



14th June 2024

## Message from the Head of School

Over the past few weeks, we have seen significant improvements in our students' punctuality to lessons. This commitment to being on time is allowing us to maximise every minute of learning time, and the impact is truly remarkable.

Teachers are reporting a more productive learning environment with fewer interruptions during lessons. It has been a joy to walk around our calm corridors and witness the amazing learning experiences taking place. The dedication of our students and staff is creating an atmosphere where everyone can thrive.

Additionally, we have an exciting schedule of trips and visits planned for the next couple of weeks. These excursions are designed to expose our students to the world beyond the classroom, providing them with invaluable experiences that will support their growth and development in life.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering an environment where our students can excel. We look forward to sharing more positive updates with you in the future.

We wish the group of students on the Sports Tour to Amsterdam a safe and enjoyable trip. They depart early hours on Monday and will return to Manchester on Friday evening. We are sure they will have an amazing time with lots of exciting activities to take part in whilst they are there.

Year 11 students were invited to take part in the traditional shirt signing this afternoon as it is now time to say goodbye as the majority have now completed their GCSEs. It has been an emotional journey, filled with moments of joy and sadness as we watched them grow and achieve so much. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication.

We wish all our Year 11 students the best of luck in the future. Their achievements are a testament to their resilience and commitment, and we are confident they will continue to succeed in whatever paths they choose to pursue.

We are also excited to celebrate their accomplishments at the upcoming prom, which will be held on Thursday, June 27th, at The Elegance Banqueting Suite. It promises to be a memorable evening, and we look forward to seeing them there.



**Mrs K Gardner**  
Head of School



  
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YEAR 11**

## Celebrating Student Achievement

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

**Year 7:** Bukunmi Fm D'Jean L, Floriana D, George W, Imogen F, Lottie D, Mali X, Mohammed A-K, Nirav S, Osama O

**Year 8:** Daisy O, Daisy S-B, Grace B, Harry W, Isabelle M, Mehdi S, Noah R, Olivia K, Phoebe S, Riley C

**Year 9:** Alfie R, Amelia H, Anvi R, Dennis W, Dorsa S, Drew G, Evie B, Leo B, Pryia A, Sophie M

**Year 10:** Adem O, Charley W, Demi-Louise S-S, Harrison R, Isaac M, Jackson H, Kyle W, Leon R, Louie J, Maisie R



Congratulations also to the following students who were nominated as 'Subject Star of the Week' by their teacher:

Student Name	Subject
Joseph J, Yr 9	Maths
Maisy D, Yr 8	Science
Leon R, Yr 10	History
Janais H, Yr 9	Music
Amelia C, Yr 8	Design Technology
Lacie-Jay L-W, Yr 7	Art
Lola D, Yr 7	Food Technology
Nicola K, Yr 10	Child Care

Student Name	Subject
Tye R, Yr 8	English
Pryia A, Yr 9	Spanish
Joshua T, Yr 7	Geography
Finley H, Yr 7	Drama
Alkali R, Yr 10	Photography
Imogen F, Yr 7	PE
Jade P, Yr 10	Health and Social Care
Abel C-V, Yr 10	Computer Science/ICT

Each student will receive a certificate posted home.

## 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. Students have been informed that their Sparx Reader homework is now due on **Mondays**.



This week's top readers are :

- Imogen A, Yr 7
- Sheng Wei Z, Yr 7
- Hussain M, Yr 9

## Sparx Maths

Well done to this week's top students in Sparx Maths:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Kezia P	Georgia-M M	Stella G	Kyran James C	Ryan Y
2nd Place	Maysaa O	Aistis V	Christabel U	Bethany B	Ruby E
3rd Place	Krisbin A	Holly C	Dorsa S	Ayesha A	Luca C

## Celebrating Student Achievement

## DBKOC Party

Students in Year 7, 8 and 9 were treated to a disco party yesterday, 12th June, in recognition of being one of our Outstanding Citizens.

It was lovely to see so many students enjoying themselves, chatting, laughing and dancing with their peers. Everybody seemed to have a fantastic time.

Well done to all these students who were chosen to attend for their consistent display of our academy values.



## Postcards home

Ms Boden has been particularly busy writing postcards to her Year 8 students to congratulate them on their achievements this week...



## Good Food Show Live

A number of our Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students are attending the Good Food Show Live in Birmingham today. We look forward to hearing all about it and sharing some photos next week.



## Celebrating our Curriculum

### Food Technology

Some tasty food was produced in Food Tech this week by Year 8 students...

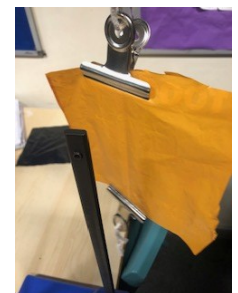
### Photography

Year 8 students were also working hard in Photography...



### Science

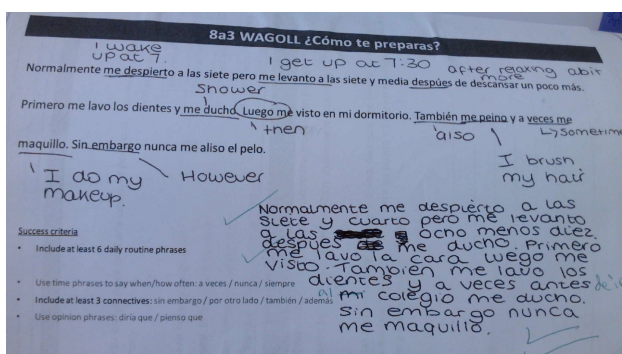
Year 8 have been learning all about polymers in science! We have been investigating which is stronger - food bag, bag for life or a bin bag. Ask your young person in Year 8 which was best. Can they tell you what a polymer is? Can they tell you which are the independent, dependent and control variables?



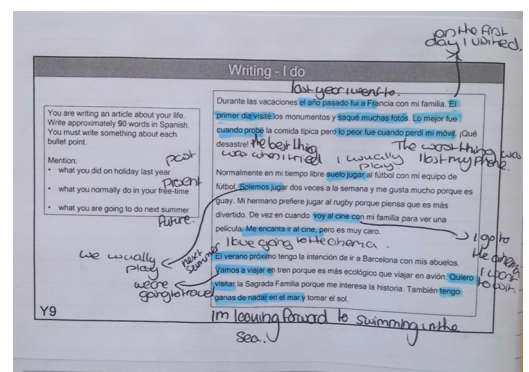
#stem #investigations #dixonsbrooklandscience

### Spanish

We love to celebrate and share with you examples of excellent Spanish work...



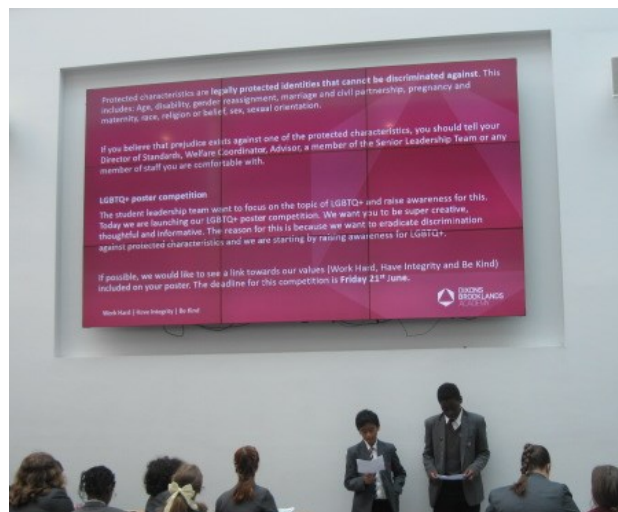
Amelia C in Year 8 produced an excellent written answer using the success criteria and WAGOLL for support.



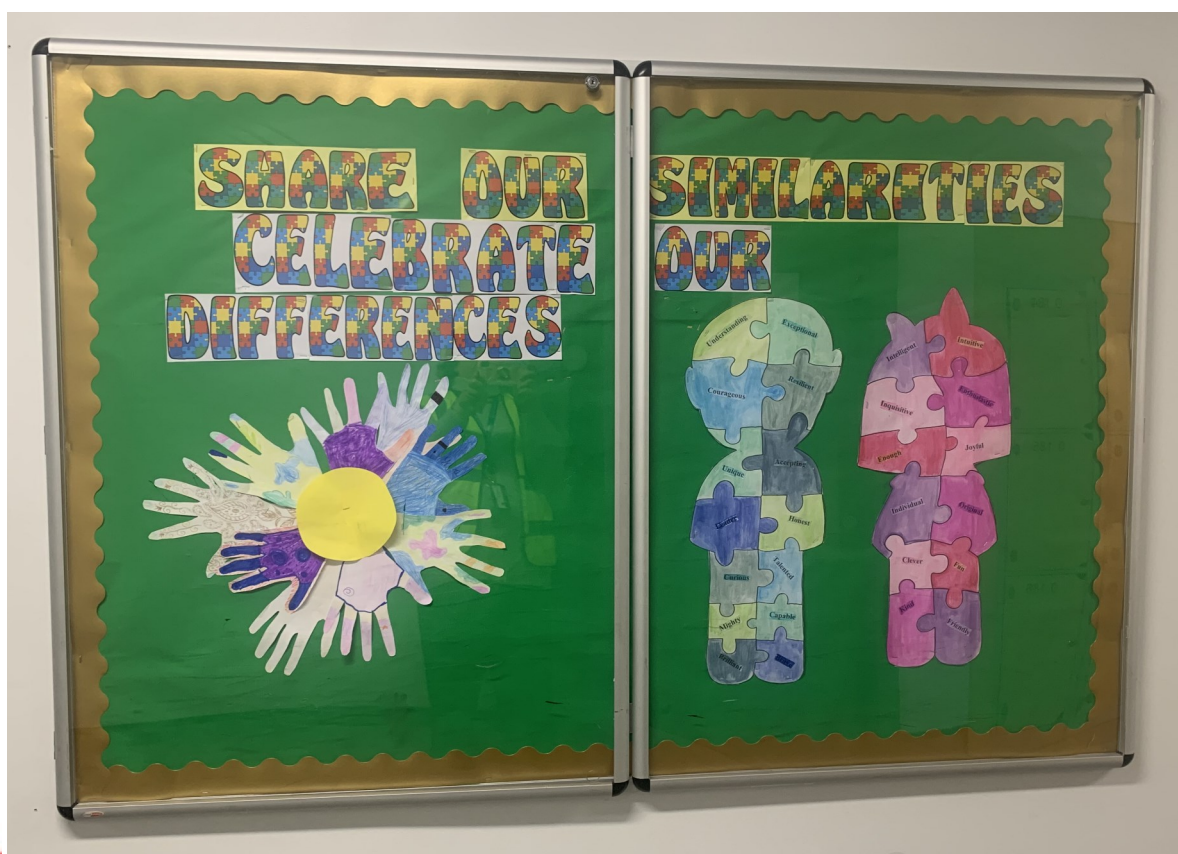
Heidi H in Year 9 took detailed notes during a revision lesson aimed at showing students how to produce a 90 word essay .

## Pride Month: June

Last week our amazing Year 7 student leadership team met to discuss how we can ensure protected characteristics are respected in school and what we could do to challenge this. This week Lexi S and Nirav S (Head Girl and Head Boy) along with Leba M (Student Prefect) were given the important job of launching a poster competition to their Year 7 peers. Nirav and Leba were incredibly brave and stood in front of their peers and Year group staff to remind us all about what protected characteristics are and the process of challenging any prejudice towards any of the protected characteristics. As a school we want to eradicate discrimination against protected characteristics and we are starting by raising awareness for LGBTQ+ hence the launch of the poster competition. The deadline for this competition is Friday 21st June.



The Year 8 Student Forum are planning two events to support and raise awareness of Pride Month: a video and a Pride Postcard Display. Students are being encouraged to write a Pride Postcard or writing a poem on this them. The Pride postcards are being designed by Year 8 students and will be used to create a Pride display, sharing contributed anecdotes/poems. We have suggested their contributions could include: attending an organised event, making new friends or developing an understanding of Pride.



## History visit: Year 10

As part of their History GCSE course, Year 10 students went on a visit to Quarry Bank Mill this week.

Quarry Bank Mill is a cotton mill in Styal, steeped in history. Students were able to learn about life working in a cotton mill, experience the machinery in action and felt the floor shake under their feet as the spinning and weaving took place. Set in some picturesque garden, it shows a juxtaposition of life experienced by owners and workers who lived side-by-side in times gone by.



The students found the visit very enjoyable and enjoyed learning about new and interesting things and were great ambassadors for the academy as they behaved respectfully to all throughout the trip.

## 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 28th June and tea, coffee and biscuits will be served to all customers.

**Reading Club:** Adult reading club meet on the last Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be Wednesday 26th June, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

### Special Events:

**Fathers Day crafts:** Saturday 15th June, 2.00-4.00pm. Families welcome to come along to this free event and make a lovely card for Dads.

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	



## Dixons Trust Collaboration Concert

We are very excited to be taking part in our first Dixons Trust Collaboration Concert on Wednesday 10th July at St George's Hall, Bradford.

A number of our music students will be performing in this concert and families are able to buy tickets to watch the event using the QR code below or the following link:

[Dixons City Academy event tickets from TicketSource.](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dixonsca)



## YEAR 11 EXAMS: week commencing 17th June

Date	Exam
Monday 17th June	Russian Writing Paper 4
Monday 17th June	Statistics
Tuesday 18th June	Polish Writing Paper 4 Portuguese Writing Paper 4 Persian Writing Paper 4
Wednesday 19th June	Further Maths
Thursday 20th June	The Hospitality and Catering Industry

## Dates for your Diary: June/July 2024

Monday 17th June	To Friday 21st June: DBK Sports Tour to Amsterdam
Thursday 27th June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 1st July	Year 11 GCSE Art Exhibition: 4.00-7.00pm
Tuesday 2nd July	Parent Focus Group: 4.00-5.00pm
Wednesday 10th July	Dixons Collaboration Concert, Bradford
Thursday 18th July	Students break for summer

*Students return Monday 2nd September*