



Message from the Head of School

This week has been a strange one, weather wise – we’ve gone through all the seasons in the last few days. It’s been good to end the week with a sunny day!

Monday saw Dixons Brooklands Academy welcome our new Executive Principal, Mr Hussain. Mr Hussain will initially be with us every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as he sees his current students through the external exam season and he will be joining me full-time from September. He has introduced himself to all students this week during their Morning Meetings.

Mr Hussain and I will be working together to ensure your children thrive as they learn at Dixons Brooklands Academy. From last week, I introduced a new student recognition programme, which highlights students in each year group demonstrating the Academy Values of Work Hard; Have Integrity; Be Kind. This week we have focussed on the Value: Be Kind, and a photo of some of our Year 7 students who have been recognised is included later in the newsletter. I’d like to congratulate all students who have received a certificate.

I thanked you last week for supporting our uniform and mobile phone policy. I’d like to thank you again this week, as we have again seen further improvements with students wearing the correct uniform and observing the mobile phone policy.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend and I look forward to seeing the students again on Monday.

Celebrating Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who achieved the most credits for our value of ‘Be Kind’ this week:

Year 7: Taylen L, Musdul C, Lucy B, John S, George W, Ewa K, Emily H, Bobby D, Amelia M, Mia S

Year 8: Angel B, Xavi H, Caelen H, Lilly H, Igor K, William R, Lucas W

Year 9: Yana G, Abdulrahman H, Alisia H, Jake L, Raghav P, Morgan P, Evie P

Year 10: Aimee B, Neve B, Ashton B, Chloe D, Corey G, Alyssa T, Toby T

Year 11: Lucy A, Mishal A, Luca C, Khadim D-D, Alanah K, Daniel M, Adam O, Blazej P, Darien V, Reece W



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School



*Ms Keelan with some of her
Year 7 achievers*

Extra-Curricular Activities: Fitness Bootcamp

Well done to the Year 7 and 8 students who attended our Bootcamp session after school yesterday; they worked incredibly hard and showed great determination to succeed. We look forward to welcoming even more students at next week's session. (Thursdays, 3.20-4.30 with Ms Taylor)

DBK Inter-Advisory Competition: Wednesday 24th April

Students are looking forward to an Inter-Advisory fun penalty shoot-out competition which will take place next Wednesday after school. Each advisory group will have 7 penalty takers and a goalkeeper. Winners will each receive an Amazon voucher.



We look forward to sharing the results with you in next week's newsletter.

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 :

- Robert B, Year 7
- Ceridwen D, Year 7
- Imogen A, Year 8

Year 8 Parents' Evening: Thursday 25th April

The booking system for the Year 8 Parents' Evening on Thursday 25th April is now open. Thank you to those who have already made your appointments. A letter and instructions on how to make your appointments using the SchoolCloud system have been emailed to you. If you need any assistance in using this system, please email info@dixonsbk.com with your child's name and our office staff will be happy to help.

Year 11 Parents/Carers Drop-In

The Thursday morning drop-in sessions for Year 11 parents and carers are continuing; thank you to those who have joined us so far. Year 11 parents and carers are invited to drop-in to school on Thursdays, 8.30 – 9.30am to discuss with staff anything you may have concerns about, need information about or anything else related to their Year 11 child. If you would like to ask a specific question, please email dmcvey@dixonsbk.com in advance so Ms McVey can have the answers ready.

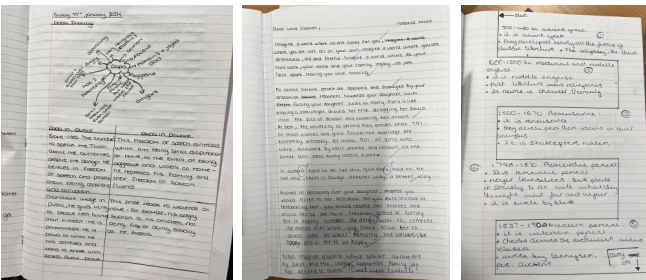
Celebrating our Curriculum

Food Technology

Some amazing food is being prepared in Food Technology at the moment; Hollie G's (Year 9) Sweet and Sour Chicken dish scored her 100% on her practical assessment this week.

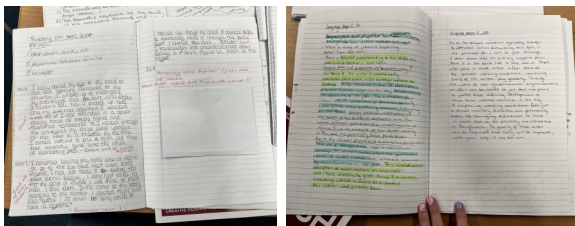


And these cinnamon rolls made by Kush K-S and Armani G (both Year 10) look mouth watering good, and received 89% or higher in their practical assessments.



English

We are also proud to show you some of the excellent work in English recently, here are examples from Finlay H, Year 7, Isabell Mills, Year 8, Lily J, Year 9, Ashton B, Year 10 and Camron W-B, Year 11.

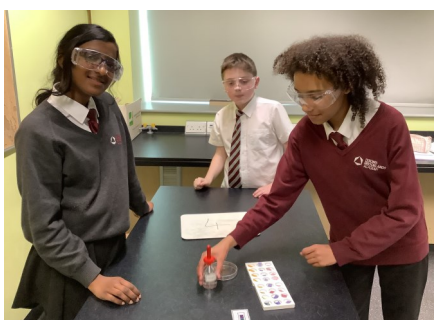


Art

We were so impressed with this beautiful artwork made by Lilly E in Year 8 we had to share it with you! Lilly's colouring in was done as part of her relaxation as opposed to an Art lesson; we look forward to seeing more artwork from her.



Science



Year 7 students are currently learning about acids and alkalis in science. Class 7ab/Sc3 have been testing household products, such as soapy water to find out if they are acidic, alkaline, or neutral. They have been doing this using indicators - Universal indicator, and litmus paper.

Pictured are: Kezia P, Caleb F and Savannah P-C.

Manchester Marathon: Manchester's Fastest Science Teacher!

Huge congratulations to our Science Teacher Callum Rowlinson who took part in the Manchester Marathon on Sunday (his first in 3 years) and crossed the line in an amazing 6th place with a time of 2 hours, 22 minutes. We are incredibly proud of his achievement, and although he is not planning any more marathons at this point whilst he prepares and looks forward to becoming a daddy for the first time, we are sure he will be pounding the streets soon, probably with mum and baby buggy in tow!



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 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 24th April, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

Special Events:

Tuesday 28th - Friday 31st May: School holiday crafts.

Wednesday 29th May: Free movie at 3.00pm with free popcorn and a drink!

Friday 31st May: Extra family story time and craft - 11.00am.

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	

Please note, the Library will be closed on the Bank Holidays - Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May.



YEAR 11 EXAMS: week commencing 22nd April

Date	Exam
Monday 22nd April	Photography
Monday 22nd April	3D Art
Tuesday 23rd April	Art
Wednesday 24th April	Art
Wednesday 24th April	3D Art
Thursday 25th April	Photography
Friday 26th April	Graphics

Dates for your Diary: April/May 2024

Thursday 25th April	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
Thursday 25th April	1.30pm: Year 7 & 8 Dixons Cup Girls Football Match, Dixons City Academy, Bradford
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>