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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our weekly update about what has been happening at the academy. I was delighted to be appointed as Principal of the academy last Friday. Mr John Cowper was promoted to Senior Vice Principal and we look forward to working together with you over the coming years to make your child's experience, memorable, enjoyable and successful. I have worked at the academy since 2016 and am firmly committed to our students and the community we serve. It is a strange time to take on the role of Principal with so many of our students involved in remote learning, but I look forward to welcoming them back as soon as we are able. In the meantime, if any of you feel you would like to speak to me or Mr Cowper, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Parents' Evenings:

Year Ten 'virtual' Parents' Evening took place on Wednesday evening. This was our second virtual Parents' Evening and went very well. We will inform you of our plans for Year Nine Parents' Evening which takes place on March 24th in the coming weeks.

Sixth Form Taster Day:

This took place on Wednesday 27th January. It gave students a 'virtual' experience of life at MBA Sixth Form and we received lots of positive feedback. The deadline for applications was today, but we will be happy to receive any late applications. If they need a new form, it can be found on our website under <https://morecambebayacademy.co.uk/join-us/>. We will be continuing to contact all students who have not applied to Sixth form to ensure everyone has had high quality advice about the next steps for their education or training.

A Tonne for Tom:

This week we heard the sad news of Sir Tom Moore's death. To mark his life, we would like to encourage our students to take part in the 'Tonne for Tom' challenge. If your son or daughter does not know about Sir Tom's fundraising, this will give you an opportunity to talk with them about someone who was inspirational in a time of hardship. Details of 'A Tonne for Tom' challenge can be found on our social media and school website pages.

Children's Mental Health Week 1-7th February:

Our students' mental wellbeing is very important to us, if you have any concerns regarding your son or daughter during this period of lockdown, please contact us and we will do our best to help.

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Children's Mental Health Week is drawing to a close, but why not encourage your son or daughter to get creative; through exercise, dance or by drawing and painting Captain Tom or any other subject of their choice and share it on @LHschoolsport?

Lock down Learners:

We are keen to celebrate our students' success, particularly under the current circumstances. Every week on Instagram and Facebook we publish our 'lockdown learners' for the week for each year group. These are students who have gone the extra mile with their online learning and contributions – so a huge well done to all of them.

Live Lessons:

We will be rolling out live lessons for Year Ten from Wednesday 10th February. We look forward to welcoming all of them to these lessons. Please encourage them to be ready with writing equipment for these lessons and to participate fully in them. If they have any problems accessing these lessons, please contact school and we will try our best to find a solution.

Return to school:

As yet we have no new information to update you with regarding a return to school. As soon as we have heard when and how the return to school is being arranged, we will be in contact with details.

Thank you all for your continued support and we hope this letter finds you all safe and well.

Kind Regards,

Heather McClurg (Principal)

