

10<sup>th</sup> June 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.

You may have seen in the press that there has been a national increase in the number of warning letters and Fixed Penalty Notices issued to parents for taking children on holiday during term time. Whilst I understand that it is difficult to keep to the school holidays due to increased prices at those times, in previous newsletters I have demonstrated the detrimental effect on education outcomes even short periods of missed school have on pupils. We will continue to apply the regulations with regards to unauthorised absence. For your information, in keeping with the national trend, we too have seen an increase in warning letters and penalty notices.

It is always a pleasure to see in the papers ex-Morecambe pupils and this was the case in the recent Queen's Platinum Jubilee birthday honours list. Janet Coyle has been awarded CBE for services to the economy. In 2016, her sister, Denise Mace, was awarded MBE, so this is the second award in this Morecambe family. Congratulations to Janet on such a prestigious award. It is testament to what Morecambe pupils can aspire to with the right mindset. More information on Janet Coyle's award can be found at:

<https://media.londonandpartners.com/news/london-partners-janet-coyle-awarded-cbe-for-services-to-the-economy-in-queens-platinum-jubilee-honours>

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[London & Partners' Janet Coyle  
awarded CBE, for services to the  
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Have a fantastic weekend.

Gavin Gomersall  
Principal

## Message from the Vice Principal

Thank you for your support, the standard of uniform has shifted this week: cuffs are rolled down, drop earring and nose piercings are not being seen, there have been very few students borrowing ties, blazers, and shoes. We still have some tweaks to make so that all students uniform is worn correctly, please may can you remind your children that stud earrings should be silver, or gold and not gem, and that the waist band of skirts should be visible.

It is important that we continue to educate our students of both the pitfalls and benefits of social media, yes it helps us keep up to date with news and helps us stay connected to friends, but used wrongly it can have a negative impact on both the user and others.

The national charity Young Minds have produced a list of ten tips we can use so that we help young people to be safe on social media and the internet, please take a look and use any relevant strategies:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/#:~:text=Have%20regular%20conversations%20about%20the%20internet%20and%20social,you%20like%2C%20and%20explain%20why%20you%20like%20them>



### [Social Media & Mental Health | Guide For Parents | YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/social-media/#:~:text=Have%20regular%20conversations%20about%20the%20internet%20and%20social,you%20like%2C%20and%20explain%20why%20you%20like%20them)

Talk to your child about your own experience of the online world. Show them sites and apps that you like, and explain why you like them. Show them how to use the internet in a positive way – to research things, to do homework, to talk to family, and to find out about the world.

[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Enjoy the weekend  
Mr Senior  
Vice Principal

## **Morecambe Bay Academy Art Exhibition – June 30th 2022 3.30–6.30pm**

The Annual Art exhibition at Morecambe Bay Academy has exceeded all expectations this year; students have been creative and innovative with both the materials they have used to create their art work as well as the size and scale of both their paintings and their sculptures. Art work from Years 11, 12 and 13 is on display in the Art department as well as around the school.

This year students have completed courses in Fine Art, Ceramics and Photography. The variety of work on display demonstrated the talent and creativity of the students as well as their willingness to take risks and work with new and interesting materials. In addition to traditional drawing and painting, students have been making sculptures from clay and recycled materials. The quality of the work was impressive and enhanced by display in the Art Block.



## Sixth Form

This week the 'Bake Off' came to Morecambe Bay Academy 6<sup>th</sup> form, students made cakes and were judged on design and of course taste.





The competition was very tough and the students made some wonderful cakes. The Bake Off also raised £30 which is going to be used to buy some plants for The Sands Care Home. A group of students took the left-over cakes to The Sands Care Home and served them to residents. It was a lovely afternoon all round.



**The Great British Bake off is coming to Morecambe Bay Academy 6<sup>th</sup> form**

Time to get your bake on

- Next Wednesday in enrichment we are going to have an afternoon tea, but you are going to bring the **goods**
- You need to get your bake on and bring some cakes, biscuits, breads anything that you can bake
- There will be prizes for the 3 best bakes judged by an independent party – yet to be decided!!!
- If you could bring a donation on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June that would be lovely all proceeds will go to either the food bank, helping students in need with the prom, or to the Sands Care Home (everything mentioned in the random acts of kindness assembly) you can decide



## Morecambe Youth Theatre

Morecambe Youth Theatre have their debut production coming up in July, some of our pupils are involved and any support they receive would be greatly appreciated.

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