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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome once again to our weekly update.

Covid 19:

As you will know we have had a PCR testing station on site this week following an increase in reported cases. We are pleased to be able to report that cases now seem to be on the decrease. We only had three positive PCR tests from the testing units that we had not previously identified. I hope the presence of the testing units and the positive uptake of tests has reassured our school community that our primary concern is always to keep everyone safe. The majority of the school population will be returning next week, so we are hoping that academy life can return to a sense of normality.

I understand that it is difficult for families when students have to self-isolate as a close contact, but as a school we are following government guidance. It is not an easy decision to have to send students home, but we do have to adhere to guidance to keep everyone safe and prevent further spread of infections.

The student testing station has now left Morecambe, the community testing station has been relocated to outside The Town Hall. If any of the school community requires a PCR test you can turn up without a pre-booked appointment, just inform that you are a family of Morecambe Bay Academy.

Assessments:

I know some parents will be concerned that students in Y11 or Y13 have missed assessments. We have a catch up timetable in place and we will ensure that all students are able to catch up on their return to school.

On a personal note, I would like to commend Year 11 and Year 13 on their maturity and commitment to the assessments they are taking. They have had a really rough deal in terms

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of their GCSE and A Level experience, but are taking the assessment period in their stride and for the most part remaining cheerful. Teachers are doing their very best to ensure students are prepared for these assessments, but if there is anything you feel you want to ask, please just contact school.

Please click this link to access the Year 11 and Year 13 assessment schedules.

Parents' Evening:

Year Eight Parents' Evening on May 19th. Please do book an appointment to discuss your child's progress.

Our students:

This week has felt a little like a covid testing station and assessment centre. However, it is important that we do not forget to celebrate the achievements and small acts of kindness our students show each day.

Here are just a few:

Mrs Baines just wants to congratulate her girls' athletics teams , she told me:

"We've had a great week in athletics in girls PE lessons with some gold awards for their efforts. Latesha in Year 9 has been star of the week with two gold awards achieved."

Mrs Shorrocks from Maths wants to congratulate her Year 11s:

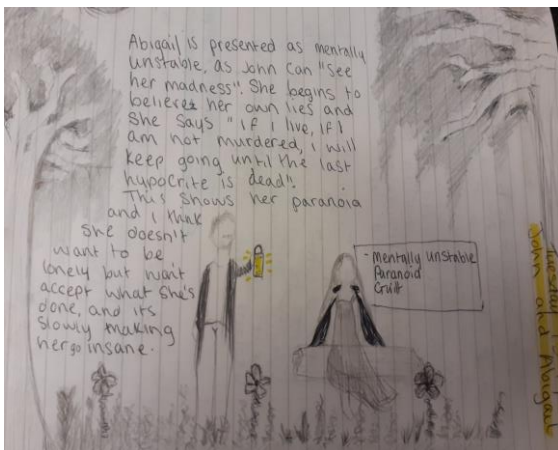
"Y11 have worked so hard this week preparing for their assessments despite all that is going on around them. I am so proud of 11y2."

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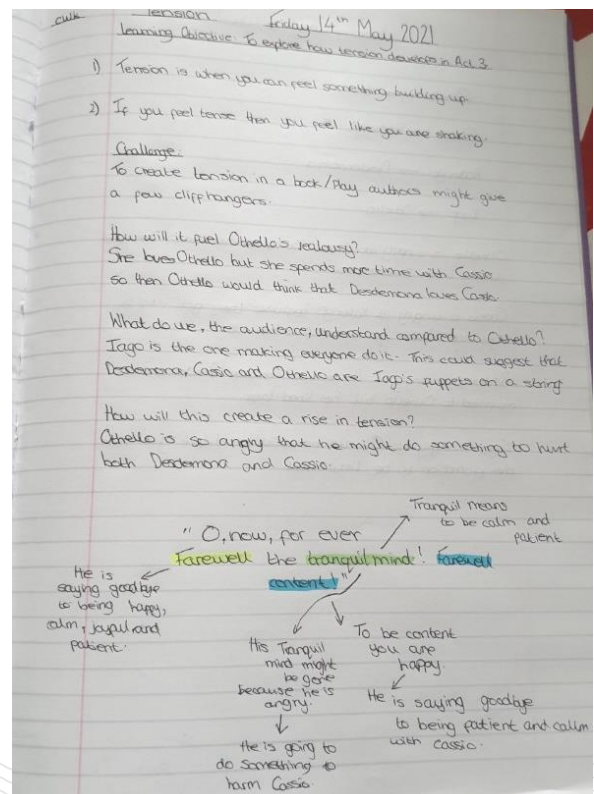
Shannon's work in English: a creative interpretation of The Crucible with some great vocabulary: Well done!

Shakespeare through Synergy'

"I've received some fantastic isolation work from my Year 7 and 10 students who are being resilient as ever and have got straight back into working remotely through Synergy. They make me so proud."

Miss Taylor (English)

Well done, Saheefah (Y7)





Religion and Macbeth

- In Macbeth, Shakespeare uses the supernatural to present the ideas of illusion versus reality
- Witchcraft was condemned in Jacobean England, with suspected witches being tortured or killed
- The witches represent evil, as witchcraft went against Christian beliefs
- Regicide was also a sin against religion as it was believed that God chose the king. This was known as the divine rights of kings
- In Macbeth, lack of sleep symbolises a loss of innocence and purity
- Macbeth reveals his guilt through sleep and also through his refusal to use religious language. He won't use terms such as amen

A catalyst is something that speeds up the events of a play

In my opinion the catalyst of Macbeth is Macbeth because when he hears that he will be king his ambition gets the better of him which leads him to resort to killing the king in order to speed up the process of the crown being passed down to him.

Lady Macbeth refused to kill the king because she believes that he looks too much in resemblance of her father.

lady Macbeth's reaction	Macbeth's reaction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • happiness • Pleasure • She is glad to hear of the news • Slightly proud of Macbeth • Unaffected • Unfazed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guilt • Regret • Paranoia • Anxiety • He refuses to go back to Duncan's chamber

I think Lady Macbeth reacted differently to the death of Duncan for many reasons but I think one of the biggest reasons is that she wasn't the person who killed the king whereas Macbeth had to murder one of his friends, who had a great trust in Macbeth, in cold blood which would have made Macbeth feel guilty and regretful. I also think my opinion fits well because as time goes on Lady Macbeth starts to feel paranoid and guilty which leads to her eventual suicide. In fact, I think Lady Macbeth would've been affected greater than Macbeth if she had done the deed because she herself said that the king resembled her father and that was the only known reason as to why she didn't kill him herself

Fantastic effort – working from home, Jamie in Y10.





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"The Year 11s have been so mature and hard-working this week." the English staff were so proud of them on Tuesday.

Finally, of course school life is not just about work: so many other life skills are learnt here and this picture sums up our students at their best. Georgia and Daniel are sitting with Adrianna who is visually impaired. They have made creative use of their face masks to attempt to empathise and understand what Adrianna's day to day living feels like. This picture sums up exactly what we want most of all for our students: that they are kind and compassionate and try to understand each other. Qualities that will help bring them success and happiness in life: well done Georgia and Daniel.



Have a lovely weekend and keep safe,

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