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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome once again to our weekly update. I hope this letter finds you all safe and well

### **Results Days 2021:**

All Year 13 and Year 11 have received a letter outlining our arrangements for results days. We have also attached a useful information sheet explaining how grades have been arrived at and answers to some frequently asked questions. We hope this is useful to you.,  
A level results for Year 13 students are on August 10 and GCSE pupils will receive theirs two days later on August 12.

### **Sixth Form Applicants:**

Please take a look on our Sixth Form page on our website to see a short welcome film for all our Year 12s. There is also an accompanying power-point for further information.

### **Year Six Transition:**

If you have a child joining us in September, please take the time to look on the transition page on the website. There is a welcome film, with a virtual tour and individual films of the form tutors talking to their new form group. We hope you have received, or will receive shortly, our transition pack which contains the gift of a book and essential stationary equipment. The transition booklet contains some activities to complete over the holidays.

### **Testing:**

We are keen as a school to ensure that we play our part in the testing and reporting processes that are important for Public Health England to have an accurate picture. Therefore, we are joining with Lancaster City Council in a pilot testing scheme that will run in school from Wednesday next week. Students whose consent slip has been received, will have been given an appointment for this testing.



Curriculum News:



Well done to Mrs Thornton on her curriculum work that has resulted in the fantastic news that we had been awarded a place on the skills builder accelerator programme.

The Skills Builder Partnership includes over 450 schools and colleges, 130 impact organisations and 100 top employers - working collectively towards the mission that one day, everyone will build the essential skills to succeed.

Our work is underpinned by the Skills Builder Universal Framework, which shows how to build essential skills at every stage of life. These eight skills are: Listening, Speaking, Problem Solving, Creativity, Staying Positive, Aiming High, Leadership and Teamwork.

The programme will enable us to train staff and access resources to build the essential skills all students need into our year 7 curriculum. It will give us access to virtual trips, extended projects and challenge days for other year groups too, ensuring all our students are ready for their next steps when they leave us.

Mrs Thornton said:

"I'm so excited about the opportunities this will bring for our students here at Morecambe Bay Academy."

### **Music:**

Year 7's having a great time performing the ukulele as a class, being led by Theo and Oliver who were improvising some call and response rhythms for the rest to copy.



## Technology:

Year 9: Mrs Windle wanted to say that they have tried hard to develop their making and plating up skills.



The image of Chapati, raita, chicken tikka kebabs and raspberry lassi was all done at home as Ellie was self-isolating! The dish included: homegrown shallots, cucumber, mint, basil, peppers and coriander – well done Ellie.

## Geography:

This week Geography students have been watching the development of the new ground source heat pump. Eighty bore holes that are 120m deep will be created on the school field to use heat from the earth as a renewable and sustainable method of heating the school buildings.





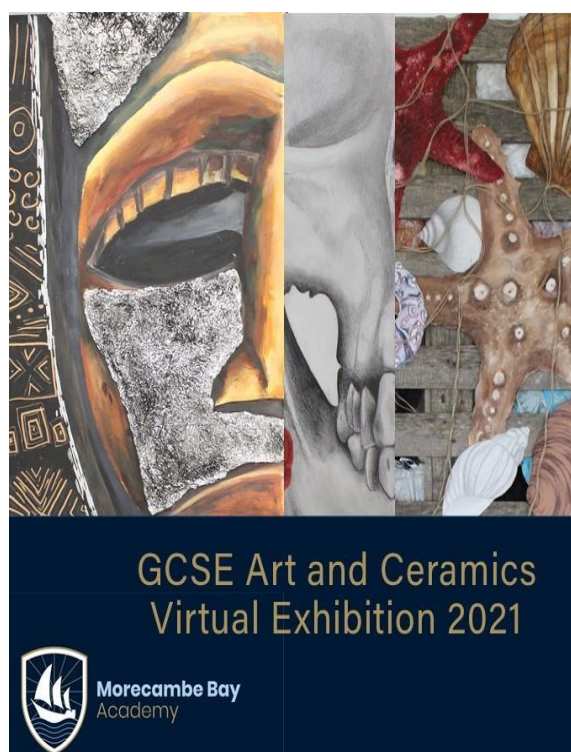
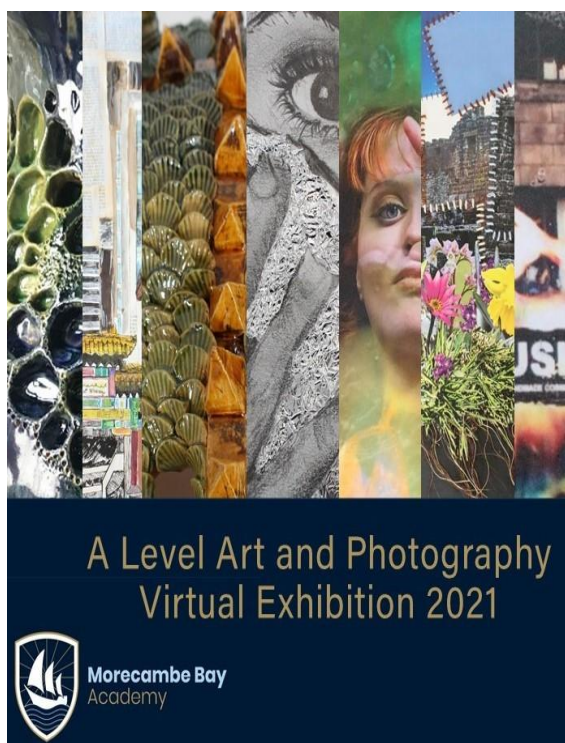
## Physical Education:

Sports days were completed this week - Year 9 was the only one hit by weather. In the morning it was traditional competitive sport and, in the afternoon, students took part in none competitive - teamwork / personal challenge activities.



## Art:

We are very proud to present our GCSE and A level Virtual Art exhibitions for Art, Ceramics and Photography. Please have a look at the wonderful work produced over the past 2 years, our students have worked so well despite the challenges or the pandemic.



Please see the links below that will open the exhibitions:

A Level

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2XBXXINS0M>

GCSE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sil7liFTKl8>

### Safe Space:

"The pupils in the 'After School Club', in Safespace have enjoyed designing and making model rafts. They then floated them to test them in different scenarios, including: how much cargo they could support before they sank and racing them across the pool we were using!"

"Lots of good teamwork skills and new friends made! Very nice in the sunshine!"

Finally, we would like to highlight and celebrate a fantastic achievement by Charles Lavin in Year Seven. The picture below with Windsor Castle peeping over the top of the trees is of Charles and his beautiful horse Ruby competing at The Windsor Horse Show.



Charles and his 2 team mates were 3rd overall. Charles had to compete for the first time at junior level (12-15 year olds) with just 24 hours' notice that he was going which means every discipline was harder than he has done before.

He had to pistol shoot, swim, run and show jump his horse for the tetrathlon. He managed a fantastic shoot score of 880/1000 and a faultless show jumping round in front of a big crowd and a highly charged atmosphere. Charles' very proud mum told us that: "Lots of ice- cream was eaten in celebration!"

Well Done Charles: we are all very proud of you!

Finally, last week I wished England good luck in their match, but this weekend seems to be something that football fans have been dreaming of for many years. It feels just like the sort of good news the nation could do with so: Good Luck England!

Kind Regards

Mrs H McClurg (Principal)