

**1<sup>st</sup> July 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.

Of particular note this last week has been the Art Exhibition in our new art block. The standard of work exhibited is tremendous and evidences the incredibly high achievements pupils make in these creative subjects. Attendance at the exhibition was excellent, with many parents and pupils coming to see the works and being inspired by the talent on show in the various forms of art on display.

May I thank our Art team for helping to put together such a great exhibition, and special thanks to the pupils for the amazing output during the past year. My final thanks is to you, for all your support and help to nurture this talent.

Next week is our production, Matilda Jr, where a different set of talents will be on show. I cannot wait to see them next week. Please note the school will be closed from 3.15pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July for one hour.

Have a great weekend  
Gavin Gomersall  
Principal

**Message from Vice Principal**

In the last three weeks of the academic year, as tiredness creeps as we all look forward to the break, it is easy for standards to slip, but in good schools they don't, they have a relentless focus on the basics and maintain high expectations every day to the end of term so students continue to have purpose and make progress which in turn promotes their wellbeing.

As a staff we are committed to working with yourselves and our students to maintain this focus at MBA so that the improvements that we have made in the standard of uniform, behaviour and attendance are not lost.

So, in short how can you help? Continue to encourage your child to attend every day, be positive and ready to learn. Which simply means:

- Wear uniform correctly, especially accessories such as jewellery and resisting the temptation to roll up blazer sleeves or not have skirts waist band visible.
- Be in school every day up to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July, whilst being on time not only for school but all lessons.
- Be ready to give their best every lesson every day.

As Mr Gomersall has referenced above, when we do this, our students have the talent to produce some amazing work. It was my pleasure to visit the Art exhibition on Thursday evening to see such an impressive amount of outstanding work on show which was produced by so many pupils. The exhibition really showed just what students at Morecambe Bay Academy are capable of. Congratulations to both the staff and students involved.

I am looking forward to a positive and productive end to term.

Thank you for your support,  
Mr Senior

## MFL - Why Learn A Language?

On Friday 24th June, Cyrille Rollet, from Lancaster University, visited MBA to deliver a talk to Year 8 on why Languages are a valuable subject for them to learn. The students were a credit to the school, listening attentively to information about the possibility of higher wages and tales of free upgrades on holiday, which come as a reward for time and effort devoted to learning the culture and language of another country. We look forward to building on this link with Lancaster University to further benefit the students at MBA.

Miss Laird



## Table Tennis



Bethany in Year 10 represented Morecambe Bay Academy and England Schools in the Senior Schools Table Tennis Internationals which were held from Friday to Sunday last week in Largs. Bethany played extremely well all weekend.

She got the Silver Medal in the Individual Championships which was amazing as she was youngest English girl in the U16 Category, she also got a bronze medal in the team event. Well done Bethany.

## Drama Trip

41 Year 7 and Year 8 students from MBA attended the 'I'm a Celebrity Jungle Challenge' in Media City, Manchester. All students demonstrated their bravery by participating fully in a rewarding day which included trials such as 'get a grip' 'climbing wall' 'spy rider' 'tree top trial' and the 'jungle run'.



Alongside the trials the venue provided an educational workshop which focused on environmental issues surrounding the jungle. Everyone involved enjoyed their action-packed day at this incredible attraction. Max Year 8 was crowned King of the Jungle.



Mr Campbell

## Business

Year 8 pupils took part in an Enterprise day on Tuesday & Wednesday this week. Their ideas were inventive but realistic and tackled real life problems that were given to them. Finalists pitched their solutions to local employers and were able to answer questions posed to them. Feedback from both the local employers and all pupils involved was extremely positive. Well done Year 8!



Mrs Korab & Mrs Bool

## Art Exhibition



This time of year, in Art is about celebrating the achievement and hard work that our wonderful Artists, Ceramicists and Photographers have put into their GCSE and A Level coursework over the past two years. Despite the barriers that Covid presented, students have persevered and produced work of an excellent standard. It has been a pleasure to put together the exhibition of work to showcase the talent in our school. It was good to see how many students, staff and parents turned up to join in these celebrations last night.

Miss Simpson

## Morecambe Foodbank

I recently visited Morecambe Foodbank. Whilst there I spoke with the manager and they are really struggling with a shortage of donations at the moment due to the rising cost of living.

They are particularly in need of the items listed below. If you feel you can donate any of these please pop them into the Head of Year office and I will drop them off towards the end of next week. Any other donations will be gratefully received too.

They are always in need of instant mash potato, instant custard, angel delight, fruit juice (in cartons), microwave rice, tins of chilli, curry or stewed steak. Also, things like macaroni cheese or ravioli in tins.

Thank you

Mrs Gribbin Head of Year 10