

Morecambe Bay
Academy

Sixth Form Information
2021



A huge welcome to Sixth Form in 2021

We are really pleased that you have chosen to study with us in Sixth Form in September. We know we haven't seen you for a long time now and we just wanted to say we can't wait to see you all again and are looking forward to seeing you on results day and give you some important information about Sixth Form.





Sixth form: general information

- We recognise that when you return in September that it is your choice to study with us and we want you to feel that we are now treating you as young adults. This means that life is very different than lower down the school.
- What this means is that you will have a lot more independence and you will have to take on more responsibility for your own learning.





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- Mrs Fitzwilliam is the pastoral lead in sixth form but also has responsibility for academic progress.
- Miss Thornton leads on the academic progress in sixth form and has an SLT overview.
- Mrs Whitaker is Attendance Lead.





Sixth form: teaching and studying

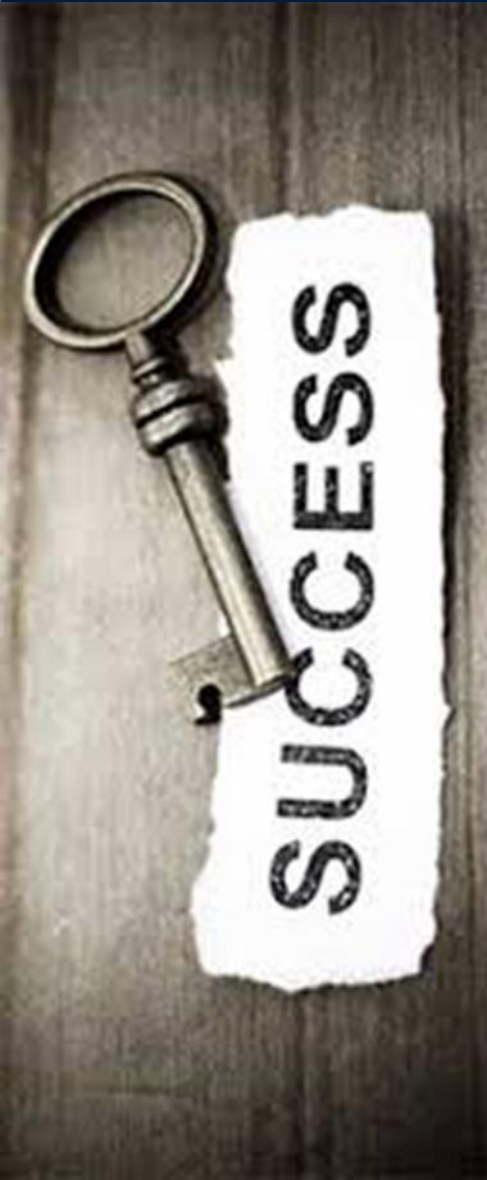
- You will have timetabled lessons in all your subjects, taught by experienced staff. An average timetable will be 12 taught hours plus enrichment on a Wednesday afternoon.
- The times when you are not in lessons should be seen as an opportunity to complete independent learning: either set by your teacher or research or revision.
- An expectation is that for every four hours taught, you should spend another four hours studying independently.
- There will be designated silent study areas for this work and the library has new IT facilities for you to use.





Sixth form: Expectation of study

- Absence: work needs to be caught up: you are responsible for this.
- Equipment: you need to be responsible for this.
- Folder checks are carried out regularly
- Effective note taking is crucial for success.
- Regular reviews of academic progress take place.





Sixth form: Expectations



- Changing subjects: no changes for the first two weeks, this is to allow you time to make an informed decision. You will then be allowed to change as long as you meet the entry criteria for the subject you are changing to.
- You can not agree with teachers that you are changing: everything goes through Ms Fitzwilliam.
- When not studying you should be in the building – with one exception.



Sixth form: code of conduct



- Ambassadors for the school – both within and outside.
- Communal areas: behaviour and expectations: thinking of others.
- Phone policy.



Dress Code:

- Smart Casual
- No blue jeans or ripped garments
- No trainers
- No midriffs
- No low cut tops
- No short skirts
- No facial piercings
- No unnaturally coloured hair
- No outrageous hair styles





Bursary and Equipment



- Bursary: free school meals - £20:00 per week.
- If income is less than £25,000 per year - £10:00 per week.
- Paid at the start of each term based on excellent attendance, behaviour and progress.
- Tablets will be bought for all Year Twelve
- STEM subjects will receive extra funding so will get a laptop.



Sixth form: Enrichment

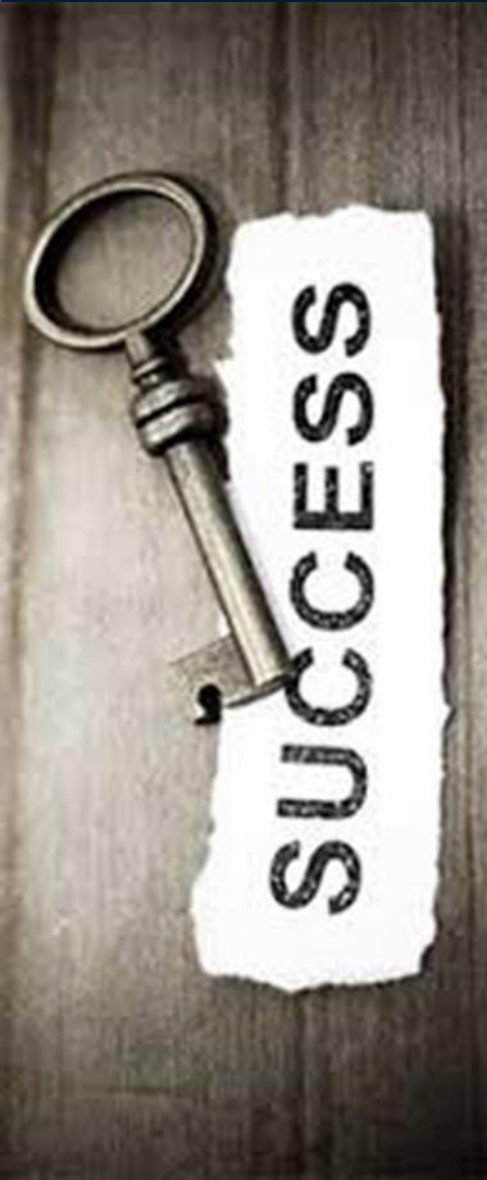
- On a Wednesday afternoon all sixth formers are expected to take part in enrichment sessions. These cover a wide variety of topics to inform and support you. These will include financial planning, universities and apprenticeships information as well as covering the recommended SRE
- You will have access to an industry mentor in small groups who can support you with interview technique, application forms and offer opportunities for work experience.
- You will have access to careers advice from our on site careers advisor Mrs Louth.





Independent Study

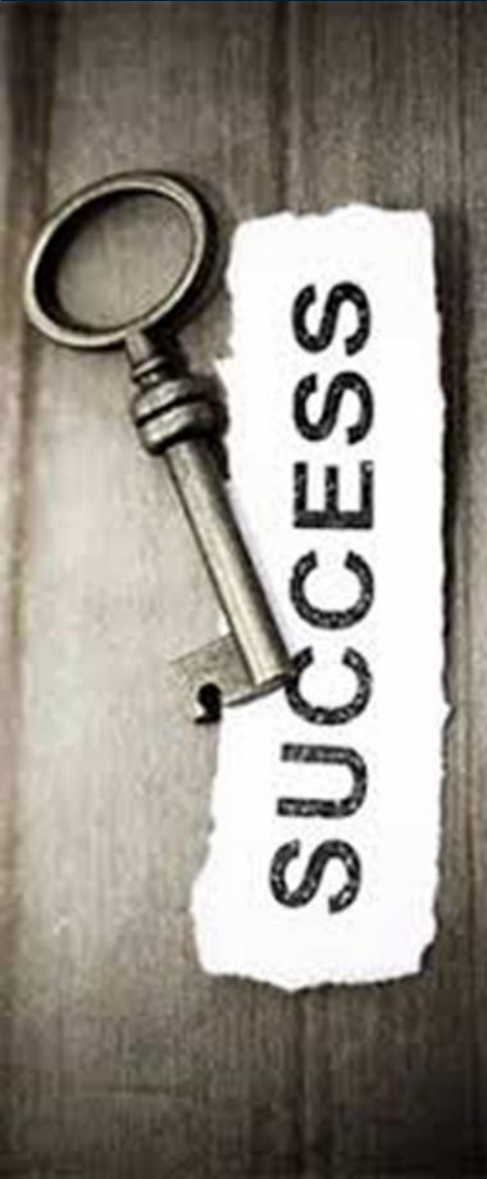
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- An expectation is that for every four hours taught, you should spend another four hours studying independently.
- There will be designated silent study areas for this work.
- We have a new IT space with 60 computers within the library for you to use when needed.





Sixth form: enrolling for your courses

- Choices can change between now and September.
- Results Day – don't worry about it – sixth form places are open to negotiation, and we will look with you at the possible options available.
- It is the start of your adult life and will determine your future path.





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Final Words

We are so looking forward welcoming you into Morecambe Bay Academy Sixth Form, and supporting you through your journey both here and beyond in your next steps.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us by phone or email.

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Have a fabulous summer and see you in September

