

A message from our principal



Mrs J Whitworth
Principal

Dear families,

I'd like to offer my warmest congratulations to all our students on completing their Cycle 1 assessments. These evaluations give us a clear picture of each child's progress and help us identify any areas where further support may be needed.

Over the next few weeks, we will be holding Parents' Evenings for Years 7, 8, and 9. We look forward to welcoming you into school, sharing your child's report, and—if you haven't had the chance to visit yet—showing you around our wonderful facilities.

Our Year 9 students are also approaching an exciting milestone: the start of the GCSE Options process. This is an important step as they begin choosing the subjects they'll study in Years 10 and 11. We will be providing more details and guidance very soon.

Starting Tuesday, Year 7 and Year 8 students will be able to use the Sports Hall during lunchtime for indoor play. With the colder weather approaching, we want to ensure they have a comfortable space to be in.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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Celebrating our students through exploring different cultures

Spanish

During this cycle in Spanish students have been busy learning new language to support communication on a variety of topics. Year 7 can now introduce themselves, give their age and birthday, say where they were born and what their nationality is. They are also able to ask at least 2 questions, and we continue to work on describing other people. In Year 8 students have reinforced the opinions started in Year 7, as well as giving reasons using a range of adjectives. They can now describe where they live, including both their home and their town, and we are about to learn how to ask for and give directions-very useful when in a Spanish speaking country!

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Spanish cooking club

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In Year 9 students have been working very hard to master the past tense introduced in year 8 by describing a past holiday. Successfully using past tense is essential to achieve a GCSE pass, and recent cycle 1 assessments showed the strong progress year 9 is making. Students have recently demonstrated the value of hard work through their impressive cycle 1 assessment performance, and have shown autonomy in their fantastic improvement work, using their Good to Great sheets in their planners to add complex language. You can support your child by testing them on the Knowledge Organiser content each week and encouraging them to use Languagehut to reinforce what they learn in class.

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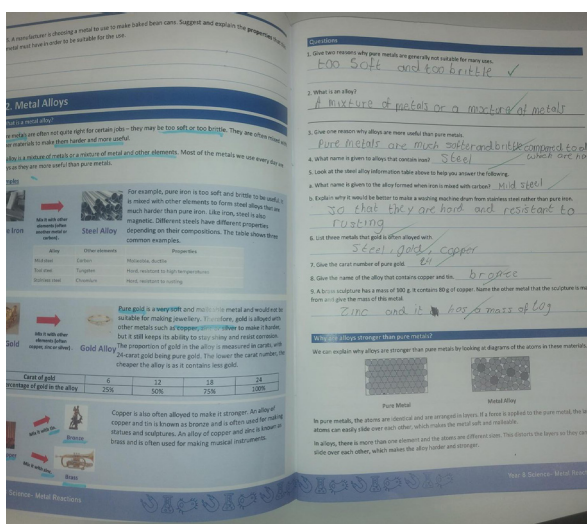
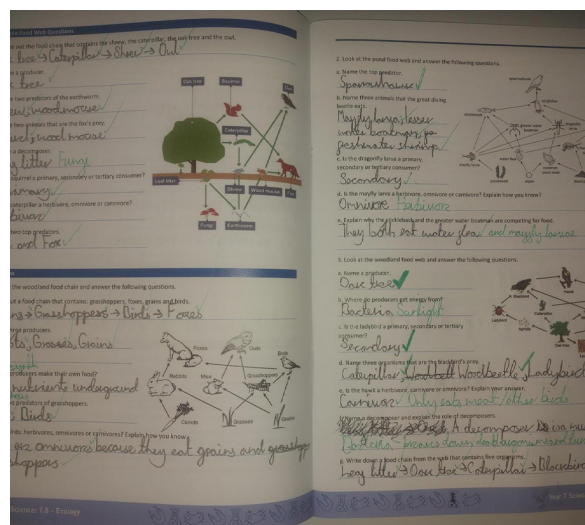
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Celebrating our curriculum

through knowledge

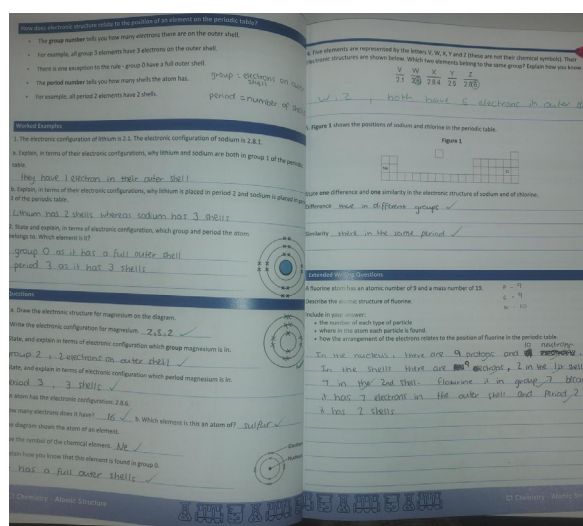
Science

This cycle, Year 7 have been exploring how scientific ideas develop, learning the essential skills that underpin all scientific enquiry. They are now able to plan and evaluate practical investigations with growing confidence, setting them up for success in future topics. Students have also been studying ecology, making clear links between animal and plant adaptations, food chains, and changes in population size, and understanding how these concepts relate to real-world ecosystems.



Year 8 began the year by building on their prior knowledge of cells and applying it to understand how the human body functions. They can now explain how our body systems work together to keep us healthy and alive. In chemistry, they have investigated how metals react in different ways and have used this knowledge to consider how recycling and resource management can support a more sustainable planet.

Year 9 have taken their first steps towards their GCSE journey by beginning their first GCSE science topic: Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table. This foundational unit supports their future chemistry learning and has also given them the chance to take part in practical work. A particular highlight was using Bunsen burners for the very first time—an experience they approached with great excitement and maturity.



Celebrating our students

through their perseverance

Year 7 Dixons Cup Double Champions



On the 12th November our Year 7 boys football team, travelled to Bradford to compete in the annual Year 7 football Dixons Cup.

We are so proud to inform you all that we were crowned champions. Winning 6 games and drawing one. This is a great achievement when you consider that this was their first time competing for our school.

Position	Academy	Points
1	Dixons Newall Green	375
2	Dixons Trinity Chapeltown	300
3	Dixons Unity	275
4	Dixons Allerton	250
5	Dixons Cottingley	225
6	Dixons Kings	200
7	Dixons Trinity	175
8	Dixons City	100
8	Dixons Brooklands	100
10	Dixons Broadgreen	75
11	Dixons Fazakerley	50

Here are the results from the tournament:

Trinity 1-0 win
McMillan 1-0 win
Kings 1-0 win
City 4-0 win
Allerton 1-1
Cottingley 4-0 win
Unity 3-0 win

Manchester City vs Manchester United Super League

On Saturday 15th November, Mr. Jones, Ms. Cobb, Ms. O'Hara and Ms. Gill took 20 students to the Manchester City Vs Manchester United women's super league match at the Etihad stadium. Their behavior was incredible. They did the school proud! Keep your eyes out for more upcoming trips to the Etihad.



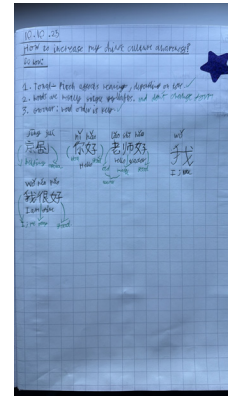
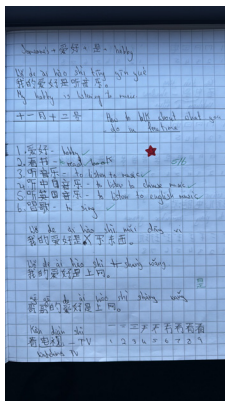
Celebrating our curriculum

through scholarly habits

Mandarin

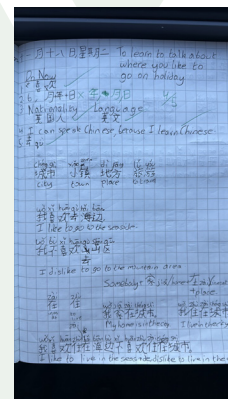
We are excited to share the latest updates from our Mandarin curriculum. Our students have been making fantastic progress in both language skills and cultural understanding. Below is an overview of what each year group is currently learning:

- Our Year 7 students are exploring Chinese culture and learning how to greet others in Mandarin. They are developing confidence in basic conversational phrases while gaining an appreciation for cultural traditions.



- Year 8 learners are focusing on the topic of hobbies. They are learning to express opinions about different hobbies, describe when they do them, and use a range of vocabulary to make their conversations more detailed and interesting.

- Year 9 students are working on the theme of holidays. They are practicing how to use different tenses, form complex sentence structures with connectives, and express opinions about their holiday experiences. This unit helps them build fluency and accuracy in both spoken and written Mandarin.



These successes highlight our school values of Hard Work and Mastery, as students consistently demonstrate perseverance and aim for excellence in their Mandarin studies.

We encourage parents to support their child's Mandarin learning at home by:

- Asking them to share new words or phrases they have learned.
- Encouraging practice through apps like LanguageNut or BBC Languages for Mandarin.

Your involvement makes a big difference in building confidence and enthusiasm for Mandarin learning!

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 dedication



Maths Stars

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

AVA H

Ava approaches every maths lesson with enthusiasm and determination. Her excellent effort and curiosity have led to good progress this term.

NAFIZ L

Nafiz consistently demonstrates focus and resilience in his maths work. His commitment to understanding challenging concepts is truly commendable.

LACEY D

Lacey has shown outstanding dedication to her maths studies, producing high-quality work and achieving fantastic results in assessments.

Science Stars

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

AVERY K

Avery works hard in every lesson and shows great scientific curiosity by asking thoughtful questions and contributing to discussions. His hard work was evident in his fantastic Cycle 1 assessment result.

AMBER B

Amber is an extremely hard-working student who consistently strives for excellence. Her work in lessons is exemplary and is often used to show her classmates what a great answer looks like. I know her progress is due to her excellent focus and her consistent completion of homework to a 100% standard.

RAYNE S

For working so hard in every single lesson and attaining a really good score on her cycle 1 assessment. She is also extremely polite and is always the first person to offer to hand out the books in class or to help another student.

English Stars

Year 7

Year 8

Year 9

GRACIE T S

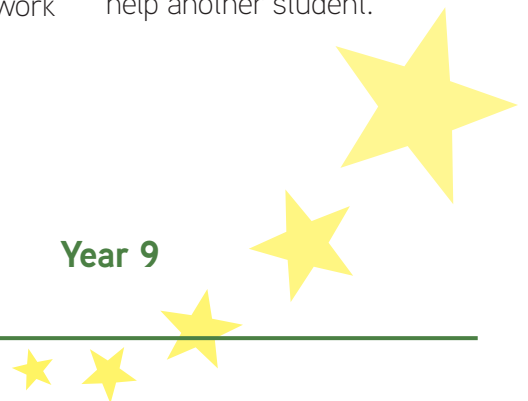
Amazing effort to get to the top of the Year 7 leaderboard for this week's homework for the first time. Really well done, Gracie, keep it up!

AAMI S

Aami is a frequent flyer at the top of the Year 8 English leaderboards for Sparx Reader. She works super hard every week and it's really paying off!

TAYLOR D

Taylor leads the way and sets the standard every week for the whole school in Sparx Reader. His dedication to extra study is an amazing example to every student in school!

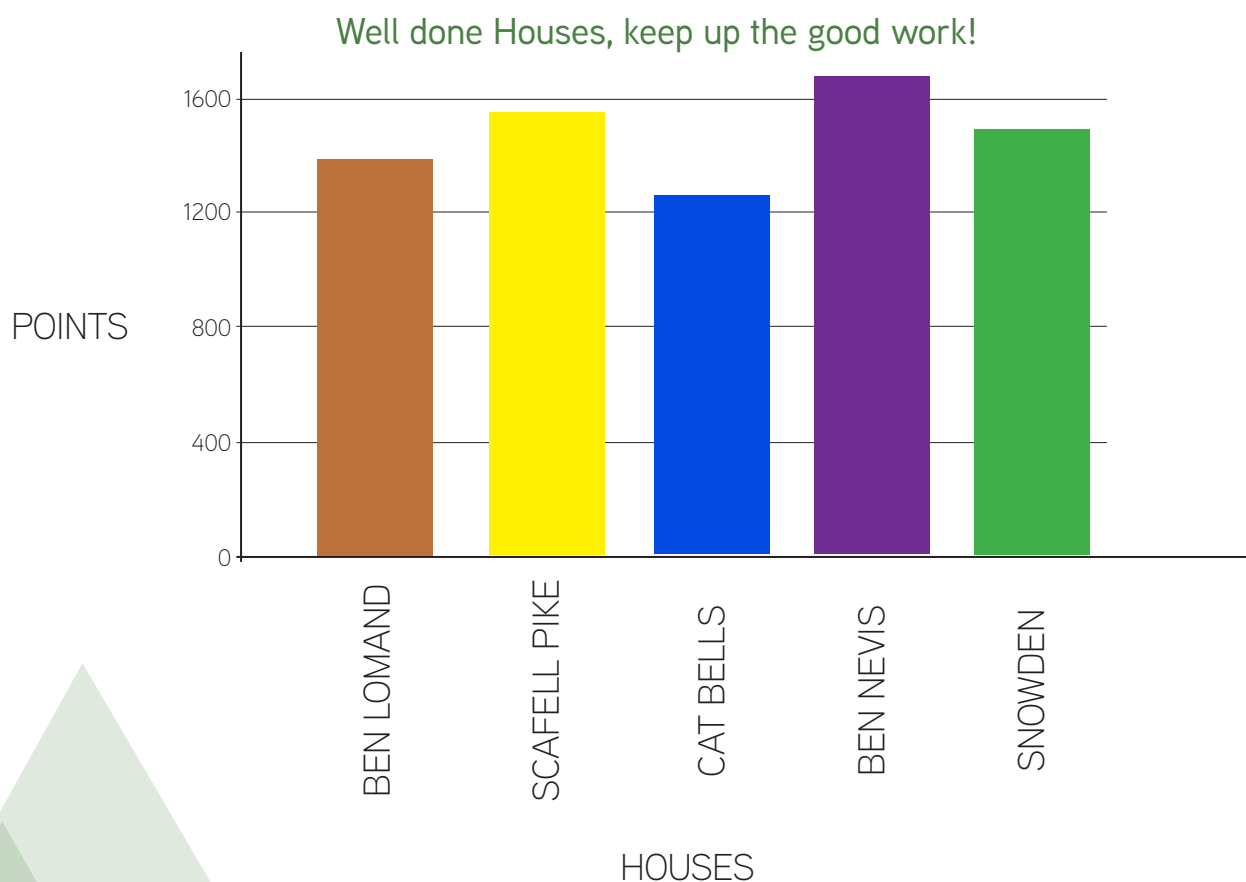


House points leaderboard

Who is in the lead?

Our houses are named after the mountains of the United Kingdom. By early November it was House Ben Nevis 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!



Head of Year Champions...

Year 7 Hannah A

For consistently demonstrating our values in everything she does.

Year 8 Isabelle W-B

For receiving the most golden tickets this week in Y8, consistently demonstrating our value of hard work in lessons.

Year 9 Taylor D

For always working hard and achieving the highest average in Cycle 1 assessments score in Year 9 from students who completed 6 assessments.

Attendance

There are currently 242 students who have achieved 100% attendance so far in Half Term 2. This is excellent, well done to those students!

A HUGE shout out to 8BL who's attendance for Half Term 2 is currently 98.4%. Well done to 8BL for working as a team and showing up to be successful!

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

Attendance education and motivation for all students

A daily prize draw for all students who are in each day to win an advent calendar

Daily advisory rewards such as motivational stationary for advisories with 100% attendance each day

Friday rewards robust reading sessions for the advisory with the highest attendance next week

A prize draw on the Friday to win a gift voucher for all students who have 100% attendance for the whole week!

Top advisory groups

7BL	8BL	9SP
96.4%	96.9%	94.2%

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?

Year 8 Careers Visit to Manchester Airport Aerozone

Over the next half term, our Year 8 students will have the exciting opportunity to visit the Aerozone Careers Centre at Manchester Airport. This experience is closely linked to their Geography curriculum, helping students explore how global travel and transport connect to economic and environmental themes.

During the visit, students will take part in a guided tour of the airport, attend careers sessions led by the Aerozone team, and learn about the wide range of roles within the aviation industry. They will also hear about apprenticeship pathways and future career opportunities, giving them valuable insight into the world of work.



AI Project at Dixons Newall Green

Dixons Newall Green are one in ten schools in Greater Manchester to take part in a Greater Manchester Baccalaureate (MBacc) pilot to develop cutting-edge AI skills, with InnovateHer. The programme will take place over seven months and aims to improve students' AI understanding, skills and how they can use AI ethically and responsibly. To launch this programme, students in year 9 will have an AI inspiring assembly delivered by Maninder Paul who is a Senior Marketing Specialist, International Speaker and Bloom Impact Winner.

Celebrating International Men's Day - 19th November

This week, students will mark International Men's Day during their Personal Development Studies lessons. They will reflect on the challenges men face in society, explore issues around stigma and mental health, and think about men who have inspired them in their own lives. This is a great opportunity to promote positive role models and encourage open conversations about wellbeing and equality.



Puberty Sessions

Over this half term, our Year 7 students will be taking part in a series of lessons focused on understanding the changes that happen during puberty. These sessions are part of our Personal Development curriculum and will be delivered by our experienced School Nursing Team, in partnership with Dixons Newall Green staff.

The aim is to help students develop a healthy understanding of the physical and emotional changes they may experience, and to support them in feeling confident and informed as they grow.

Student Leadership

On Tuesday 11 November our fabulous school hosted a meeting with Manchester Citizens and the Integrated Care Board, this care board are the directors of CAMHS.

This meeting followed on from our Youth Assembly last year where our students shared their concerns regarding mental health.

The meeting took a lot of preparation, with the Student Council planning the logistics and delegating roles.

The event welcomed 30 members from Manchester Citizens, a diverse range of organisations that come together to create change, five student leaders, Miss Devine and three important power holders in the NHS.



Our meeting began with our fabulous opening speaker, Lydee S, she introduced our school and our key values beautifully.

Mental health testimonies were then shared from the various organisations including our amazing students, Jonny B, Sian O'T and Alaina D.

These heart-felt testimonies were essential to the meeting as they expressed our concerns on the short-comings of CAMHS and how these effect real people. We then delivered our three asks to the powerholders;

- 1) Will you work with us to end the CAMHS cliff-edge?
- 2) Will you work with us to create a system where young people can track where they are on the waiting list.
- 3) Will you attend our accountability assembly in June.

Following these asks, Miss Devine and Mr Lauder led the negotiations with excellent input and questioning from Alaina D.

Following some really tough negotiations our leaders agreed to the following;

- Putting a plan in place to prioritise 17 year olds in CAMHS to sort the cliff-edge.
- Work with us to design letters to be sent out, updating people on their position on the waiting list.
- Meetings with staff at Dixons Newall Green surround Mental Health support and how this can be integrated in schools.
- Attendance at our accountability assembly.

After all of our hard work we joined Manchester Citizens for the meeting evaluation. Our students expressed that they felt extremely 'proud' of themselves, as did Miss Devine and Headteacher Ms Whitworth. Our students represented themselves and the school so well. The opportunity to meet with powerholders and make a difference in our community is excellent and will continue to grow as we work alongside this organisation.

Events

in the community

Media Day at Dixons Newall Green in collaboration with Media Cubs

On 11th November our Dixons Newall Green media team shone light on attendance and why it is vital for young people across Manchester to attend school.

An amazing group of Year 7 students have directed and interviewed 7 students across our year groups and have demonstrated outstanding teamwork. Our pupils collaborated and worked alongside adults from Media Cubs who made this video possible.

Keaton H shared:

“What makes me come into school is the teachers, they’re nice and caring. When we have any problems, we go to them, and they look after us.



Year 7 Green Team in Action!



On Friday 7th November the Year 7 Green Team planted over 200 daffodil bulbs in the Green Team Garden. Come Spring, the school grounds will be bursting with colour as the flowers bloom.

The students also hung bird feeders on the trees to encourage more wildlife to visit the area.

The project was led by Mrs Groarke-Young and local Wythenshawe eco hero Barney Beswick, who inspired the students to take pride in caring for their environment.

Parent Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent coffee morning. It was fantastic to welcome you into school for a tour of the building, followed by an informative session on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and how we approach these topics within our curriculum.

Families also contributed valuable ideas to our curriculum conversation, helping shape what we deliver and when, ensuring it reflects the needs of our community.

In addition, we discussed keeping children safe online, sharing practical tips and resources to support digital safety at home.

The feedback from parents was overwhelmingly positive. One parent commented:

"I really enjoyed the Tour around the school and seeing students in Morning Meeting, I liked hearing from the Principal and meeting the staff. The safeguarding and curriculum, information sessions were really interesting."

We truly appreciate your engagement and look forward to continuing these conversations to strengthen our partnership in supporting every child's development.



Primary School Visits - Mandarin

Dixons Newall Green has started offering Mandarin lessons at our feeder schools! Recently, our Head of Languages and Mandarin teacher, Mrs. Kirkham, taught Year 5 pupils at Newall Green Primary School. The pupils were highly engaged and enthusiastic throughout the session. Both the classroom teacher and the pupils enjoyed learning about Chinese culture, practicing basic greetings, and writing Chinese characters.



Mrs. Kirkham shared:

"It was wonderful to see the pupils so excited about learning Mandarin. Their curiosity and enthusiasm for Chinese culture made the lesson truly special."

Learning Mandarin offers incredible benefits for our pupils. It is one of the most widely spoken languages in the world, opening doors to global opportunities. This is a fantastic opportunity to share our passion for learning Mandarin, a truly marvelous language, with our feeder schools!

Electives highlight...

Musical Theatre!

This cycle, our Musical Theatre elective has truly come alive with energy, creativity, and talent! Students have immersed themselves in the world of musical theatre, exploring a variety of vocal warm-ups that have helped build confidence, technique, and ensemble spirit.

We've journeyed through iconic numbers from Hairspray, The Greatest Showman, and SIX, with each session bringing new challenges and excitement. From harmonies to high notes, the group has embraced every moment with enthusiasm and flair. What's been especially impressive is how the students have gone beyond singing; they've choreographed and performed routines that brought the songs to life on stage. Their commitment to learning and performing has been outstanding, and the results have been nothing short of spectacular.

We're incredibly proud of the progress and passion shown by everyone involved. With such a strong start, we can't wait to see what the next cycle brings!



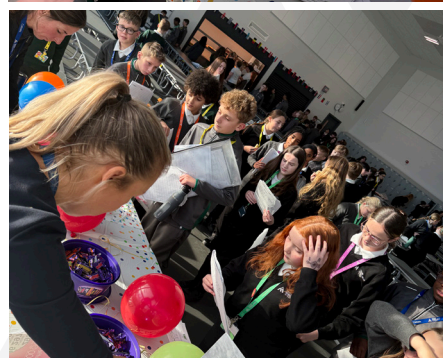
Homework

We are excited to tell you about our recognition events for all students who are completing homework each week. Homework is one of our 6 learning habits, and is an essential part of retrieval, helping students remember more for longer.

Each Thursday during afternoon meeting students who have completed all Sparx tasks that week will be entered into a live draw to win a prize.

On Friday we have our Homework Heroes table in the canteen. Each week during Friday break students will bring their completed RCWC booklets to show staff in exchange for a certificate, a small prize and entry to our Christmas raffle.

We are so proud of our students who were recognised as Homework Heroes this week!



Upcoming dates for your diary

	Year group	Description
Wednesday 26/11	8A2	Careers visit - Manchester Airport Education
Thursday 27/12	All Years	Timperley Sports Club Football training
Tuesday 2/12	All Years	Flu Vaccine (for those who have consent)
Thursday 4/12	Year 8	Parents' Evening
Thursday 11/12	Year 7	Parents' Evening