A message from our principal

Mrs J Whitworth
Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have seen some amazing attendance from our Year 9 cohort. This focus from them illustrates their strong sense of belonging to our school community and their drive for success following our recent mid-year assessments. It has been fantastic to see so many students arriving on time, ready to learn and determined to build on their achievements. Well done, Year 9 – you are setting a wonderful example for the rest of the school!

Last Thursday, we were privileged to welcome Mike Kane MP into our school. During his time with us, he experienced our Morning Meetings in full swing, visited a range of lessons across different subjects and observed students moving purposefully between classes. Mr Kane also spent time speaking with some of our young people, sharing his personal journey into politics and discussing his aspirations for the Wythenshawe area. Our students engaged thoughtfully, asking insightful questions and representing our school community with confidence and maturity.

Since the half term holiday, students have returned with a refreshed and positive attitude. There is a real sense of momentum and motivation across the school as we continue into this new half term. Classrooms feel purposeful, corridors calm and focused, and our collective ambition for success is clear to see.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing more successes and achievements with you in the weeks ahead.

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Sports Update

Year 7

Our Y7 footballers also had their two league matches and have continued DNG's winning streak beating Trinity 6-0 and Burnage Boys school 7-0.

This means that they are also undefeated in the league winning 2/2.

Another incredible achievement from our footballers.

Year 8

On the 5 February our Year 8 football team where victorious in a 3-2 thriller vs Trinity. This was their first ever home game on our brand-new Astro and they have walked away with a win. They also played against Manchester Academy on 10 February and managed a 1-0 win.
This means that they are undefeated in the league winning 2/2!

Year 9

On Wednesday 5 March our Year 9 boys football team beat William Hulme Grammar school 8-5!

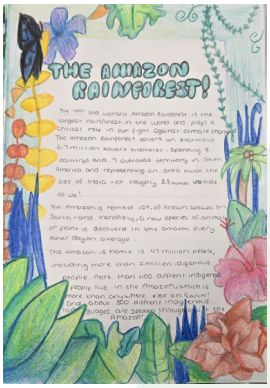
Art

Subject overview

This term, Year 7 will explore the theme of nature, focusing on insects as a source of inspiration. Students will develop their understanding of the formal elements of art — line, tone, texture, colour and composition building on their baseline project skills.

They will study the work of Levon Biss, exploring how microscopic detail and macro photography can transform our understanding of natural forms. Through observational drawing, mark-making exercises, oil pastel blending, sgraffito techniques and monoprinting, students will experiment with a range of media to represent texture and surface detail.

This term, Year 8 will explore the Amazon rainforest as both an environmental ecosystem and a cultural landscape. Students will deepen their knowledge of colour theory, composition, and mixed-media experimentation while investigating how art can communicate environmental issues.
They will study artists such as John Dyer and Amber Davenport, analysing how vibrant colour, expressive brushwork, pattern, and botanical forms are used to represent nature and raise awareness of conservation.
In practical lessons, students will create structured mood boards, artist research pages, tonal observational drawings using the grid method, and watercolour studies exploring harmony and complementary colour schemes. They will develop acrylic colour mixing skills and experiment with monoprinting to create layered rainforest textures and patterns.

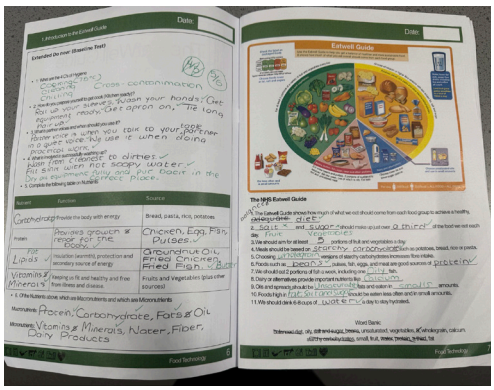


This term, Year 9 will investigate natural forms through contemporary mixed-media practice. Students will explore how artists reinterpret flowers, shells, landscapes and organic textures using layering, fragmentation and surface manipulation.
They will study the work of Shelley Rhodes, analysing how techniques such as collage, stitch, monoprinting, wax trapping and image transfer are used to record and reconstruct nature. Students will develop their understanding of the formal elements particularly line, tone, texture, pattern and composition while learning how materials such as ink, Quink, bleach, wax and fabric behave in layered processes.

Food Technology

Subject overview

This term, Year 7 will be introduced to the essential skills needed to use a cooker safely and confidently. Students will learn about different heat sources through oven, grill, and hob theory before applying this knowledge in practical sessions. They will prepare dishes such as rock cakes, pizza toast, and tomato pasta as they build their understanding of cooking equipment, kitchen safety, and basic food preparation. By the end of the unit, pupils will be able to use the cooker independently and will have a solid foundation for future Food Technology learning.



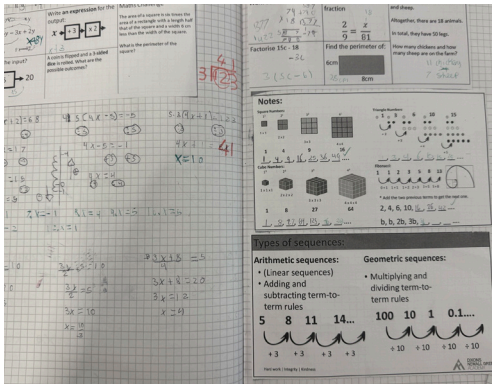
This term, Year 8 will be learning about The Eatwell Guide and how it supports a balanced, healthy diet. Students will explore each food group—fruits and vegetables, starchy carbohydrates, proteins, dairy, and healthier fats—and will apply this knowledge to their practical cooking lessons. They will prepare a range of dishes, such as apple crumble, chicken nuggets, and focaccia, while learning how to make informed, healthy food choices. By the end of the unit, pupils will be able to use The Eatwell Guide confidently when planning and evaluating meals.

This term, Year 9 will be discovering a range of world cuisines as they learn how culture influences the food we eat. Students will explore dishes from British, Caribbean, South Asian, and Chinese cuisine, developing both their practical skills and their understanding of global food traditions. Throughout the unit, they will prepare recipes such as Bakewell tarts, jerk chicken, curry with naan, and a range of Chinese dishes, while investigating the origins, ingredients, and cooking methods that make each cuisine unique. By the end of the unit, pupils will have broadened their culinary knowledge and gained confidence working with diverse flavours and techniques.

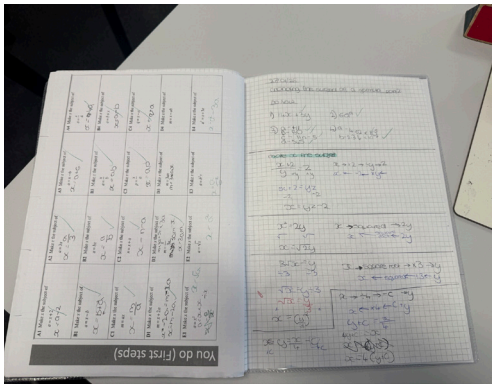
Maths

Subject overview

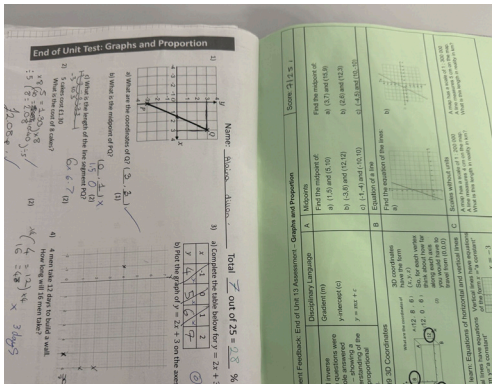
Year 7 Have continued to impress us with the curiousity in maths and how well they deal with challenging topics. It has been great to see students begin to make connections with the maths they have learned and using multiple algebra skills within one question. Keep it up Year 7!



Year 8 have also been working algebra skills within their lesson. Their recall of last years knowledge has made us proud and they have shown they can rise to the more difficult topics / questions in maths. We have even challenged them with GCSE topics and they working well to master these skills.



With Year 9, Our GCSE-preparation year have been working incredibly hard. They have successfully completed their graphs and proportions unit and are now working on angles within shapes. Year 9 are showing real maturity in how they tackle higher-demand questions.



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	• Homework Club • Chess Club • Geography Film Club (Y9 WK B) • Spanish Cooking • Rugby	• Careers Launchpad • Debate • Science in the Media • Chinese Culture • Pasaporte a Espana • Drama • El come Espanol • Strength & Conidtioning • Dodgeball • Board Games • Warhammer
Tuesday	• Homework Club • Choir • Library Team • Open Art Studio • Football/ Gym Fitness (All Years)	
Wednesday	• Homework Club • Girls Netball • Media Cubs • Year 7/8 Football	
Thursday	• Homework Club • Squad Football Training	
Friday	• Homework Club	

Free Breakfast Club – Every Morning from 7:50am, open to all students!
Enjoy a warm strart to the day with free breakfast options - Fridays feature bacon, sausage, and vegetarian sandwiches.

Celebrating our students

through focus and dedication

Sparx Reader Stars

Year 7 – Amanda S
Amanda is frequently one of the top readers in her year group, showing brilliant consistency and enthusiasm on Sparx Reader. Her commitment to reading widely and regularly is really shining through—well done, Amanda!

Year 8 – Skyla B
Skyla often leads the way in Year 8, demonstrating excellent focus and determination in her reading. Her strong engagement with Sparx Reader and willingness to take on more challenging texts are fantastic to see—keep it up, Skyla!

Year 9 – Taylor D
Taylor is consistently the top reader in the entire school on Sparx Reader, having gained over 15,000 SRP in the last half term alone. His exceptional dedication, independence and love of reading continue to set a remarkable example—outstanding work, Taylor!

Sparx Science Champions

Year 7 – Ameya J
Ameya consistently appears on the Sparx Science leaderboard thanks to her outstanding dedication. She not only completes all her homework to a high standard but also invests extra time in independent learning. Her commitment is exceptional.

Year 8 – Shiyon S
Shiyon continually goes above and beyond in his Sparx Science work. He currently holds the Number 1 spot on the Year 8 leaderboard with an impressive 17,000 XP, showing just how much he values extra practice and mastery.

Year 9 – Taylor D
Taylor always strives to be the very best in everything he does, and his Sparx Science achievements reflect that ambition. He is now fewer than 2,000 XP away from reaching an incredible 100,000 XP this academic year — a truly remarkable accomplishment.

Sparx Maths Champions

A huge well done to our Sparx Maths Champions this half term, who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their independent learning:

Year 7 – Ruby W
Ruby has shown fantastic consistency and effort in completing her Sparx homework each week. Her dedication to getting the most out of every task is really paying off. Well done, Ruby!

Year 8 – Daniel O
Daniel has impressed us with his focus and resilience, tackling challenging questions and striving for accuracy. His positive attitude towards learning is excellent to see, keep it up!

Year 9 – Jonny B
Jonny has demonstrated outstanding commitment, regularly going above and beyond in his Sparx work. His determination and independence are setting a great example, brilliant work!

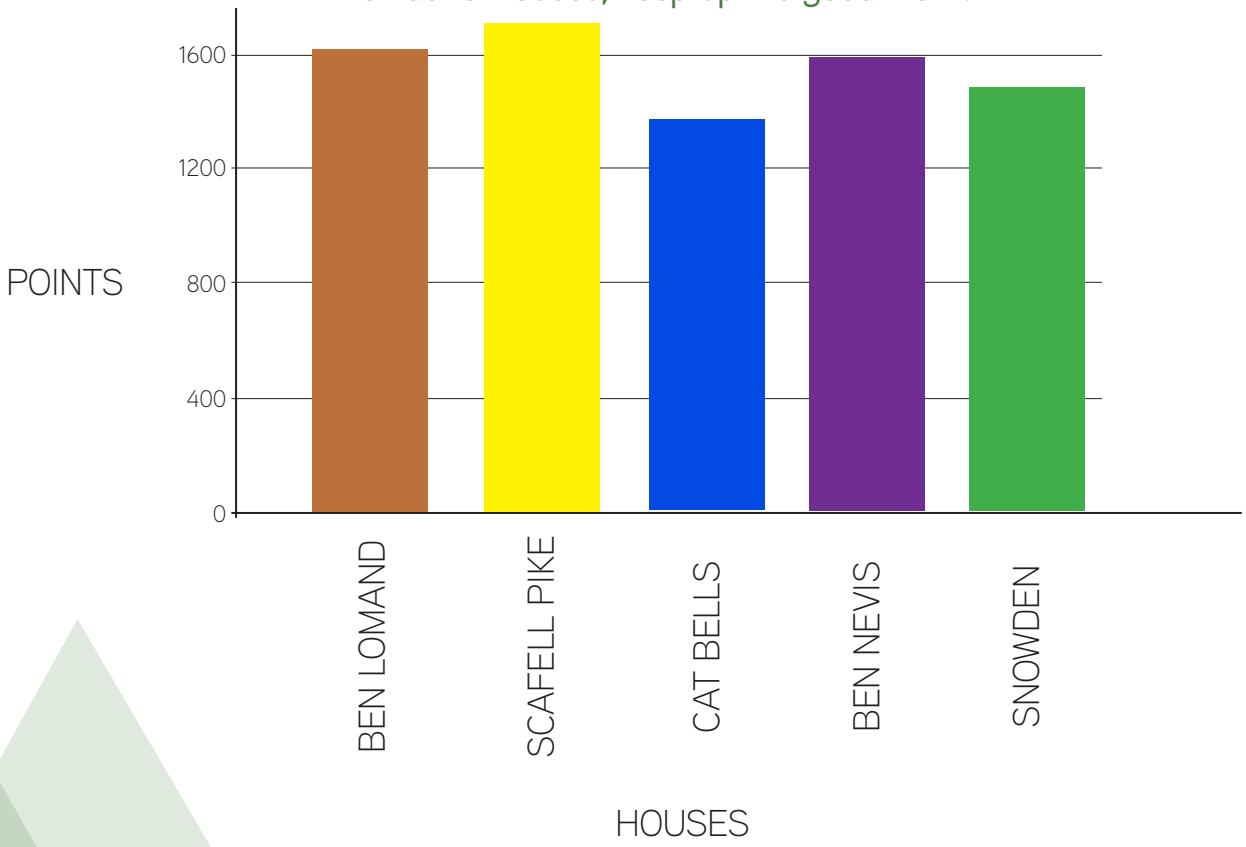
House points leaderboard

Who is in the lead?

Our houses are named after the mountains of the United Kingdom. House Scafell Pike are still in the lead in 2026!

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 they part and contributes to their house, so make sure that you play yours!

Well done Houses, keep up the good work!



Head of Year Champions...

Year 7
Robert P
Always striving to do better every day!

Year 8
Kayden B
For always showing our value of kindness and genuine mutual respect to his peers and staff at school.

Year 9
Rayne S
For consistently doing the right thing, working hard and engaging positively in all aspects of school life. Well done Rayne!.

Attendance

For this half term there will be weekly advisory competitions in each year group...
The advisory with the highest attendance that week in each year group will win a hot chocolate/ ice lolly Fridays Robust Reading session!

Who's in the lead so far this academic year?

7SP	8BL	9SP
94.7%	95.5%	93.9%

Attendance focus week W/C 23.03.26

1. **During attendance focus week we are encouraging all students to be in school every day.**
2. **Good attendance at school is essential and is directly linked to improved exam performance and mental health.**
3. **Students who are in school each day will feel more confident and fully prepared.**

To celebrate high attendance, there will be:

Daily attendance prizes for advisories with 100% attendance
A daily prize draw for all students in school that day for an Easter Egg
Attendance activities throughout the week
On Friday all students who have 100% attendance between Monday and Friday will be entered into a prize draw for a Tesco gift voucher.

NEW Milestone prizes for all advisories

1. Each week when an advisory meets 95% for their weekly attendance, the whole advisory will win a prize.
2. Prizes will be given out each Monday!

How can you help your child to attend school regularly?

1. Set a regular bedtime (phones off early!)
2. Get bags and uniform ready the night before
3. Avoid term-time holidays
4. Book appointments after school where possible
5. If your child does have an appointment during the school day, make sure they attend school before and after the appointment.
6. Send your child in unless they're genuinely too unwell
7. Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

Remember:

1. 97%+ = On track
2. 95% = Risk of falling behind
3. Below 90% = Serious concern

If your child is worried about school, please contact us early - we're here to help.

Events

First Give Assembly

This week, our Year 8 students took part in an exciting introductory session for the First Give social action programme. During the session, students learned about the programme and explored how young people can make a real difference within their community.

Over the coming weeks, advisory groups will select a charity to champion and will work together to design a social action project that raises awareness, drives positive change, and showcases their teamwork and leadership. Their journey will culminate in a presentation where they will share their project and celebrate the impact they've made.

We look forward to seeing our Year 8 students use their creativity and compassion to support important causes across our community.

Celebrating National Apprenticeship Week at Dixons Newall Green

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, students across the academy have been learning about the wide range of apprenticeship pathways available to them. Through activities in different subject areas, pupils explored how apprenticeships link to real-world careers and the skills needed for future success.

Year groups also attended an inspiring assembly delivered by End to End, who shared powerful insights into what apprenticeships involve, the opportunities they open up, and the journeys young people can take after leaving school.

It's been a fantastic week of broadening horizons and helping students think ambitiously about their next steps.

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, our students have been taking part in a range of activities for Children's Mental Health Week, reflecting on this year's theme of Belonging. In their PDS lessons, students explored what it means to feel part of a community, how friendships and positive relationships support wellbeing, and ways we can help others feel included.

To spread a little extra kindness, students have also been writing thoughtful messages to one another using our kindness postcards, simple notes of appreciation designed to lift someone's day and remind each other that they matter.

We are incredibly proud of how our students have engaged with the week, showing compassion, empathy, and a genuine commitment to supporting each other's mental health and sense of belonging.

International Women in Science Day

This week, students learned about the International Day of Women & Girls in Science (11th February). They explored the vital role women play in STEM and why this day exists — to highlight that girls and women have historically been underrepresented in science and engineering. Students reflected on inspiring female scientists and discussed how everyone should feel encouraged to pursue STEM opportunities.

Elective Spotlight

Drama

Our Drama Elective takes place for one hour each week and offers students a fun, creative, and supportive space to develop key performance and life skills. Through a range of engaging drama games and activities, students build confidence, learn to express themselves clearly, and step outside their comfort zones in a positive way.

Sessions focus on developing core drama skills such as effective use of voice, body language, movement, and tone, helping students communicate with clarity and impact.
The elective give students the opportunity to work with peers from different year groups, encouraging teamwork, new friendships, and mutual respect. The atmosphere is inclusive and energetic, allowing students to enjoy learning together and is designed to be enjoyable, confidence building, and enriching for all involved.

DNG Bake Off: Pancake Day Success!

This week's DNG Bake Off celebrated Pancake Day with students whisking, flipping, and topping their way to some fantastic creations. From classic crêpes to fluffy American-style stacks, everyone showed great skill, teamwork, and creativity.

Judges were impressed by the careful measuring, confident hob work, and some very bold pancake flips. The variety of flavours and presentations made the competition both fun and delicious.

A huge well done to all our budding chefs—you made this Pancake Day one to remember!

Homework

The return to school after half term also means the return to our routines and learning habits, including homework!! Well done to those students who have returned refreshed and ready to demonstrate hard work again, helping to climb their mountain. As always, we continue to celebrate our weekly Sparx Superheroes, and the advisory in each year group with the least homework corrections. From next week we will relaunch our weekly Homework Heroes for all students in all year groups who complete RCWC for Friday. And we have several other exciting initiatives lined up.....including the launch of our Homework Champions.

Equipment at Dixons Newall Green

It is essential that students arrive at school each day with the equipment needed for their lessons to maximise time for learning. If students are missing a piece of equipment, we will support them by providing it free of charge if they let us know before 8.10am. If students are missing equipment after this time, their advisor will log an equipment correction and support them with identifying how to ensure this does not happen again the following day.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child has the correct equipment each day.

Equipment list:

- **Pencil case**
- **Black pen**
- **Green pen**
- **Pencil**
- **Whiteboard pen**
- **Ruler**
- **Planner**
- **Morning meeting booklet**
- **Knowledge organiser**
- **Homework booklet**
- **Lanyard with locker key and name badge**
- **Plastic A3 or A4 tuff bag**

Upcoming dates for your diary

Date	Year group	Description
Tuesday 10/03	Year 7	DNG vs The Barlow
Wednesday 11/03	Year 9	DNG vs Dixons Brooklands
Thursday 12/03	All Years	DNG Girls vs MEA
Thursday 12/03	All students	Trust World Book Day