



## Message from the Head of School

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting week for our school, and I wanted to take a moment to share some of the wonderful highlights with you.

We were immensely proud to have some of our students serve as flag bearers at the recent Manchester United match. They represented the school impeccably, showing maturity, responsibility, and enthusiasm - a true reflection of our school community.

Additionally, last night, we hosted our Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students and their families. It was fantastic to see so many wonderful families visiting our departments and getting a taste of what life at our school is like. The evening was filled with fun and engaging activities, all designed to showcase just how special our school really is.

A particular highlight was hearing from our exceptional Year 7 and Year 11 student leaders, who spoke confidently in front of a packed atrium of parents and students. I couldn't have been prouder as they shared their personal experiences, from the growth they've experienced throughout their time at school to the excitement and joy our new Year 7s are feeling as they begin their journey with us.

It has been a week filled with school spirit, and I am grateful to be part of such a dynamic and supportive community.

Thank you for your continued support.



**Mrs K Gardner**  
Head of School

## Celebrating Student Achievements

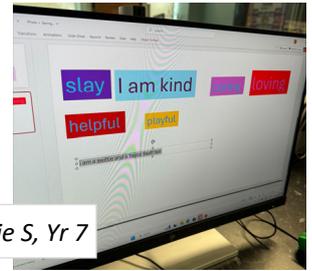
### Sparx Maths

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1st Place	Taylan J	Maisie-Grace J	Zuhad C	Sophie M	Thang N
2nd Place	Laila S	Lola Rose H	Scarlett M-H	Saskia B	Skye W
3rd Place	Ruqia H-A	Mariam J	Alyssa J	Colette M	Harley J-R

# Celebrating our Curriculum

## Photography

Natalie S, Year 7 showed excellent focus and creativity in Photography this week.



Natalie S, Yr 7



Joseph J, Yr 10

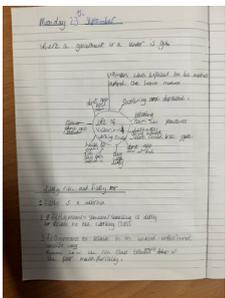


Joseph J, Yr 10

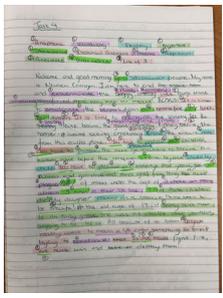
Joseph J, and Martha M, Year 10 produced outstanding first projects, working at a Grade 8 and Grade 7 respectively.

## English

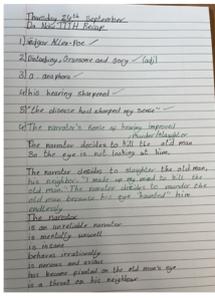
The English Department want to congratulate Ahana S (Yr 7), Brooke L (Yr 8), Lewis L (Yr 8), Layan A (Yr 9) and Nevaeh C (Yr 11) on their hard work in lessons this week! We have been studying lots of exciting things, Year 7 are reading a range of Greek myths experiencing thrilling tales of courageous heroes. In Year 8, we have been exploring 19<sup>th</sup> century poetry and letting our imaginations loose with our descriptive writing and Year 9 have been getting into the spooky season with a Gothic Genre module! Year 10 have made a successful start to the year with their study of J.B Priestley's An Inspector Calls and Year 11 have been producing some excellent persuasive speeches that have us well on the way to believing the next PM may well be walking our very halls! We can't wait to see more Excellent English Examples soon!



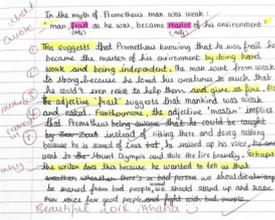
Lewis L, Yr 8



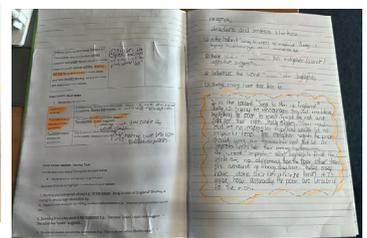
Nevaeh C, Yr 11



Layan A, Yr 9



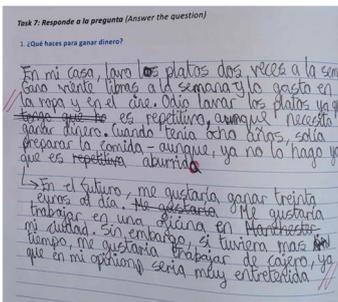
Ahana S, Yr 7



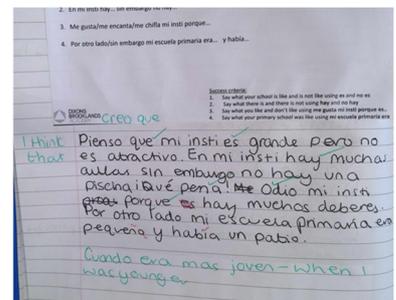
Brook L, Yr 8

## Spanish

Demi B in Year 10 has made a great start to the academic year in Spanish and this is really evident in the amazing written piece...



Evie D in Year 11 has really impressed Ms Marsh with this written piece that sophisticatedly includes past, present and future tenses. Well done Evie!



## Sport at DBK

### Cross Country

Last Friday, 20 students from Year 7-9 took part in the first of the Manchester School Cross Country League at the new venue at Wythenshawe Sports Ground.

The students completed the 1.3 mile course around the fields against students from many different schools across the borough.

Each year group competed the course in different year groups, with all students working hard and showing resilience to complete the tough course.

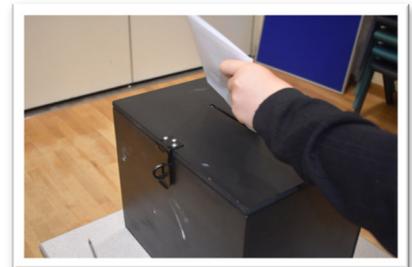
All 4 teams performed well, with the most notable performances being from Year 7 Sammy S, Olivia K, Imogen F and Charlie D.



### Student Leadership Ballot

Students had recently applied to become part of the Student Leadership team by campaigning and outlining to their peers why they should be elected. The campaigns came to a head this week as students cast their votes for the Student Leaders.

We look forward to announcing the successful candidates next week!



## 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, 2.00-3.00pm

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

### Monthly:

**Booky Brooky Brew Stop:** Visit on Friday 27th September and/or 25th October 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 25th September, 6.30-7.30pm. New members always welcome, light refreshments included.

### Special Events:

World Alzheimer's Day: Saturday 21st September, 2.00-4.00pm. Join in with some forget-me-not flower crafting.

School holiday crafts available during opening hours Monday 21st to Friday 25th October.

Free movie on Wednesday 23rd October, 3.00pm. Free popcorn and drink too!

Spectacular Wise Owl Show\*: Saturday 26th October, 2.30-4.00pm. Come and see these magnificent birds fly around the library! **\*Booking required.**

Black History Month: Monday 28th October, 11.00am, join Ruth and Stella for a fabulous telling of Handa's Surprise with lovely puppets for this Black History themed Story Time.

**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

<b>Monday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 8.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am - 1.00pm	2.00 - 5.00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Closed</b>	

**Email:** [brooklandslibrary@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:brooklandslibrary@manchester.gov.uk)

**Website:** [www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.manchester.gov.uk/libraries)



## Local Offer Drop-In: Tuesday 1st October, 4.30-7.30pm

Join us for refreshments and freebies from a number of representatives bringing their stalls to our 'Market Hall' on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**.

There will be representatives from a number of establishments including:

- Early Help
  - Disability Advisors
  - Manchester City Council SEND
  - Information for local job opportunities Hubs
- plus many more.

We look forward to seeing you there.



## Timetable Information

Monday 30th September: Week 2

Monday 7 October: Week 1

## Dates for your Diary: September/October 2024

<b>Saturday 28 - Sunday 29 September</b>	Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition
<b>Monday 30 September</b>	8.10-9.10am: Parent Forum - Keeping children safe online
<b>Tuesday 1 October</b>	4.30-7.30pm: Local Offer Drop-In
<b>Thursday 3 October</b>	Year 11 GCSE Geography fieldtrip
<b>Friday 4 October</b>	Year 11 GCSE Geography fieldtrip
<b>Wednesday 9 October</b>	KS3 Girls Football fixture
<b>Thursday 10 October</b>	KS4 Girls Football fixture
<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	Parent Information Meeting for Ski Trip January 2025
<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	3.30-6.00pm: Year 11 Exam Evening and Futures Event
<b>Friday 18 October</b>	2.20pm: Students finish for half term break
<b>Monday 4th November</b>	8.15am: Students return for half term 2



# MENU

**Week Commencing 30 September 2024**

<b>Monday</b>	Chicken burger with fresh salad and homemade potato wedges	Homemade cheese and onion slices	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pasta Bolognese with garlic bread	Vegetable spring rolls with sweet chili noodles	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Wednesday</b>	Chicken Tikka Masala with rice and garlic naan bread	Vegetable enchiladas	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Thursday</b>	Beef chilli-con-carne with rice and garlic bread	Cheese and spring onion potato skins with fresh salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans
<b>Friday</b>	Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and fresh salad	Cheese and tomato French bread with fresh salad	Panini selection: cheese, ham, pepperoni or cheese & beans

Every day the salad bar plus a variety of sandwiches and baguettes are available, as well as a choice of cold or hot desserts.

*We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergen. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also cannot guarantee an allergen-free environment where some of our ingredients from suppliers or products may have been produced in an environment with other allergens.  
Please double-check with a member of staff.*