



**DIXONS
NEWALL GREEN**
ACADEMY

A message from our principal



Mrs J Whitworth
Principal

It has been an absolute joy welcoming our students into our wonderful new school building. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and positive spirit have brought the space to life, creating an inspiring start to the year.

This term promises to be filled with exciting opportunities designed to enrich learning and support every student's growth. From adaptive classroom learning to engaging whole-school events, we're committed to ensuring each child feels supported, challenged, and appreciated.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership—we're truly delighted to share this new chapter with you

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Celebrating our students

through imagination and energy

Drama

Our KS3 Drama stars have been lighting up the stage with creativity and energy! They've dived headfirst into the world of drama, exploring everything from the silent comedy of Charlie Chaplin through mime, to the art of storytelling and narration. Students have mastered the power of tableaux, experimented with thought-tracking, and even devised their very own performances from scratch. The buzz in the room has been electric, and it's been incredible to see their confidence, imagination, and teamwork shine. Drama isn't just a subject—it's where our students bring stories to life, one brilliant performance at a time!



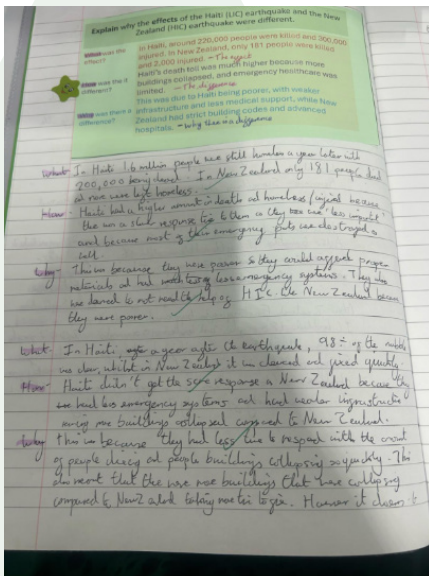
Our Costume, Make-up, and SFX wizards have been busy turning imagination into reality! Students have been designing and crafting their own costumes—sometimes entirely out of newspaper! Bringing their creative visions to life. They've explored the magic of face paint, transforming ordinary faces into bold, colourful characters, and have even learned the secrets of SFX to create realistic cuts, bruises, and dramatic effects. It's been messy, magical, and absolutely brilliant, and the students have loved every moment of experimenting, creating, and seeing their ideas leap off the page and onto the stage!



Celebrating our curriculum with knowledge

Geography

This term, Year 7 students have been focusing on developing their mastery of essential geographical skills. They began by exploring “Where do I live?” to build a sense of place and understand how geography connects to their everyday lives. Students have learned to use longitude and latitude to locate places accurately and have explored the continents, oceans, countries, and the role of Europe and the EU in the wider world. They have also developed key map skills, including using 4-figure and 6-figure grid references and understanding distance and scale. These activities help students read and interpret maps confidently—an important foundation for all future geographical study.



In Year 8, students have been exploring the fascinating topic of volcanoes and natural hazards. This unit helps them understand how powerful natural processes shape our planet and affect people's lives. Students have studied hazard risk and the plate tectonic theory, which explains why earthquakes and volcanoes occur where they do. Through case studies of Mount Vesuvius, Haiti, and New Zealand, they have compared how different countries prepare for and respond to volcanic events. Students have also learned about types of volcanoes, their impacts, and the importance of emergency planning. These lessons encourage them to think critically about how human and physical geography are interconnected. The unit concludes with extended writing and revision activities to consolidate their understanding and improve their analytical skills.

Year 9 students have been studying urbanisation, a key theme in understanding how our world is changing. They began by examining urban trends and the causes of city growth, including migration and natural increase. Using Lagos as a detailed case study, students explored the challenges faced by rapidly growing cities—such as overcrowding, housing shortages, and access to basic services—as well as the opportunities urban areas can provide. They also looked at urban planning and how sustainable solutions can improve life in cities. Through extended writing, feedback, and revision, students are developing the ability to explain complex issues, evaluate different perspectives, and think about how geography shapes the modern world.

Celebrating our students

through their perseverance

Year 9 Boys Football Dixons Cup Competition

On 25 September, our Year 9 boys football team travelled to Dixons Allerton Academy in Bradford to compete in the Year 9 boys football Dixons Cup Competition. The students were successful in all matches, meaning they are currently Year 9 Dixons cup football champions!



Year 8 & 9 Girls Football Team Dixons Cup Success



On 30 September our Year 8 & 9 girls football team travelled to Bradford to compete in the Year 10 girls football Dixons Cup. We are so proud to announce that they were crowned champions, winning all 10 games!

Year 8 Dixons Cup Double Champions

On 2 October our Year 8 football team travelled to Dixons Allerton to compete in the Year 8 football Dixons Cup.

We are incredibly proud of the team, being crowned champions for the second year running!

Here are the results from the tournament:

Dixons McMillan - Dixons Newall Green won 2-0
Dixons Trinity - Dixons Newall Green draw 0-0
Dixons Cottingley - Dixons Newall Green won 2-0
Dixons City - Dixons Newall Green won 2-0
Dixons Unity - Dixons Newall Green won 1-0
Dixons Allerton - Dixons Newall Green won 4-0

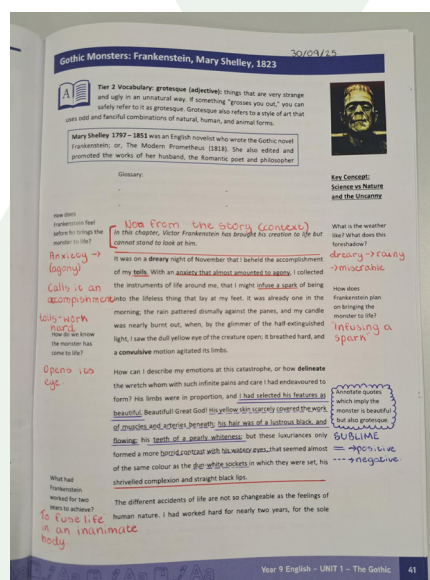
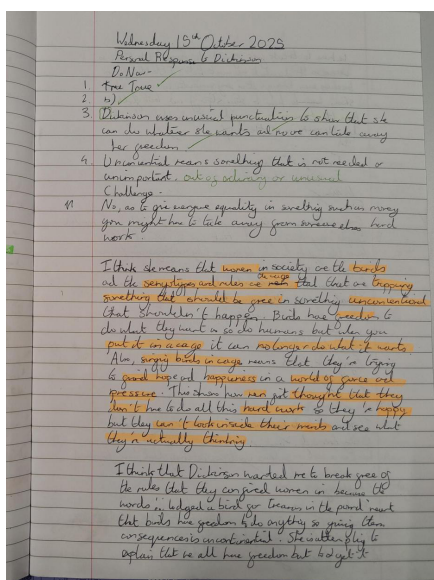


Celebrating our curriculum through creativity

Spine chilling creativity

This half term, students across all year groups are diving into a rich and varied curriculum designed to stretch their thinking, spark creativity, and build confidence in reading, writing, and discussion.

- Year 7 are exploring Greek myths and legends, learning how stories shape cultures and values. They're developing narrative skills and experimenting with their own storytelling. As we approach the festive break, students will embark on exciting journeys into tempestuous waters, describing gigantic sea monsters, petty gods, and Odysseus' epic struggle for survival.
- Year 8 are engaging with social justice poetry, analysing how writers use language to challenge inequality and provoke thought. Through powerful verse and discussion, students are exploring themes of identity, fairness, and activism — and crafting their own responses to the world around them.
- Year 9 are delving into Gothic literature, discovering how atmosphere, suspense, and symbolism create spine-tingling stories. From haunted houses to mysterious figures, they're learning how writers manipulate language to unsettle and intrigue — and experimenting with their own eerie tales.



Year 7 and 8 students recently attended a fabulous and hilarious performance of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* at The Shakespeare North Playhouse. Look out for upcoming theatre trips organised by the English department: *Shaun the Sheep's Circus Show* at Aviva Studios, and *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* at The Lowry Theatre. Both take place in December and will be advertised soon – get your reply slips back quickly to secure a place!

Extra-curricular activities

to enrich our students' experiences

Timetable

We now have over 14 amazing clubs up and running and Dixons Newall Green Academy! 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!

	3.15-4.15pm	Electives Thursday
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework Club• Chess Club• Geography Film Club• Spanish Cooking• Year 7 Football (Boys)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Careers Launchpad• Debate• Science in the media• Chinese Culture• Pasaporte a Espana• Drama• El come Espanol• Strength & Conidtioning• Dodgeball• Board Games• Warhammer
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework Club• Choir• Library Team• Open Art Studio• Year 8 Football Boys & Girls	
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework Club• Girls Netball• Media Cubs• Year 8 Football (Boys)	
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework Club• Squad Football Training	
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homework Club	

Free Breakfast Club – Every Morning from 7:50am, open to all students!

Enjoy a warm start to the day with free breakfast options - Fridays feature bacon, sausage, and vegetarian sandwiches.

Celebrating our students

through focus and independence

Sparx maths 100%

Students whose dedication and hard work have truly paid off. They've shown real integrity sticking with the challenge of maths, and their commitment to learning is a brilliant example of mastery in action. We're proud of the way they've taken ownership of their learning with autonomy. Let this just be the beginning - there's so much more to achieve!

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
89 students	51 students	45 students
89 students	89 students	89 students



Sparx science 100%

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ameya J• Scarlett C• Dylan J	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aami S• Shiyon S• Sophie-rose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taylor D• Nico T• Welat I

Sparx English 100%

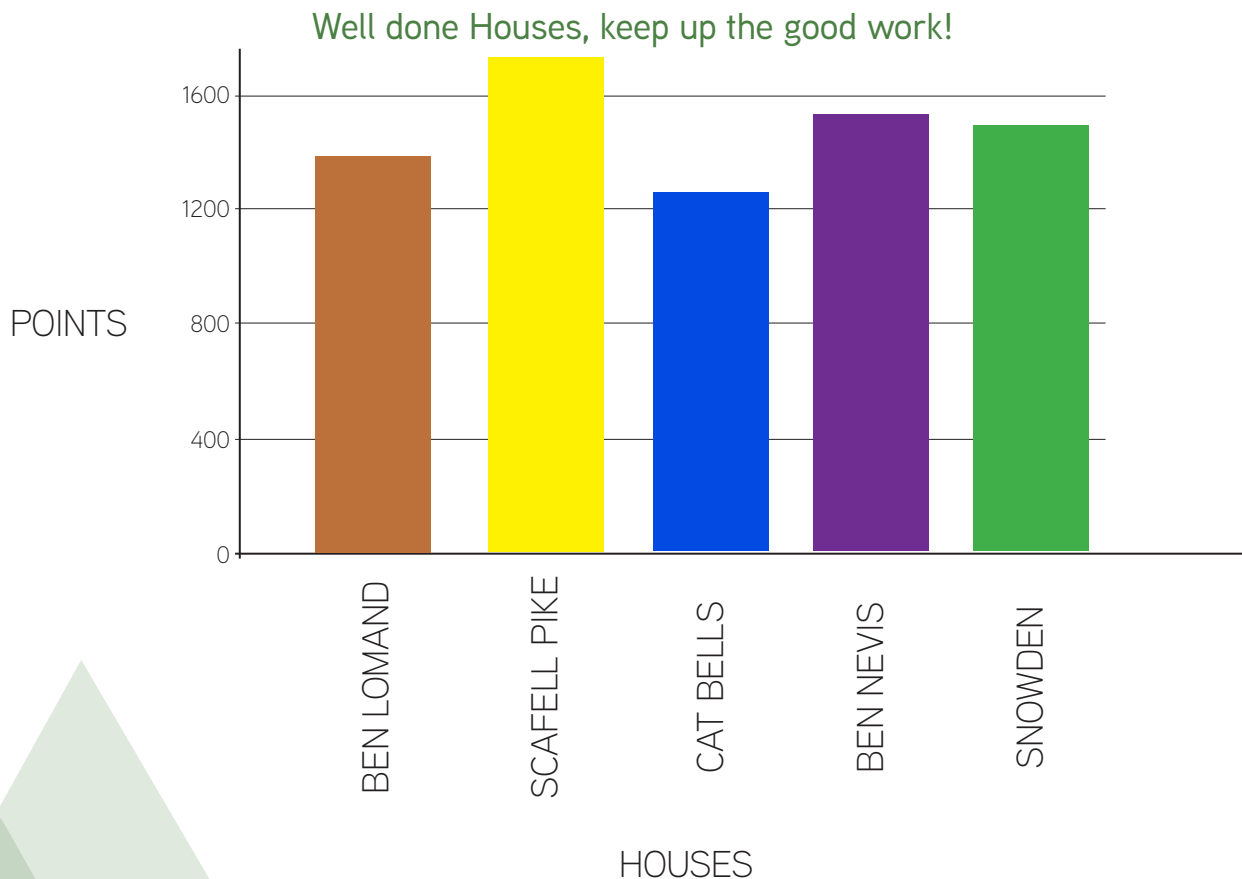
Students who are developing into resilient, inquisitive young people. These learners ask bold questions, explore ideas beyond the classroom, and embrace challenges with a growth mindset.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Freya M• Ameya J• Amanda S	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aami S• Finley K• Skyla B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taylor D• Seb S• Miley C



House points leaderboard

Who is in the lead?



Our houses are named after the mountains of the United Kingdom. At the end of Half Term 1 it was House Scafell Pike in the lead!

House Points are awarded for high levels of attendance, punctuality, golden tickets, and appreciations. More points are added for the lowest number of corrections. Every individual plays their part and contributes to their house, so make sure that you play yours!

Attendance

During Half Term 1 at Dixons Newall Green, we achieved an attendance percentage higher than this time last year! This is down to the hard work of all of our students, teachers and families and their dedication to succeeding at Dixons Newall Green Academy.

There are currently 167 students who still have 100% attendance. This is excellent, well done to those students!

Well done to Y7 students who have an impressive 95.6% attendance in Half Term 1 and also to 7SP who have 97.3% attendance so far and the highest in the Academy!

Students at Dixons Newall Green also enjoyed the following rewards for attendance during Half Term 1:

Advisory rewards such as motivational stationary for advisories with 100% attendance

Advisory board games reward sessions for the best attendance in a week

Advisory hot chocolate rewards sessions for advisories with the best attendance

Daily prize draw for excellent attendance

An exciting attendance focus week which rewarded 3 families who have excellent attendance with Asda gift vouchers

'Excellent Attendance' badges for students who had excellent attendance during Cycle 1 Assessment week

Top advisory groups

7SP	8BL	9SP
97.3%	96.4%	95.5%

What are we doing this half term to improve attendance on a Friday?

On a Friday mornings, breakfast club at 7:50am will have a selection of hot food available, for free, for all students including bacon and halal sausage sandwiches and hash browns.

On a Friday we will also have sausage rolls at break time, free for all students

We look forward to our attendance on a Friday being just as good, if not better, than the other days of the week!

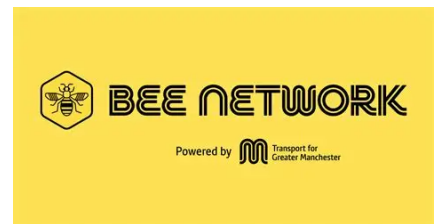
What's on?

Parent & Community Forum - Tuesday 11th November Arrival 8am

We're looking forward to welcoming families and community partners to our upcoming Parent Forum and Coffee Morning. Join us for a warm drink, a tour of the school, and a session focused on keeping children safe online. We will also take some time to look at the RSE policy at Dixons Newall Green. It's a great opportunity to connect, share ideas, and strengthen our partnership in supporting students. We hope to see you there!

Tram Safety Assemblies - Over the next two weeks

We're pleased to welcome visitors delivering Tram Safety assemblies to all year groups over the next two weeks. These sessions are designed to raise awareness about staying safe around trams and public transport, especially as many of our students travel independently. It's an important part of our commitment to keeping students informed and safe in the community.



Anti-Bullying Week 2025 - 'Power for Good'

Next week, we'll be marking Anti-Bullying week at DNG, a national campaign that encourage schools to stand together against bullying and promote kindness, respect, and inclusion. The theme this year is 'Power for Good', reminding us all of the positive impact we can have on others through our words and actions.

To kick off the week, students and staff are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 10th November—a fun and symbolic way to celebrate individually and show that it's okay to be different.

Throughout the week, students will take part in a whole-school assembly and a range of curriculum-based activities designed to spark discussion and reflection on how we can all help create a safe and supportive school environment.



Thank you for your continued support in helping us make DNG a place where everyone feels valued and respected.

Remembrance Day Assembly - Tuesday 11th November

Next Tuesday, students will take part in a special Remember Day assembly led by our History department. This important event helps our young people understand why we mark Remembrance Day—to honour those who served and scarficed in conflicts past and present, and to reflect on the importance of peace.

House and Student Recognition

At the end of last half term, we celebrated our students' achievements in a variety of ways. Scafell Pike, the winning house, enjoyed a spooky-themed reward afternoon filled with movies, games, and prizes. We also held a celebration assembly for Years 7, 8 and 9, where students were recognised for their outstanding commitment to our school values and key drivers. It was a fantastic way to end the term on a high and acknowledge the hard work and positive contributions of our students.



Year 6 Open Evening

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us for our first Open Evening at Dixons Newall Green. It was a pleasure to welcome so many families into our school and share what makes our community so special.

The energy throughout the evening was inspiring—from the enthusiastic student ambassadors who proudly showcased their learning, to the engaging activities and displays prepared by our dedicated staff. Whether you were exploring our science labs, listening to music performances, playing a sport, baking bread or chatting with teachers about our curriculum and values, I hope you felt the warmth, ambition, and high expectations that define our unique school for every child to reach their potential.

Open Evening is more than just a chance to see classrooms and facilities; it's an opportunity to experience the culture of excellence we are building together. We believe every child deserves a world-class education as they climb their mountain to university or a real-life alternative, and evenings like this remind us of the strength of our partnership with families in achieving that goal.



Thank you again for your continued support and the fantastic feedback we received for our staff and students. We look forward to welcoming many of you into our school community soon.

Community partners

Thank you to our community partners who supported our recent Open Evening: DWP, Tree of Life, Citizens UK, Parent Power, Manchester Mind, and Wythenshawe Community Housing. Their presence helped showcase the wide range of support available to families in our community, from mental health services and housing advice to employment guidance and parent empowerment. We're grateful for their ongoing collaboration in helping our families thrive.



Electives highlight...

Dodgeball!

The dodgeball elective for Years 7, 8, and 9 has provided students with an exciting and dynamic opportunity to develop a range of key physical and interpersonal skills. Students have ducked, dived, and dodged to be successful.

A highlight of the elective has been the introduction of competitive matches, where Year 9 students have taken on leadership roles by supporting the officiating of games. This has helped them develop confidence, responsibility, and a deeper understanding of fair play, while also fostering a positive and inclusive sporting environment across all year groups.



Upcoming Events...



Upcoming dates for your diary

	Year group	Description
Tuesday 11/11	All Years	Armistice Day
Thursday 13/11	All Years	Staff data & planning day
Friday 14/11	All Years	Staff data & planning day
Monday 17/11	All Years	DNG's Got Talent Auditions
Thursday 20/11	Year 9	Year 9 Parents evening