people in the local area. It runs from 5.00-8.00pm for 42 weeks of the year and is free to the community.



### The Growth Company Summer Programme 2024

Manchester United Foundation and The Growth Company are now official partners. As a result of this partnership, there are many exciting opportunities available to students.

Between 1st August and 1st September, young people aged 16-18 are eligible to take part in a summer programme, earning up to £40 per week and gaining an employability qualification at the end of it.

Scan the QR code to sign up your child or get for more information.

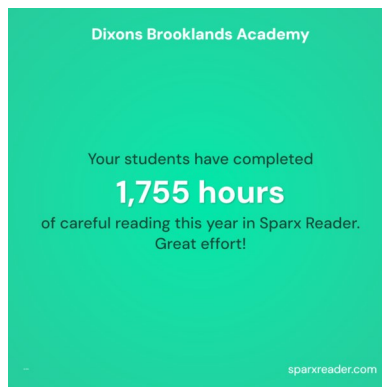


## English: Sparx Reader

Thank you for continuing to support us by ensuring your child completes their 30 minutes of Sparx Reader. A reminder that students access Sparx through their same log on as Sparx maths.

This week's top readers are :

- Imogen A, Year 7
- Mercy R, Year 7
- Faith D, Year 8



## Year 8 Parents' Evening: Thursday 25th April

The booking system for the Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 25th April will open on Tuesday 15th April, 3.30-6.00pm. A letter and reminder of instructions on how to book using our SchoolCloud system will be sent to Year 8 parents/carers on Monday. Please book early to ensure your preferred time slot is available.

## Brooklands Library

We are lucky enough to have Brooklands Public Library on our doorstep, so here is an overview of some of the amazing events and activities they have on offer:

### Weekly:

**Tiny Tots and Toddler Time:** On Mondays during term time only, 11.00am - 12.00pm, for families with a child under 5. Join in for stories, songs, rhymes and crafts.

**Drop-In for Basic ICT Support:** Wednesdays, 2.00-4.00pm

**Lego Club:** Saturdays, 10.00am - 12.30pm

### Monthly:

**Booky Brooky Brew Stop:** Visit on Friday 26th April and tea, coffee and biscuits are on offer to all customers.

**Reading Club:** Adult reading club meet on the last Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be Wednesday 24th April, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

Please note, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult to all library activities.

For more information, please see a member of the Library staff or email [brooklandslibrary@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:brooklandslibrary@manchester.gov.uk)

	Opening Hours	
Monday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
Tuesday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 8.00pm
Thursday	Closed	
Friday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
Saturday	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
Sunday	Closed	



## Community Volunteers

We are looking for members of our community who would like to volunteer to work with our students. If you can commit to 1 hour per week to provide 1:1 support with reading and you are keen to find out more, please contact Ms C Boden for further details: [cboden@dixonsbk.com](mailto:cboden@dixonsbk.com) We welcome interest from all members of the community, particularly men - dads, uncles, granddads!



## YEAR 11 EXAMS: week commencing 15th April

Date	Exam
Monday 15th April	Spanish Speaking Exam
Tuesday 16th April	Art
Wednesday 17th April	Art
Wednesday 17th April	Spanish Speaking Exam
Thursday 18th April	Art
Thursday 18th April	Spanish Speaking Exam
Friday 19th April	Spanish Speaking Exam

## Dates for your Diary: April/May 2024

Thursday 18th April	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
Thursday 25th April	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
Thursday 25th April	3.40-6.35pm: Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thursday 2nd May	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
Thursday 9th May	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
Thursday 16th May	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
Thursday 23rd May	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
Thursday 23rd May	3.40-6.35pm: Year 7 Parents' Evening
Friday 24th May	Students finish for half term. <i>Return Monday 3rd June.</i>