



**DIXONS
BROOKLANDS
ACADEMY**

A message from our principal



**Mrs K Gardner
Principal**

Welcome back! We are thrilled to share how wonderfully our students have made the transition back to school. It has been heartening to see their enthusiasm and commitment to their studies.

A special shout-out goes to our Year 11 students, who have been particularly impressive. Many of them dedicated their time during the holidays to attend mock revision sessions with our dedicated teachers. Their hard work and perseverance have set a positive tone as we approach the start of the mock exams next week. These upcoming exams represent a pivotal moment for our Year 11 students, and we assure you that we are here to provide all the support they need to succeed. We encourage you to motivate them at home and remind them of the importance of this time in their academic journey.

We couldn't be prouder of how conscientious and committed our Year 11 students have been. Their efforts are truly commendable, and we believe that with continued hard work and perseverance, they will achieve great results.

I appreciate your support, and let's continue to work together to help our students reach their potential.

NEWSLETTER

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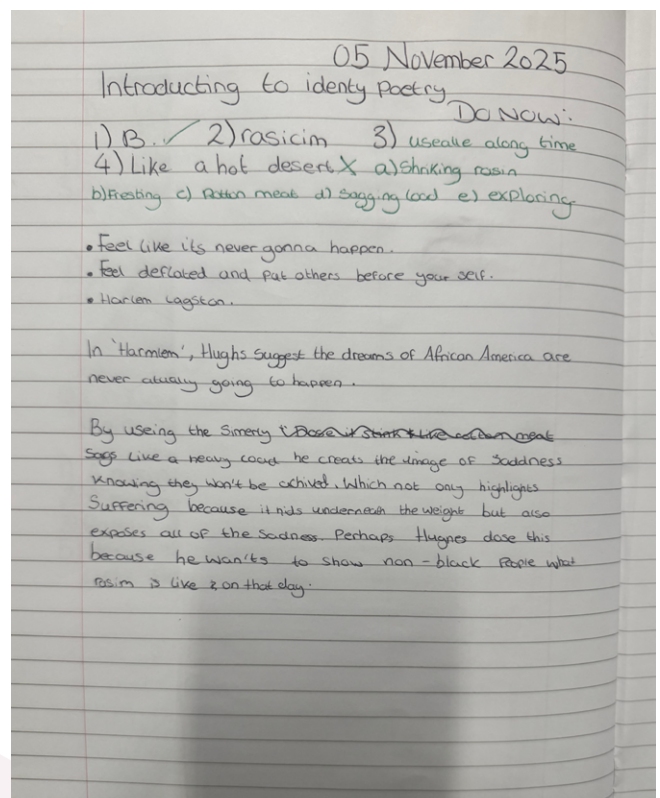
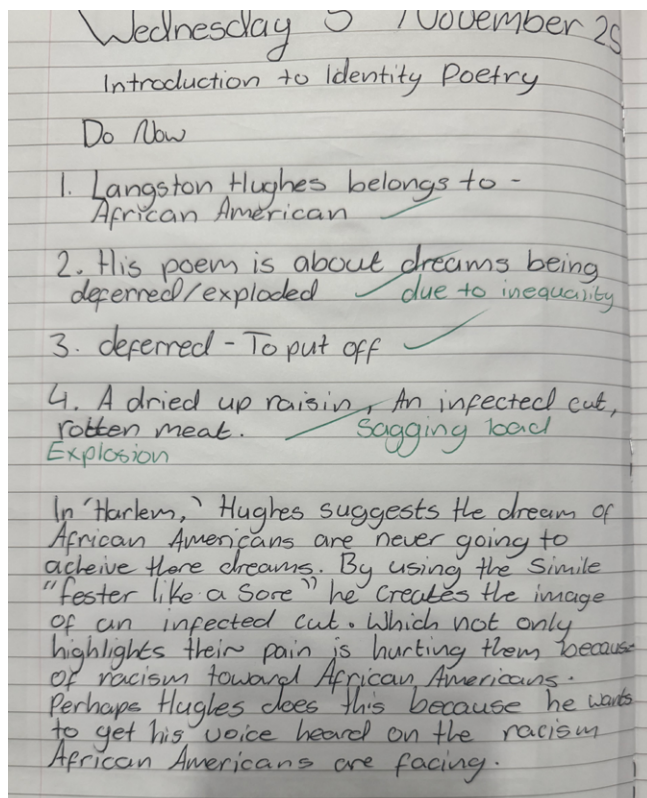
Issue #7



Celebrating our curriculum with their creations

Power of poetry

After exploring the eerie world of Gothic literature, Year 9 have turned their attention to poetry that explores identity and community. Miss Moran's class have delved into the Harlem Riots and the Civil Rights Movement, using this powerful historical context to analyse how dreams and aspirations shape the experiences of marginalised groups. Their insightful interpretations and growing understanding have been truly impressive.



Clubs spotlight: music club

Looking to add some rhythm to your Monday? Join the lunchtime music club and jam with fellow students, try new instruments, or just enjoy the vibe. No experience needed.

Come along this Monday and make some noise!



Celebrating our students through their perseverance

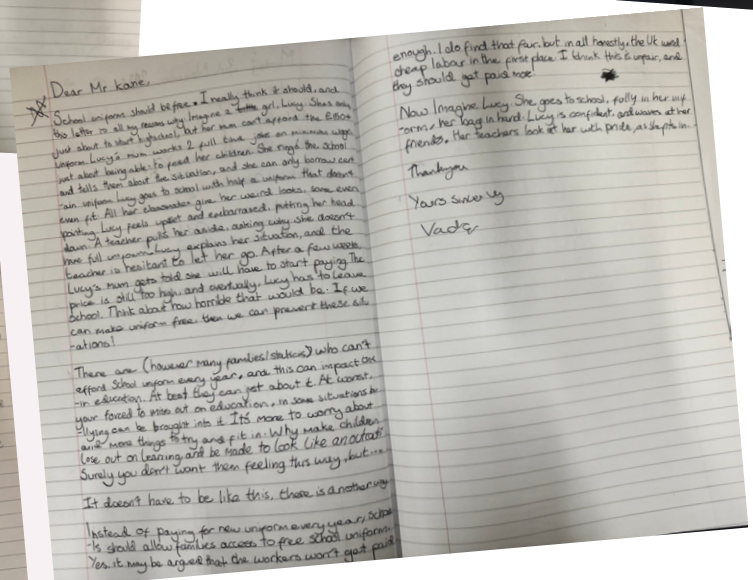
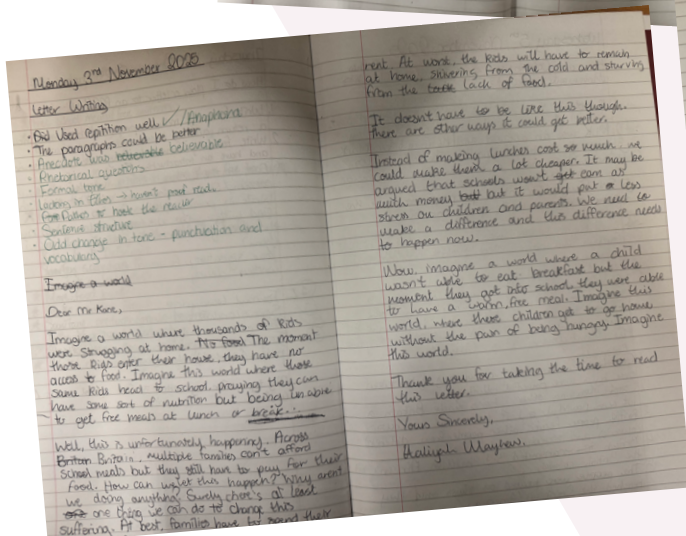
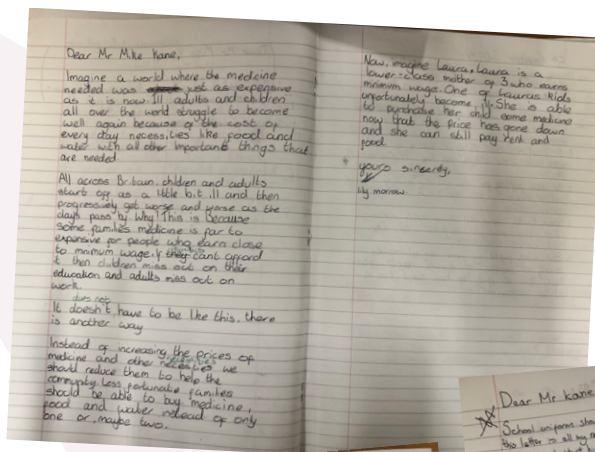
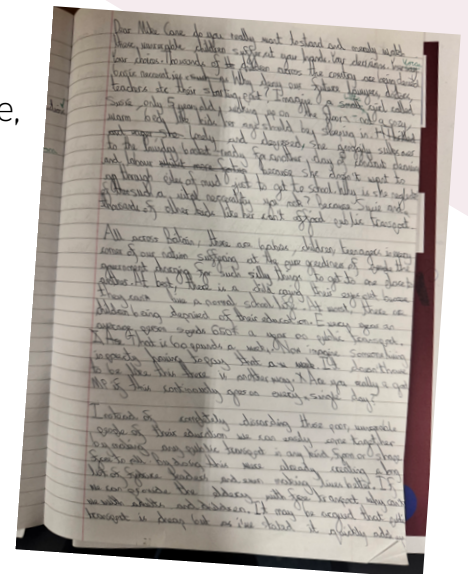


Exploring identity through music: analysing Dave's Black

Students took a creative approach to studying poetry by examining the song Black by British artist Dave. Treating the song as a poem, they listened closely to the lyrics and discussed how language and rhythm express ideas about identity and experience. Through detailed analysis, students explored the power of music to convey personal and cultural identity in meaningful and thought-provoking ways.

Powerhouse persuaders

Year 8 have been putting their persuasive skills into action, writing powerful letters to local MP Mike Kane. Their confidence, passion and clarity have been inspiring, proof that the next generation of leaders is already finding its voice!



Extra-curricular activities

to enrich our students' experiences

Timetable

We now have over 25 amazing clubs up and running at Dixons Brooklands Academy! Every student is expected to attend at least one club per week, and with such a wide range of clubs on offer, there is something for everyone! Get involved and reap the benefits of being involved in clubs!

	Lunch	After school
Monday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) - Music club (T8) (Week A)	- Achieve club (T9) - Football (Girls) - Rowing - Singing rehearsals (T8) - Duke of Edinburgh (P18)
Tuesday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) - Music club (T8) (Week B) - Cooking club (Week A) (T7) - Steel Pans (T8)	- Netball - Rugby - GCSE Art Club (S8/P16/S13) - Sustainability club (P12) - Poetry revision (P3) - Homework club (P13)
Wednesday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) - KS3 Spanish film club (T4)	- Football (Boys) - Sparx homework support (P22) - Guitar club (T8) - Show acting - Maths games and puzzles (T4) - Creative writing (P1)
Thursday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14) - KS3 GCSE Spanish exams skills	- BTEC Sport - Basketball - Keyboard club (T8) - Media Cubs (Year 7 only) (S1)
Friday	- Football - Basketball - Thrive and Dine (by invite) (T9 and T14)	- Cross Country - Dance - Foundation science revision Year 11 (P13) - Singing club (T8)

There is also a free breakfast club every morning before school from 7.30am, this is open to all students.

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Netball stars shine in a week of fantastic matches!

Our Year 7 / 8, Year 9 and 10 netball teams were back in action this week, taking part in five thrilling matches against Chorlton High South, Whalley Range, and William Hulme.

Every player showed fantastic improvement, growing in confidence and teamwork with each game. It's great to see the girls' hard work paying off as their team spirit and performance levels continue to shine!



English subject stars

Students who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, integrity, and perseverance in their pursuit of powerful knowledge. Their consistent hard work and commitment to learning have not only elevated their own understanding but also inspired those around them.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
• Kyson B • Cassie W • Melissa D • Kai W • Sapphire M	• Charlie H • Taylan J • Oliver P	• Heidi H • Emily G • Olivia T • Jess M • Savannah P	• Daisy O • Thea A • Clementine W • Catrine P • Lexi H • Chloe B	• Morgan P • Annie S • Olivia F • Ruby C • Tes L • Niamh B

English independent thinkers

Students who are developing into resilient, inquisitive young people. These learners ask bold questions, explore ideas beyond the classroom, and embrace challenges with a growth mindset.

Key stage 3	Key stage 4
• Jordan G • Lewis H • Jessica B • Leo W • Wojciech G • Raghad S	• Brooke S • Camron H • Jake S • Freya A • Natalia H • William D



Attendance

Our **academy target** is for all students to achieve between 97 - 100% attendance. All students are **expected to arrive by 8.15am**, any student arriving after this time are late. Students arriving after the register has closed at 8.45am will receive an unauthorised absence (u code) which will impact on their attendance.

We can and will provide support to remove any barriers to attending school on time every day. Please contact the Attendance team should you wish to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's punctuality and / or attendance: attendance@dixonsbk.com

Students who have achieved 100% this week

619 students achieved 100% attendance this week, on Monday they will be in with a chance to win a queue jump pass for use in the canteen!

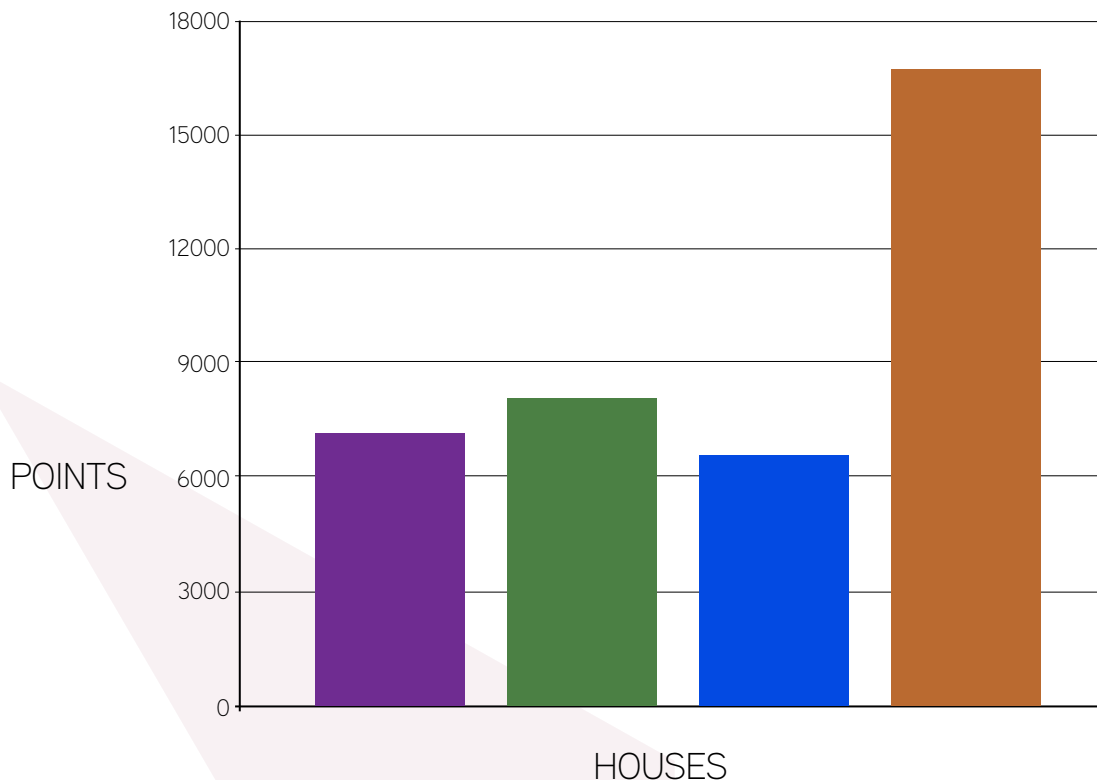
Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
111 students	137 students	106 students	150 students	115 students

Top advisory groups

7Y	8A	9W	10C	11X
93.8%	98.6%	94.3%	93.8%	95.5%

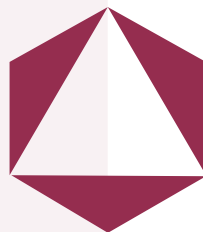
House points leaderboard

House Rigour continue to lead the house points, houses Valour, Spirit, and Aspiration are on their tail! Well done to everyone who has contributed credits to their house score. More house events will be announced soon!



VALOUR

RIGOUR



ASPIRATION

SPIRIT

Well done everyone, keep pushing!



WYTHENSHAWE PARENT POWER



Attend our monthly sessions that provide training for parents to develop into higher education experts and help create local change.



Meet other
parents



Ask questions and
have conversations



Further your skills



**Sessions are held monthly at
Dixons Brooklands Academy**



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Next week

Menu week commencing 10/11/2025

	Main meal	Vegetarian meal
Monday	Beef bolognaise with pasta and garlic bread	Vegetable spring rolls with noodles and sweet chilli sauce
Tuesday	Cajun chicken drumstick with spicy noodles	Cheese and tomato turnovers with side salad
Wednesday	Chicken katsu curry with rice and naan bread	Homemade bean burgers with side salad
Thursday	Staff data and planning days Students not in attendance	
Friday		

Each day there is also a panini selection with fillings of cheese, ham, pepperoni, and cheese & beans. Alongside this are a variety of sandwiches and baguettes, a salad bar and a choice of dessert.

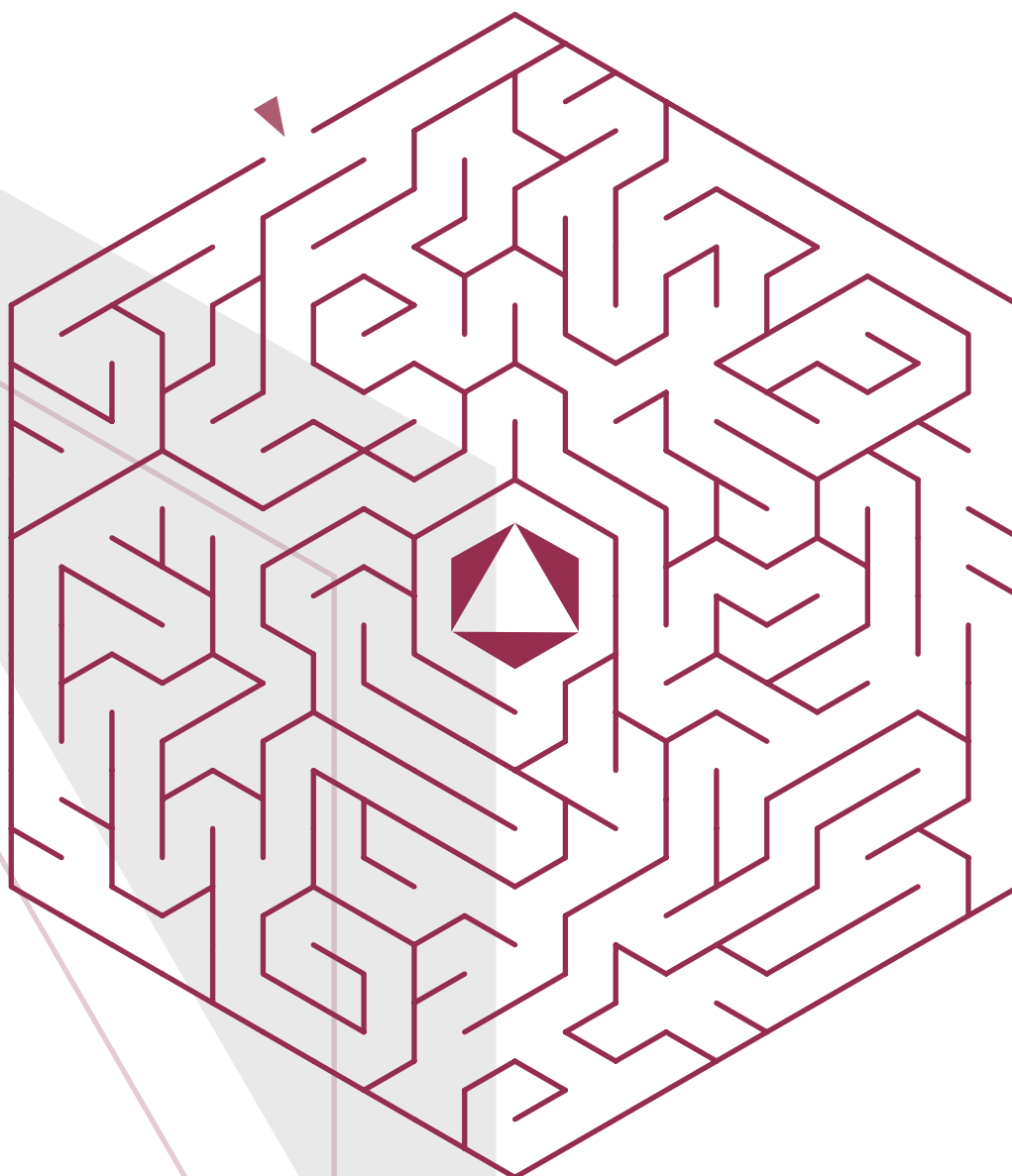
We follow best practices in safe food handling to prevent cross-contamination. However, we cannot guarantee our products are 100% free of any specific allergens. Allergens are listed on the front counter, which refer to the ingredients we use. We also are unable to guarantee an allergen-free environment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

Upcoming dates for your diary

	Year group	Description
4 - 27 Nov	Year 11	Year 11 mock exams
10 - 21 Nov	Years 7- 10	Cycle 1 mock exams
13 & 14 Nov	All	Students not in attendance
Tuesday 2 Dec	Year 8	Parents' evening; 4pm - 6.30pm
9 and 10 Dec	All	Robin Hood Rides to Wythenshawe Christmas Panto
Friday 19 Dec	All	Last day of term

Brain teaser

Can you find your way to our academy logo?



Last issue's solution:

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23	21	26	8	13	13	15	13	24	21

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