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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our weekly roundup of news where we share news from around the academy.

Parents' Evening

Year Nine Parents Evening is coming up on 1st December. Please make an appointment to discuss your child's progress if you can. If you are unable to make a virtual appointment please contact us and we will do our very best to help.

Developing our Praise Culture

Last week I mentioned the introduction of a more widespread rewards culture across the academy. This has got off to a fantastic start: we're currently on 7211 praise points issued for the week and there's still 20% of the week to go!

Teachers have been really proactive in awarding praise points to students who actively participate in their lessons. The aim is to bring about a culture that encourages and rewards students who show enthusiasm and resilience in their learning. The spread of Praise Points across year groups looks fairly consistent which is really pleasing. Please talk about this at home and encourage your child: there will be the first awards assembly at the end of term where prizes will be given out.

A huge well done to all those students who have got praise points this week.

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Upcoming Events

The end of term will come rapidly and after the holidays there are two important dates for the diary

Year Nine Options Evening

On Wednesday 5th January our Year Nine Options Evening will be being held. All Year Nine parents will get more information next week. This is a really important evening for Year Nines as it is the first time in their school career that they can start to study in depth the subjects they are interested in. So please come along if you are able.

Sixth Form Open Evening

This will take place on 19th January and will give Year 11 students an opportunity to see all the subjects and extra-curricular opportunities that are available in our sixth form. We have extended our subject offer this year to include more vocational subjects and make us an even more inclusive sixth form. Keep a look out for our Sixth form film coming soon.

Primary Liaison

This week we offered training on our Climbing Wall to some of our primary colleagues. We are hoping that this will lead to many primary students having the opportunity to come and visit us and enjoy the challenge of the climbing wall facility. Thanks to Ryelands, Trumacar and Grosvenor Park for being so enthusiastic.



Primary School football Europa League

Students from 8 local primary schools took part on Tuesday in games officiated by Morecambe Bay Academy students. We are looking forward to hosting another eight primary schools next week.



Round up of News from Subject Areas

Computing

On Wednesday, 20 of our year 9 girls took part in the Cyber Girls First conference, which was delivered virtually by female industry professionals.

We had speakers from GCHQ, JP Morgan, NHS, BBC, Lancashire Cyber Foundry and Colt Technology. The girls completed a number of small challenges that tested their skills, while taking the opportunity to listen to the experiences of females that have succeeded in a male dominated industry.

All the girls took part enthusiastically and their behaviour was exemplary; we hope to see several year 9 girls taking up Computer Science and/or iMedia as a GCSE option next year.

Mr Martin

PE



Congratulations to the Yr10/11 handball team that came 4th in a local tournament. Great attitudes and transferable skills on show.

Well done to Mrs McGennity's year 7 girls football team, who were crowned district champions on Wednesday evening. They won the U12 District Football tournament hosted by MBA and involving local Secondary schools. They were unbeaten in all 5 matches.

SEND

In Lunch Club, we try to encourage some of the core values of the school. In the pictures you can see students who were given some problem-solving activities. They needed to show patience, resilience, and belief in what they were doing, in order to succeed. The Lunch Club also encourages teamwork, tolerance, and socialisation skills.



MFL

8yFr3: excellent effort in the reading assessment from Amona P., Max L. and Bayan A.

7yFr1: amazing organisation and effort from Thomas W. and Caytie P. who handed in the homework before it was even set this week!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards
Mrs Heather McClurg (Principal)