



Message from the Head of School

Thank you to families and students who attended our Year 8 Parents' Evening this week. It was wonderful that so many families engaged with staff and I hope you had valuable conversations with your child's teachers. If you need to speak with us following on from your conversations yesterday evening, please contact Ms Boden, Year 8 Director of Standards cboden@dixonsbk.com who will be happy to support you.



Mrs K Gardner
Head of School

Wednesday saw our first Inter-Advisory Penalty Shootout, which you can read more about later in the newsletter. It was good to see the students participating in such a fun event – thank you to all who participated and supported.

I had the pleasure of meeting with one of our amazing Year 8 students this morning. Abigail wrote an extremely eloquent letter to me regarding the use of paper in the building, and suggesting changes that could be made, and it was interesting for me to hear her thoughts on the subject. We have such thoughtful and engaged students at the Academy, who care about wider issues and it is always inspiring to have these conversations with our students.

Our Year 11 students are entering the final hurdle of their mainstream academic careers, and we have had a number of creative GCSE examinations taking place this week. The revision for their final subject examinations should be well underway as these are due to begin in the coming weeks. If your child is struggling with any aspect of their preparation for their final exams, please contact Mr Morgan, Year 11 Director of Standards, who will be able to discuss this with you: pmorgan@dixonsbk.com

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend – hopefully the sun will stay shining!

Celebrating Student Achievement

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

Year 7: Bukunmi F, Ceridwen D, Chloe D, D'Jean L, George W, Imogen F, Isaac B, Lottie D, Mattia T, Musdul C, Nirav S, Robert B, Rohan B

Year 8: Maddison B, Catrine P, Zak D, Samantha D, Emily C, Angel B, Caelan H

Year 9: Amara A, Bobby B, Demi-Lea B, Harry M, Noah M, Morgan P, Evie P, Taio R, Mohammed A-A, Kian A

Year 10: Max Frankie B, Liv H-S, Frankie H, Nicola K, Yusuf M, Maise R, Hamdah S, Skye W, Abdulla A-R, Ameen A

Year 11: Amelia C, Ellie D, Casey K, Angelo S, Victoria S-K, Eleanor T, Ryan Y

Photography Competition

We have launched an exciting competition at the academy; we are inviting all students if they think they have what it takes to be a professional photography or social media star. Students are asked to take a photograph in the category of one of the following subjects to be in with a chance of winning an amazing prize.

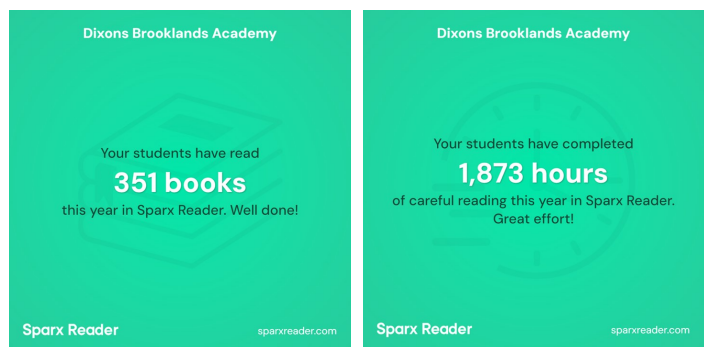


- Nature
- Manchester old and new
- Cultures

Photographs should be emailed to info@dixonsbk.com with their full name and Year group by Monday 20th May. Good luck!

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 : • Robert B, Year 7 • Imogen F, Year 7 • Nirav S, Year 7

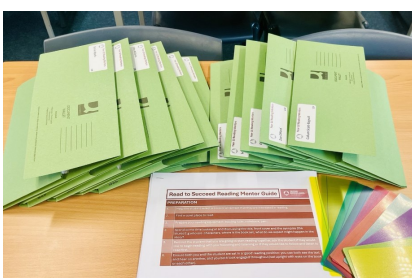
Year 10 Reading Mentors

We are delighted to have a team of students training to be Reading Mentors. The Year 10s have started their training as Reading Mentors before they are paired with Year 7 students to support reading.

The Reading Mentors have been learning about why reading fluency is linked to academic success, happiness and mental wellbeing. They've also been deliberately practising practical strategies to use with their paired student and how to check for understanding.



Some of our Year 10 Reading Mentors



We are excited about the launch of the Reading Mentor initiative and are looking forward to sharing our next steps with you.

Celebrating our Curriculum

Spanish

- We have had a number of examples of excellent work produced in the MFL department recently; Hassan S in Year 7 worked independently in Spanish on a challenging comprehension task.
- Maja K, Year 8, always completes her work to a great standard!
- Pryia A in Year 9 wrote an extremely detailed piece of work about her family and included a range of new structures from a listening task that we did.
- Katie P in Year 9 gave an outstanding answer to the question: 'Would you like to go to a music festival?'
- Cassie M, Year 11, carefully followed Miss Marsh's guidance and model to complete an excellent 90-word answer - keep up the good work; it will make a big difference in your writing exam!

Science

Well done to Year 11 students Jasper P, Rebekah W, Ellie G, Laura O, Darien V and Leah G who produced fantastic results in the required practical for Biology.



Creative Writing Competition

Students have been given an amazing opportunity to get a spooky, scary story in print! All students are invited to use their imagination to create and submit stories to a Ghost Story Writing Competition.

Winners win a prize and could see their story published in a book.

For more information, students can see Ms Boden or Ms Moran in English. Entries need to be submitted by 4.00pm on Monday 27th May.



Penalty Shoot-Out

Our first Inter-Advisory Penalty Shoot-Out Competition was a great success on Wednesday afternoon.

Students volunteered to represent their Advisory Groups as either 'penalty shooters' or as goalie and all involved had a blast!

The sun shone on the 4G pitch as teams battled against each other, each one desperate to be victorious!

Thank you to the team of staff who made this fun event happen, and to all students - supporters and participators - for demonstrating our 3 DBK values: Work Hard, Have Integrity and Be Kind!



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 31st May 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 29th May, 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.



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 We welcome interest from all members of the community, particularly men - dads, uncles, granddads!



YEAR 11 EXAMS: week commencing 29th April

Date	Exam
Monday 29th April	Photography
Monday 29th April	Graphics
Tuesday 30th April	Photography
Wednesday 1st May	Photography
Wednesday 1st May	Community Languages
Thursday 2nd May	Graphics
Thursday 2nd May	3D Art
Thursday 2nd May	BTEC IT
Friday 3rd May	Dance

Dates for your Diary: April/May 2024

Thursday 2nd May	8.30-9.30am: Year 11 Parent/Carer Drop In
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
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>