

**13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

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

It has been wonderful to be on the gates in the morning to greet our pupils on their way into school. Our motto is "Belong, Believe and Achieve" and wearing the uniform with pride goes a long way to showing that we belong to the community of Morecambe Bay Academy. Pupils should be wearing their blazers, and uniform standards are something that we shall be addressing over the next few weeks. My new Vice Principal, Mr Richard Senior, outlines in his article below what our expectations are on uniform.

An important life lesson is punctuality and we insist that all pupils are in lessons on time. This is a habit which will hold them in good stead throughout their life. Many thanks to parents for your support in getting pupils to school on time. The number of pupils reporting late to school has fallen significantly with your help. However, there are a significant number of roadworks which have just begun or are scheduled to start soon, so may I suggest setting off a little earlier to avoid the congestion that we shall all experience in the coming weeks.

It has been a difficult time for pupils studying for external examinations, and much of their preparation over the last two years has been affected by the impact of COVID. There is no doubt that pupils learn best in school, supported by their teachers. Pupils in year 11 will remain in school until 24<sup>th</sup> June, and in between their examinations they will attend their classes to engage in revision with their teachers or attend intervention classes and other strategies aimed at maximising their achievements this summer. Please note that all examination pupils, in year 11 and the sixth form, must be available for the examination board contingency day on 29<sup>th</sup> June. After this date, no public examinations will be held.

My parent's clinic continues each Thursday morning, from 9am to 10.30am and no appointment is necessary.

Keep safe

Gavin Gomersall  
Principal

## Message from Vice Principal – Mr Senior

Firstly, can I say what a pleasure it has been over the last few weeks at Morecambe Bay Academy, I have met many fantastic young people who each day demonstrate just how hardworking and ambitious they are, but above all else have shown spirit and respect in equal measure.

Ultimately, for them to be successful both now and later in life, they need to make academic progress each day so that they gain good qualifications, whilst developing excellent personal skills and above all else live by a good set of values. If we, the academy staff, and home can work together to deliver this they will be able to go on to live a happy, healthy and prosperous life whilst contributing positively to the lives of others.

To that aim we have made some tweaks to school life which have helped ensure students arrive to lesson on time, that learning begins promptly and that students give 100% attention when the teacher speaks-ask them about "STAR". These modifications are having a real impact on the climate of the academy and crucially the learning going on in classrooms.

However, our job is not to just teach them in the classroom, we must also take steps so that students feel safe, secure and happy in school whilst being prepared for life after school. Uniform is a key part of this work:

- If all students dress in uniform:
  - They all feel equal, no one is left out as they do not have the latest pair of Nike trainers etc.
  - We are able to identify our students as our students which ensures they are safe.
  - If we teach them to dress not only in correct uniform but with pride it:
  - Gives them a sense of belonging that builds the culture of school which in turn has a positive impact on both their well-being and academic progress.
  - Prepares them for life, no matter if you attend a social function or work place there is a dress codes, at a wedding we dress formally in suits, dresses and even hats, whilst on a night out we dress smartly but in a more casually manner, a plumber must wear a hard hat and footwear with steel toe caps, a surgeon must be dressed in their clean surgical gown, gloves, hat and mask, the list goes on.

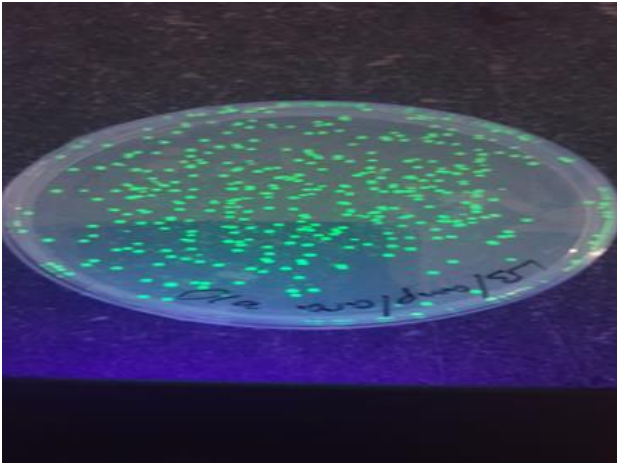
To that end we must teach students the importance of uniform and expect them to wear it. Full details of our uniform can be accessed via the website using the link below. However please may I stress the following:

- The only jewellery permitted is one pair of plain silver or gold-coloured studs worn in the lower ear lobe. No facial piercings are allowed.
- Pupils are allowed to wear mascara, concealer, and foundation – this must be subtle\*. Pupils are not allowed fake eyelashes/eyelash extensions, false or acrylic nails or wear coloured nail varnish.
- That blazer sleeves and skirts should not be rolled up. In situations where skirts are too big on the waist they should be taken in either permanently or if necessary through the use of a hair temporarily with a safety pin, hair band or clip.

<https://morecambebayacademy.co.uk/news/uniform-expectations-for-2020-2021/>

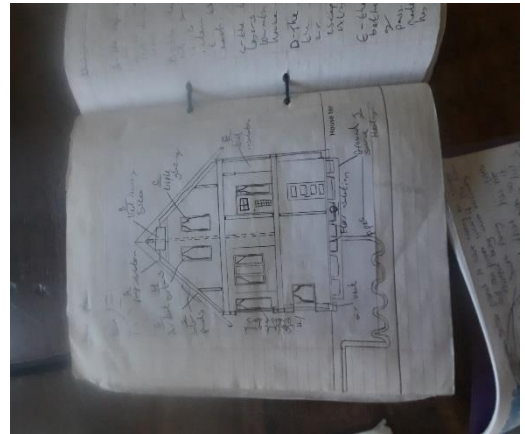
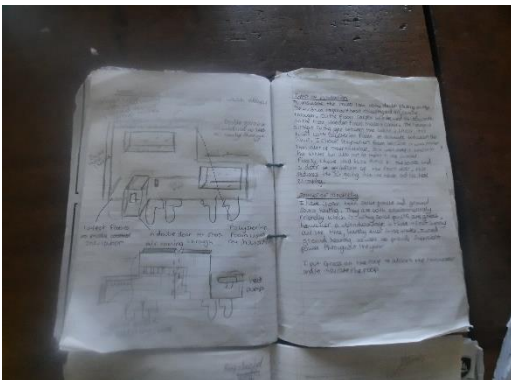


## Science Department

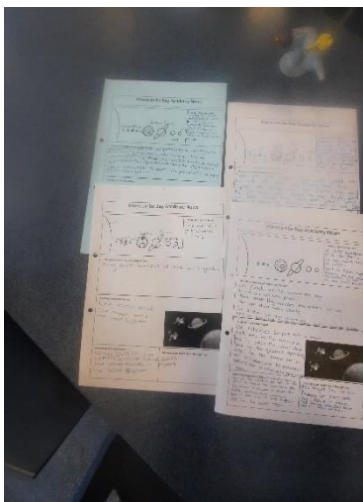


Year 13 Biology completed Gene Transformation - this meant they inserted jelly fish DNA into bacteria so they would be able to glow under UV light.

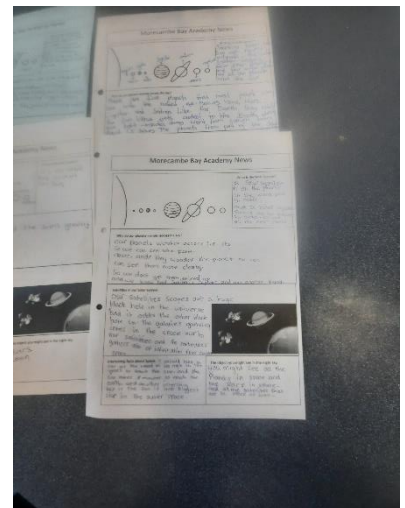
9y1 Created passive houses which had them consider what kind of house would be the most energy efficient.



7X2 created their own periscopes this week, we have been looking at reflection and how light is reflected off mirrors and how useful this was during the war.



7Y3 - have been looking at space and they have created their own newspaper articles using the knowledge they have attained so far.



**Lancashire & South Cumbria Creative Forces**  
**Health Careers Insight Day 22/06/22**

Our Ref: Creative Forces L&SC 22/06/22

Date: 09/05/22

Dear School / College

**Click here to book: [Book](#)**

**Re: Insightful and Inspiring day for students Year 6 & show casing Health & Social Care Careers in Lancashire & beyond.**

We are delighted to invite a selection of your students who have an Armed Forces & Uniformed Services link to take part in a new initiative organised in partnership with NHS Organisations, Health Education England, UCLAN and other organisations. We will showcase educational and career pathways for young people from year 6 and above, to spark an interest in Health and Social Care Careers.

The '**Creative Forces' Health Careers Insight Day** will involve 100 selected young people from across Lancashire & South Cumbria. They will be engaged with a variety of interactive workshops, hosted by local health and social care organisations, UCLAN and feature presentations designed to be engaging and thought provoking around the world of health and social care career opportunities.

We would like to invite your school to identify young people who would really benefit from exploring this world of work. It should be noted that places will be allocated on a first come first served basis therefore it is important for you to respond to us by the date highlighted below.

Details of the event are as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Westleigh Conference Centre, Lea Road, Preston, PR4 0RB</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>Arrival 9:45 for a 10:15am start – 2.20pm Finish</b>

Schools should bring a minimum of one teacher/representative to manage their students. Lunch will be provided, and dietary requirements can be forwarded later. The School will be responsible for transport to and from the event, however if this presents a barrier please get in touch and we will look to support your needs. An information sheet regarding the day and an outline timetable is attached.

In the meantime, if you require any help or further information, please contact: Rei Maycock, Widening Participation Programme Support Administrator [Rei.maycock@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:Rei.maycock@hee.nhs.uk)

Following your confirmation full final details will be sent out to you nearer the time.

Yours sincerely





Health Education England

# LANCASHIRE & SOUTH CUMBRIA CREATIVE FORCES HEALTH CAREERS INSIGHT DAY

SHOWCASING HEALTH AND  
SOCIAL CARE CAREERS IN  
LANCASHIRE & SOUTH  
CUMBRIA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
AND SERVICE FAMILIES

## THE EVENT

- ✓ 22ND JUNE 2022
- ✓ 9:30AM - 2:30PM
- ✓ WESTLEIGH, PR4 ORB

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE

CONTACT

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