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Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all: a very big welcome to any parents who are new to the academy and whose children have started us with us this year. I hope they have settled in well and are enjoying everything the academy has to offer. I would also like to welcome back our existing parents to another school year: which I very much hope will be more settled than the last two years. It has been wonderful to have the students back: without the need for facemasks and with the feeling that normality is returning to life. I hope you enjoy the round- up of the week in the academy and are able to support future events mentioned in this newsletter.

Open Evening: 21st September, 5:30pm-8:30pm

Open Evening is on Tuesday: this is one of the most important events of the year when we welcome families and students to look around the academy. The staff have all been very busy ensuring the academy looks its best both inside and out. If you know anyone with a child in Year 5 or 6: please encourage them to come along and visit, they will be very welcome.

Please remember that school will close immediately after PM registration on Tuesday 21st September

Year Seven:

Our Year Sevens have settled in magnificently: a big achievement after so much time off school in the last two years. I think they all now know their way around and there are not as many anxious little faces looking carefully at their school map in between lessons. I have been round lots of lessons and they seem like a lovely year group who are focused and sensible, so we will be expecting some great things from them. Thank you to all Year Seven parents for preparing them, making them look so smart and ensuring they have all the correct equipment.

Year Eleven Core Mocks and Year Thirteen Mocks:

These examinations will run from 20th September for the week. Please support these by encouraging some revision over this weekend and that students are in school and on time next week. These exams are very important as they will enable us to see what extra support students need in the run up to the real examinations next summer.

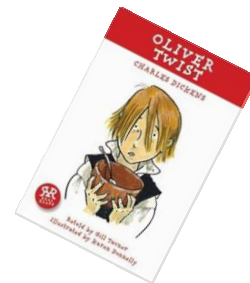
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Good news from around the academy:



During form time, 7A have started to read the Real Reads version of Dickens' *Oliver Twist*. The aim is to build cultural capital as well as promote a love of reading and build confidence in reading aloud. Set in Victorian London, the themes of poverty and social injustice are presented through the characters of Oliver Twist and the villainous Fagin and Bill Sikes.

Maths:

All Year 7 have just completed a two-week introductory course to the exciting world of Mathematics. It was Galileo who said, 'Mathematics is the language with which God has written the universe' and our Year 7 have enjoyed finding out about the different things that make this subject so special. They started the week learning about Cryptography and the British Mathematician, Alan Turing. They then used a Caesar Shift Wheel to form and crack their own codes. Later lessons included investigations into Opposite Corners on a 100 grid, Consecutive Sums, and the 4 Rules of Number. There was also a computer lesson in the library using Hegarty Maths and, in between, a progress test to help our teachers best address and gaps in subject knowledge. Our budding Year 7s are now ready to start their studies inspired by where Maths can take them in the future!

Geography:

We had greetings from sunny Liverpool this morning, where our Year 11 Geographers have been collecting fieldwork data.



MFL would like to say:

11CFr1 have been wonderful in French lessons and have had a great start so far. It is so nice to see how serious they have been regarding their learning.

10F have started to listen to Alice In Wonderland during our silent reading tutor session.

English:

We are delighted to be taking 44 students going to Blackpool on Weds 22nd with the English Department. Very excited to see one of our Literature texts in performance!

Jamie, Chloe and Aissa in 11x3 delivered excellent Speaking and listening assessments after school yesterday – all speeches were engaging and the learners articulated a variety of high order ideas including the impact of social media on mental health and wellbeing.

11x3 and 11y2 have worked very hard this week preparing for their English Literature Mock exams. Impressive knowledge and skills involving the comparison of themes, attitudes and ideas across World War Poems

Science: Ms Black would like to say

Students from Year 7 to Year 10 in Science have all now followed a Health and Safety lesson, following our new Laboratory rules and experimenting with the Bunsen Burner. From melting ice and accurately measuring the temperature to more advanced procedures like Flame tests. It was great to get 'back to normal' in our Science lessons with an excellent standard of practical behaviour from all MBA students involved.

Year 7 are currently taking part in a 'Name your Science lab' competition for homework. Science staff will be picking out the best proposals. This homework is to be completed within the next two weeks so we can get those Famous Scientists recognised by MBA students as soon as possible.

A Science Crest Award club will be starting next Wednesday after-school which is open to Year 7 and Year 8 students.

Science Post cards of Praise- The following students have been nominated in Science to receive a postcard of praise for excellent work and effort. Well done!

KS5- Matthew W, Luke F, Richard B, Josh B and Heidi C

KS4- Alfie D, Daisy B, Ewan D, Mia B, Jack H, Susie T, Annabelle C, Ruby T, Olivia W and Courtney D

KS3- Ash D, Cezary M, Erin L, Charlie AB, Connor R, Harrison C, Spencer A and Louis C

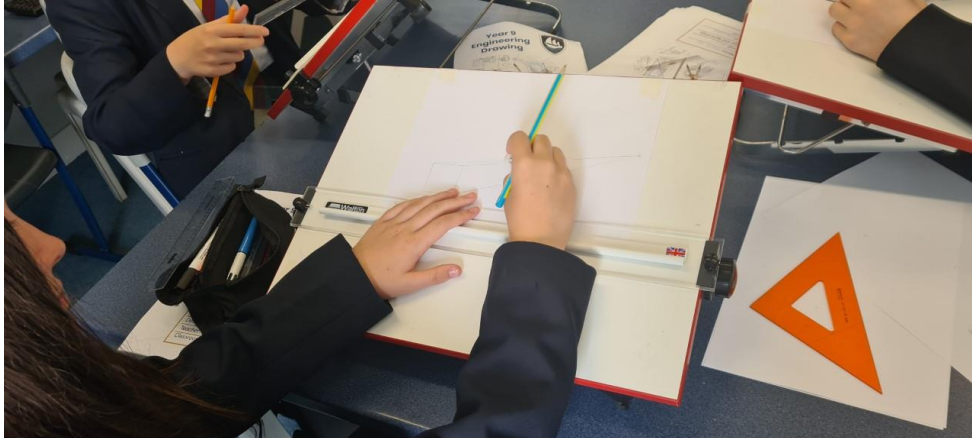
Art:

Miss Simpson's 9x1 Art have been lucky enough to be selected to work with a team of researchers from Lancaster University on an exciting project based around Morecambe Bay Timescapes. They will be using the data they gather to create visualisations about possible futures for 'our place', which will be a site on the Prom by the lifeboat station. They will work together to produce a small publication which they will distribute at our final event. They will also represent their future predictions as 3D images to be viewed using a machine called 'Stereoscope'.

Their stereoscopes will be placed along the coast during the final event, when they will show their 3D visualisations to the public. During the event, they will also present their work to environmental organisation, historical archives, and the city council.

Design and Technology

this week we have been learning about Engineering Drawing. We have had some wonderful lessons, making use of professional equipment. Year 7 and 8 studying single point perspective year 9 studying 2 point perspective and our year 10s studying 1 and 2 point perspective and even some student challenging themselves and learning orthographic drawing.



Miss Wolstenholme: Head of Year 11:

I would just like to say how proud I am of Y11 with their return to school. They look incredibly smart and their attitude towards their learning in preparation for mocks has been fantastic. I would like to wish them all luck for next week and remind them to try their best.

Miss Wolstenholme

P.E.

Well done to the Year 8, 9, 10/11 Rugby teams - All the students involved have represented the school with pride and distinction. They have been brilliant with over 60 students being involved. Next fixtures Saturday morning v Dallam and Wednesday after school against Carnforth.

Ms Fitzwilliam: Head of Sixth Form:

The year twelves have made a great start to the year with many staff being complimentary of their helpfulness to younger students and generally being a pleasure to teach

Miss Thornton: Vice Principal:

The 6th form enrichment programme started last week with an amazing talk from Kamal at Aiming a little Higher. The aim was to motivate students to take control of their futures, realise their potential and celebrate their successes to date. A fun and inspiring afternoon was had by all.



As you can see: it has been a very busy week. As always, if you have anything you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do our best to help.

Have a very good weekend,

Kind Regards

Mrs H McClurg (Principal)