

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



**Morecambe Bay**  
Academy

## **Dear Parent/Carer,**

It is my pleasure to introduce this week's round up of news and successes at Morecambe Bay Academy.

As we are now into the examination season, I thought that I would share with you some top tips from OFQUAL, the Office for Qualifications.

### **OfQUAL Top tips to help students prepare for exams**

We published [this guide](#) to help students prepare for this year's summer 2022 exams.

Keep an eye on our [Twitter page](#), for regular updates to help you during this exam period.

Thank you to parents for helping us to ensure that pupils are in school on time, even when there are roadworks going on which can lengthen your journey in the morning. Being on time is an important life skill.

May I wish you a happy and relaxing half term. Lessons restart on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 8.55am.

**Gavin Gomersall**  
Principal

### **Vice Principal's Behaviour Curriculum Update**

I would like to start by saying how pleased we are how students have conducted themselves this half term, punctuality to school and lessons has improved and there is little disruption to learning. Students have adapted the tweaks and changes that have been introduced, demonstrating their commitment to their education and what fine young people we have in our school.

Next half term our focus on high standards of pupil conduct in classrooms and around the building will remain but will also include both uniform and attendance.

Uniform is a key to upholding standards in good schools:

- It enables students to feel equal to their peers, e.g. If all students wear school shoes no one feels left out because they cannot afford an expensive item of clothing.
- It prepares students for life, no matter what our students do or where they go in life there are dress codes, both in workplace and in social situations
- Maintaining the standard of uniform is good for student wellbeing:
  - It gives a sense of belonging and builds the culture of school which has a positive impact on both student's outlook and the academic progress they make.

- Upholding a simple standard such as uniform tethers behaviours and stops small issues escalating as students learn their boundaries.

The standard of uniform from the vast majority of students at Morecambe Bay Academy is good, however we have some persistent issues where uniform is not worn appropriately. The parents of these students will receive a letter addressing this specifically, but we feel it is important to share the concerns generally:

- Jewellery: ring or drop earrings, nose studs, studs on the upper ear not on the lobe, chains outside of the shirt collar, rings etc.
- Sunglasses and excessive make up.
- Jacket or hoodie under their blazer.
- Blazer sleeves turned up. They should be worn to the full length, without lining visible.
- Skirts rolled up. They should be worn to the correct length so that the waist band is visible.

These are minor but vital tweaks; it is important that all uniform is worn correctly so that students are dressed appropriately in a professional manner.

Similarly, we have written to all parents to inform them of their students' current attendance and give a comparison, where possible to last year, one of four letters will be received:

- Congratulating students and yourselves where attendance is above 95%.
- Inform the families of students that attendance:
- Last year was above 95% but is now fallen below.
- Has fallen below 90% or below 80%, which is classed as persistent absence by government and can lead to legal action.
- To make improvements is a team effort, students, staff and parents, thank you for your continued support.

Enjoy half term,

Mr Senior  
Vice Principal

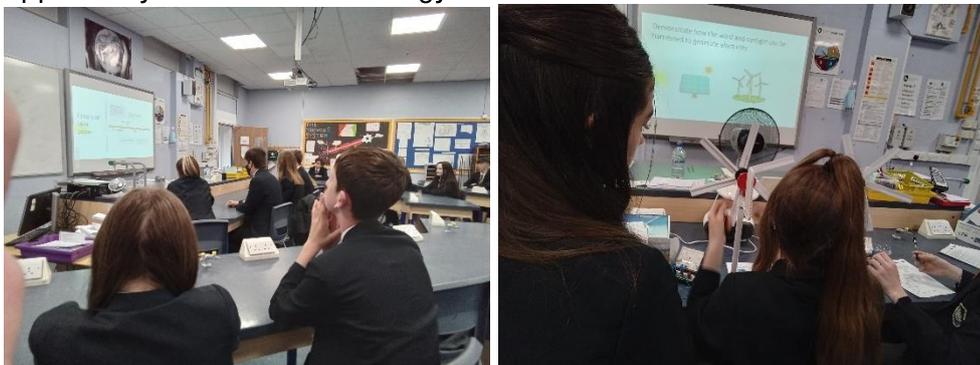
## **Period Poverty**

As part of the government policy to combat period poverty we have a supply of sanitary products for any girl needing such items.

We are aware that the cost of living crisis is affecting many aspects of life at the moment, and we are keen to help in any small way. If your daughter requires a stock of these items for home. Please do not hesitate to contact school and we will provide you with a hamper of sanitary items for either yourself or your daughter to collect.

## Year 9 Science

9Y1 and 9X3 took part in a STEM workshop with Victoria from L&M college - the first part was an interactive session where they developed their understanding of energy, the second part of the session they built their own windmills and saw how effective they were. They also had the opportunity to look at solar energy.



Over the next few weeks, the rest of year 9 will have this opportunity.

## PE

In Outdoor and Adventurous/Leadership lessons, students are focusing the A - *Attitude*, part of the PE STAR assessment objectives. Developing students ability in listening, speaking, problem solving, creativity, staying positive, aiming high, leadership and teamwork.



They have done this through completing team building challenges, orienteering and bouldering.

## Year 11 and Year 13 Exams

**Year 11** There is no study leave and all students should be attending school, even if there is no exam that day. Also, there will be no authorisation for students to go home after an am exam or just attend for afternoon exams.

**Year 13** All students should be attending all lessons, unless they have completed exams in that subject.