



Message from the Head of School

Thank you to all the Year 11 parents who attended our GCSE Support Evening yesterday. It was good to see so many of you in attendance, and it was nice to chat with you afterwards.

I hope you and your children found the evening useful. There is now just 8 school weeks until the GCSE exams begin, so please ask your children to begin to use the revision guides and put some of the tips given last night into practice. In addition, the revision section of the Dixons Brooklands Academy website contains some really useful resources for students. As Miss Peek said last night, we have a lot of support for students in the Academy, therefore if you would like to speak to anyone about how to help your child in the run up to the exam season, please contact us.

Looking forward to next week, we are hosting a Year 7-10 parent/carer drop in session next Thursday, 4.00-5.30pm to discuss our Academy routines and to provide an opportunity for families to speak to us about any concerns. Please complete the form that has been sent to you via the parent app (PA Connect) to confirm your attendance. And don't forget our Year 11 parent/carer drop-ins take place each Thursday morning, 8.30-9.30am



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

Year 11 Exams

The **GCSE Art** exams begin week beginning 15th April. This is the actual GCSE and not a mock! Please ensure your child is preparing for their exam at home and/or after school on a Tuesday and Thursday. If you need more information, please don't hesitate to contact Ms Cashmore at school.

The **GCSE Spanish speaking** exams begin week beginning 15th April. As with other exams, attendance is compulsory. If your child is absent and you are unable to provide a doctor's note, unfortunately your child will score 0 out of 60. In order to prepare, students should make sure that they spend a lot of time revising their chosen theme. AQA awards marks very generously for the speaking exam and students are generally very successful when they are confident on their answers. Please encourage your child to attend Spanish revision after school on Mondays or Thursdays as there is a direct link between structured revision with a teacher and improved success in the GCSE.

Cyber Girls First

On Wednesday this week, 10 Year 8 and 9 girls attended the Cyber First Girls event at UA92. The purpose of the event was to inspire and empower girls to pursue careers in technology, a field that is currently underrepresented by woman. Students experienced workshops delivered by Greater Manchester Police, Microsoft, Avanade and Accenture and UA92. As well as completing workshops, the students also had the opportunity to network and ask questions to industry specialists about their careers. Students participated in a wide variety of activities including:

- Escaping a virtual Cyber Escape Room
- Planning and creating a AI Chatbot (Students came up with a concept of iHomework and Luxury Travel AI Chatbots, possibly the next invention of AI?)
- Students then pitched their ideas to the group and received some fantastic feedback
- Had an opportunity to code a robot and a drone (although one did crash into the roof, so maybe not drones just yet!)

Our students thoroughly enjoyed their day at Cyber First Girls and left feeling more positive about careers in technology. They were specifically inspired by Pat Ryan (who was recently awarded a CBE in the Kings Birthday Honours) who is the founder and director for Cyber First Girls, who spoke about the importance of women in technology roles and how the current generation of girls can be a part of the sector.

Mr Ali and Ms Geary who attended the event were very proud of how the girls represented our academy and displayed our three values throughout the day. We hope the girls are inspired to consider a career in Technology and bring a change to the ever evolving world of technology.

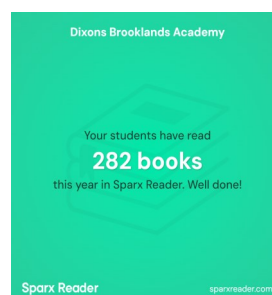


English: Sparx Reader

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 Year 7 students:

- Robert B
- Ceridwen D
- D'Jean L
- Jacob A



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 27th March, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

Special Events:

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 12th April: School holiday crafts.

Wednesday 3rd April: Free movie at 3.00pm with free popcorn and a drink!

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

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	

The library will be closed on the Easter bank holidays (29th March and 1st April.)



Dates for your Diary: March/April 2024

Monday 18th March	Year 11 Maths Workshop at Dixons Sixth Form, Bradford
Tuesday 19th March	Year 11 English Workshop at Dixons Sixth Form, Bradford
Wednesday 20th March	2.45pm: Year 8 Football Fixture at MCA (<i>tbc</i>)
Thursday 21st March	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
Thursday 21st March	4.00-5.30pm: Parent/Carer Drop In
Friday 22nd March	School closes for Easter holidays. <i>Students return Monday 8th April</i>
Monday 8th April	School reopens for new term
Thursday 11th April	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
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