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Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy week is drawing to a close. It is difficult to believe that there are only two more weeks until half term. The students are now very much back into the routines of school and it is great that there has been far less disruption than last year. There are just a couple of things that are surfacing that I would like to ask for your support with.

#### **Attendance:**

I know it is the time of year where there are a lot of cold and flu like illnesses, particularly as we have not all mixed properly for so long and it is advisable to keep your child at home if they are displaying symptoms of these illnesses and they feel unwell. Please continue to use lateral flow testing kits, that are supplied by school to test your child regularly for covid: this will minimise the spread of the virus in the school population. In terms of general attendance, please encourage your child to aim for 100% attendance: the link between achievement and attendance is proven and school really is the best place for your child on a day to day basis.

#### **Uniform:**

Please will you ensure that your child is coming to school in the correct uniform. Students, if choosing to wear a skirt, should only wear the Morecambe Bay approved school skirt. Skirts should sit just above the knee or be longer. We have been talking to students this week about uniform and will be having a uniform week next week where uniform will be checked across school. If you have difficulty in obtaining any uniform, please contact school and we will do our best to help. If you need any financial assistance in providing uniform or equipment please contact us, this will always remain confidential and we can help.

#### **Sixth Form Dress Code:**

Over the past couple of weeks students seem to have relaxed their dress code. Please can you remind them that our expectation is 'smart casual'. Skirt lengths should be appropriate to professional dress and clothing should be smart.



## **Year Eleven Parents' Evening: 13/10/2021**

Year Eleven Parents Evening is going to be held remotely . This may change as we move through the year for future events. You should now have details on how to make appointments: please ensure you do not miss this important opportunity to discuss you child's progress.

### **Covid Vaccinations:**

The NHS vaccination team who are organising and have the responsibility for the administering of covid vaccinations are in school on 19<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not already returned your consent slip and require your child to be vaccinated, please get it back into school no later than Monday 11th October.

### **Parent Survey:**

It is important to us at the academy that we know your views of the school. Understanding how parents view the school and it s procedures enables us to improve and work with you. To help us with this we have set up a parental survey: please take the time to complete it if at all possible. The survey can be found by following this link:

<https://edurio.com/poll/zG315g>

MBA Talent Show: 21st October: 7:00pm

The MBA Talent Show takes place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October in The Studio. Please come along and see some of the amazing talents our students have.

### **Round up of News:**

It has been another busy week around the academy :here is a small snapshot of some of the activities and learning that has been happening.

### **Food Technology:**

Year 7 have been demonstrating safe knife skill whilst making Fresh Fruit Salad.



Year 8 have made fresh bread rolls



And Year 11 recently made and plated-up Panna Cotta.



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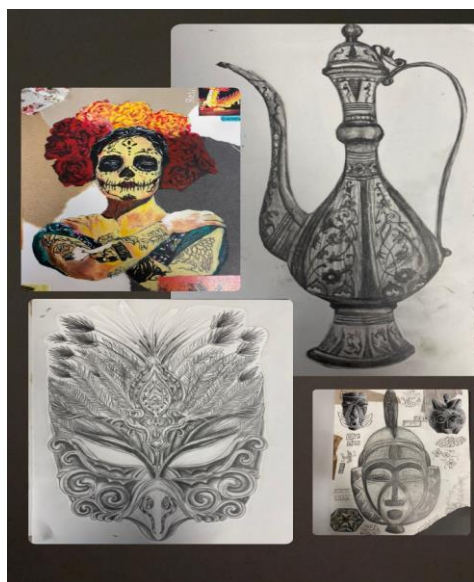
MBA staff and staff from Ryelands, Grosvernor Park and Trumacar Primary schools all took part in climbing wall instructor training on MBA climbing wall. We are looking forward to welcoming primary school students very soon to experience the challenges of the climbing wall.



It is also great to have all fixtures happening again with yr 7 and 8 boys playing host to Sedbergh school in rugby. Also Netball matches against Bay leadership years 9 & 10 (Emma P and Erin L players of the match and year later 7 & 8 against Central (Megan M and Elise P players of the matches). Well done to all students involved.

## Art:

Julia K and Izzy O have made a fantastic start to the Cultures project (pictures attached). Miss Moore has been very impressed with how well Year 10 have started their new project. Keep it up!





Year 7 have Art club have been making junk bots out of found and recycled materials this week.



#### **MFL:**

These Year 7 students have all made a particularly great start to French at MBA, making a fantastic effort and contributing well in lessons:

- 7xFr3: Tyler C, Charlotte C, Oliver C, Millie E, Elanor G, Amber H, Megan M, Katie N, Nancie T, Lochlain W, Ellie W, Igor W
- 7yFr1: Chloe B, Ella C, Sienna C, Brianna D, Cole E, Antoni F, Erin F, Alfie H, Holly H, Max M, Logen P, Caytie P, Alfie S, Amelia W

Learners of the week in French: Katie W Year 9 and Millie L Year 10.

#### **English:**

Mrs Davies thoroughly enjoyed reading and talking about poetry on Thursday 7th October, National Poetry Day.

Her classes read poetry, listened to poetry, talked about poetry, analysed poetry and are going home to craft their own poetry for homework.

All the poems read with Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 explore ideas surrounding social injustice and the impact it has on individuals in society. We read about those who are powerless, who are discriminated against, who are isolated and those who challenge those in power, giving a voice to the silent.

We hope to share some of the poems with you next week!

Caitlin in Year 11 brought in her homework on Thursday morning this week! The class were asked to create a visual representation of the imagery used in the opening of *The Woman in Black*. Caitlin,(left) and Tilly (right) produced lovely pieces. Fantastic!



### Science:

Science club- Everyone who is taking part in Science club have been out onto the school field to fire some rockets with Miss Church and Mr Chapman. More investigation to follow to find out which bottle works best!

While the building works continue the transition the students have made in Science to other rooms has been excellent. Thank you to all the students with your help with this.

Mr Chapman was impressed with 11x2 doing a standing wave practical to a high standard using A Level equipment!

Mrs Cooper was impressed with Yr 12 Chemists completing a practical to determine the chemical formula of Epsom Salts (Hydrate Magnesium Sulfate)

Miss Black would like to thank Yr 13 A Level Biologists for mentoring Year 12 Biologists to help them with their independent studying.

Post-card of praise goes to the following students in Science-

KS3- Darcy W, Tia B, Hollie T, Ashton R, Clare W and Elanor G

KS4- Billi H, Cameron N, Ewan D, Jack H, Lennon C and Emily Oldfield

KS5- Lauren P, Heidi C, Taylor H, Josh M and Luke F

### Geography:

The Geography department have a competition with year 7 to design a geography themed exercise book cover. We have sent postcards home for the winners



## Primary Visits:

### Music:

Over the last 2 weeks we have welcomed Mr Lamb's year 6 class to Morecambe Bay Academy to take part in some music work shops.

During the first session with Mrs Dalgleish all pupils were taught how to chair drum, developed some basic chord playing on the Ukuleles and finished with some fabulous singing. During the second session led by Mr Casson ,they had great fun creating and writing their own Music using the music software programme mixcraft. The students had a wonderful time learning new skills and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Parkins class next week.

### Dance:

Year 13 dancers had a great session with Ryelands Primary School this morning delivering their planned session for their leading dance unit. The primary students really enjoyed it and commented on how talented our dancers were. Particular mention to Ellie Browning and Jessica Perry who planned today. The others will be delivering their sessions next week.



Have a lovely weekend,  
Kind Regards  
Mrs Heather McClurg (Principal)