

20th July 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

Last week I was lucky enough to see the Matilda Jr production in school. It was an amazing performance and testament to what our children can achieve with great support and guidance. My congratulations to the cast for their tremendous performance and my thanks to colleagues for their efforts to make this such a fantastic event. I am already looking forward to the next production.

In September we shall be renewing our focus on excellence in behavioural standards. Please see the item below which makes clear our expectations. Please do go through this with your child so that they fully understand. We shall be reinforcing these expectations in assemblies in September.

The new school year begins for years 7 and 11 on Monday 5th September, and for all other year groups on Tuesday 6th September.

Gavin Gomersall
Principal

Behaviour Update

When pupils return in September we will make further improvements to the standard of behaviour in the Academy so that every student is able to achieve good academic progress alongside developing the necessary values and skills so that they are able to go on to live a happy healthy and prosperous life. They will only do this if they are able to feel both safe and secure whilst learning in purposeful disruption free classrooms.

To do this we must teach students how to be considerate of others and have rules that uphold our first value which is to **Belong**.

Belonging at MBA means:

- We respect others right to learn in a **disruption free** environment.
- **Follow staff instruction**, first time, every time.
- **Being kind** to others, avoiding any name calling or language that causes upset.

We welcome and are proud when students:

- Arrive on time, ready to learn, with the correct equipment and uniform.
- Listen to their teacher and follow classroom routines.
- Day in day out act with kindness to others.
- Do what they are asked first time, every time.
- Report, instead of responding, when people are hurtful to others, this includes mean, rude, discrimination language on and off line along with dangerous and bullying behaviours.

- Keep their "Hands off" to ensure others feel safe, resources are maintained, and the environment is cared for.

When students don't follow these expectations and act in a negative, disrespectful manner we will take action.

- The detentions will be used when students are:
 - Not being ready to learn; arriving late, without the correct equipment and/or uniform.
 - Causing disruption; refusing to sit in a seating plan, shouting out, answering back, not responding to warnings or following routines.
 - Not following instruction by delaying compliance or arguing with staff.
 - Name calling or teasing, being intentionally rude or arguing with my peers.
 - Running in the building or toy fighting.
- Students will be asked to spend time in isolation, be suspended from school or asked to attend a "Step Out" at another school or in some cases if they:
 - Cause serious disruption to learning by:
 - Demonstrating repeated poor behaviour in lessons.
 - Challenging the teacher's authority such as:
 - Refusing good neighbour.
 - Being deliberately late or truanting lessons.
 - Showing defiance by:
 - Walking away from staff.
 - Not following a request.
 - Refusing to complete a consequence.
 - Acting in a manner that causes or risks causing harm to others:
 - Verbal and or physical abuse to staff and students.
 - Discrimination, such as racist, homophobic, and transphobic comments or actions.
 - Bullying in person or online.
 - Peer on peer abuse
 - Fighting
 - Theft and vandalism.
 - Handling any prohibited items, cigarettes, vapes, drugs, alcohol and weapons.

In addition to remove problems before they happen, we will make the following amendments to our expectations:

- **Phones or any other mobile electronic device** must be out of sight and switched off from the moment students walk through the school gate to the moment they leave. We appreciate that you may want your child to have a phone for safety reasons walking home. But mobile phones are not conducive to learning and we do not allow them to be used in school. If pupils' phones are seen, in use or not, the phone will be confiscated and returned the following day on production of a note from parents. To avoid this potential circumstance, please impress upon your child how important it is to have the phone switched off and in their bag.
- **Water:** there is clear evidence that pupils learn best when hydrated. However, evidence also shows that fizzy drinks do not hydrate as well, and the additives they contain are not

conducive to learning, plus, they are more expensive. Therefore, only water will be permitted to be brought into school from September. All pupils should ensure they have a water bottle they can drink from.

- **Uniform:** the sense of belonging is best demonstrated by wearing the uniform with pride. We shall continue to uphold the highest standards of dress. All pupils must have a blazer and tie every day. All pupils must wear black leather or imitation leather shoes. If parents are having issues with the cost of uniform for their child, they should contact the school to discuss this matter.

Examination Results

Summer 2022 examination results will be available to collect from the Lawther Library between 8.30am - 11am on the following days:

GCE: Thursday 18th August

GCSE: Thursday 25th August

You **must bring photographic ID to collect results**. This could be your passport. Candidates who do not bring photographic ID may not be able to collect their results.

For further information please see the Academy

website: <https://morecambabayacademy.co.uk/curriculum/examinations/>

Skills Builder

This year after a successful application, we started our journey on the Skills Builder Accelerator programme. This week we heard that following stringent moderation processes we had successfully been awarded the Skills Builder Bronze Award.

The Skills Builder programme, builds employability skills, such as teamwork, communication skills, problem solving skills and resilience for our students and Year 7 have been using the resources in form time with great success. Year 8 took part in an Enterprise day to develop their employability skills and Year 12 have been practising them with their industrial mentors every half term.

Skills Builder also supported with virtual work experience programmes for those students in Year 10 who hadn't found a placement. As we move forward, we will use the programme to build skills further into Year 8 and throughout the school, to develop the essential skills all of our students need for their future lives.



Duke of Edinburgh



26 Year 9 students at MBA have been working towards their bronze D of E award. This week they completed the expedition element of the award.

They needed to complete 2 days of walking, an overnight camp, prepare all their meals and carry their equipment. They completed over 60,000 steps (22 miles) and showed resilience and determination during the two days.

They also managed to cook some edible meals!

Yr9 and Yr10 London Trip 2022

Last week, 76 Year 9, 10 and 12 students enjoyed a three-day, two-night visit to London. Travelling first to the Warner Brothers' Studios Harry Potter, students were able to see the original sets and all the thousands of props used in the films. We then headed into the center of London to see Buckingham palace before our evening meal at Hard Rock café in Mayfair.



We had a mammoth second day, first visiting the Tower of London where students were dazzled by the crown jewels. It was then onto the Embankment alongside the Houses of Parliament and the recently restored Elizabeth's Tower and Big Ben which looked magnificent. We arrived in style via our river boat cruise where we were able to see a different perspective of London's main sites.

Once on shore, the students were terrified in the London Dungeons. Students were able to learn about how Mr. True would have been treated if he had been struck down by the plague and Mrs. Hill learnt of what her fate would have been if she had been accused of witchcraft. After everybody had experienced 'the drop' at the end of the visit, we all enjoyed our flight on the London Eye.





After an evening meal at Pizza Hut, we all went to the Duchess Theatre to watch an evening performance of *The Play That Went Wrong*. It's a play about the The Cornley Drama Society who put on a 1920s murder mystery, but as the title suggests, everything that can go wrong... does!

On our final day, we all went to Thorpe Park where those that wanted to be spun around and upside down at speed could but for those that preferred a quieter day, they were able to cool off in the enormous paddling pool and top up their tans. This was Mrs Marney's favourite bit.

We arrived safely home on Saturday night, exhausted but happy, having spent a fantastic three days away in glorious weather and with amazing company. The students were all fantastic and a credit to their parents and to the school.



Information for Parents and Students

Please be safe in or near water from Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service

Water Safety – The situation

- With temperatures soaring in the UK over next few days and the summer months ahead, it's important to recognise that UK waters are still cold ... so the weather might be hot, but the water is not and this is when we sadly see lives lost through cold water shock. Here the body is unable to adjust quickly enough to the temperature of the water and becomes weak very quickly, which can lead to tragedy.

Water Safety – Know the dangers

- As well as cold water shock there could be hazards underwater - shallow/hidden rocks or debris which could lead to life changing injuries. The water quality - in many areas, particularly unsupervised places which haven't been risk assessed, is unlikely to be very good quality and could cause life threatening illnesses.

- Many areas of open water are in remote locations. If help is needed phone signals may be poor and help is likely to take longer to arrive than normal - don't take this risk.

Water Safety – Use the water safely

- Stick together and tell someone where you are going. This includes dog walkers, cyclists, joggers and anglers who often do these activities alone and don't intend to go in the water in the first place – Do you know where your loved ones are?
- It is best to only swim in open water as part of an organised group where help will be on hand.
- If someone is in trouble in open water, don't panic as this will quickly reduce strength. Instead try to float on your back like a starfish - float to live.
- If help is needed call 999 and ask for the Fire Service if inland and for the Coastguard if by the sea.

Information for Parents and Students





@thebayblueprint
@thebaywellbeing
www.thebay.org.uk

Nature-based sessions to promote wellbeing



Meet new people, learn skills
and grow confidence!

- Weekly sessions.
- 3 month programme.
- Environmental activities.
- Explore and protect local wild spaces.
- Improve fitness and boost wellbeing.
- Small, friendly groups.
- Non-judgemental, inclusive atmosphere.
- Connect with nature.

Locations include: The Storey Gardens and Happy Mount Park



To find a session scan the QR code or contact:

Alex - Nature & Wellbeing Officer
ablomfield@edenproject.com
07884 605256















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Talk
to us

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Lancaster & Morecambe Additional Needs What's On Guide Summer Holidays 2022



Lancashire Break Time Short Breaks Offer

<https://bit.ly/3sYDE6r>

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Morecambe Road School – MoRo's Mon – Fri 9.30-3.30
Ages 4-18. 01524 414384
f.gill@moremcaberoad.lancs.sch.uk

Unique Kidz and Co Mon-Fri 10-4 Ages 4-18 01524
831132 services@uniquekidzandco.org.uk

Lots of other providers across the county including
Outdoor offers at Towerwood & Borwick Hall. Go to the
Lancashire Local Offer and search Lancashire Break time
or go to the Lancashire Local Offer facebook page for
updates www.Lancashire.gov.uk/SEND



Escape2Make Green Festival www.escape2make.org

Lots of FREE opportunities for 11-18 yr olds over the
summer (Not SEN exclusive but sessions are inclusive).

X Height Climbing Wall Salt Ayre SEN sessions

28th July – 25th August Thursdays 3-4. There are 7 spaces
per session, ages 5+ siblings welcome. £6.00 per climber.
Book via Salt Ayre Leisure Centre www.lancaster.gov.uk
Book Tickets for Salt Ayre Leisure Centre - SEN XHeight
Climbing Session - Salt Ayre Leisure Centre
(patronbase.com)

Unique Kidz and Co Stay and Play Weekend Sessions 12-3

Saturday 9th July, Saturday 23rd July, Sunday 21st August
Woodhill Lane Morecambe L44NW

No need to book, email info@uniquekidzandco.org.uk

BEE Unique Autism

8/8/22 & 22/8/22 Horse riding sessions
10.30-11.30 & 11.30-12.30 @ Morecambe Bay
Equestrian £15 per child booking essential

11/8/22 Cinderbarrow Miniature Railway 11-
1.30 FREE donation on the day booking
essential

12/8/22 Circus Skills @ More Music 10-12.30
£2 per child booking essential

15/8/22 Meet the ponies @ Morecambe Bay
equestrian 11.00 – 12.30 FREE booking
essential

19/8/22 Animal encounters @ More Music
1.00-2.00 & 2.00-3.00 £2 per child all ages &
siblings welcome booking essential

26/8/22 Brad's Magic Show @ More Music
2.45-4.15 £2 per child parent/carer free
booking essential

30/8/22 Brad's Animal Show @ More Music
1.00-2.00 & 2.00-3.00 £2 per child all ages &
siblings welcome booking essential

www.bookwhen.com/beeunique

Other activities from Bee Unique on offer in
Carlisle, Whitehaven, Keswick, Penrith,
Kendal, Preston. Details on Book When web
link above.

Disability Friendly sessions at Jump Rush

Morecambe Ages 5+ Thursdays 4.00-5.00
£6.00 per jumper (carer jumps for free)
Siblings welcome www.jump-rush.com

Autism Friendly Screening at Reel Cinema

Morecambe and Vue Cinema Lancaster
Vue: last Sunday of the month normally
around 10am Check Vue website or NLDG
page for details

Reel: usually 3rd Saturday of the month
around 10am check Reel website or NLDG
page for details

Colourful Footsteps (formerly known as

AOK) parent peer support group 1.30-
2.30 at Lune Park Neighbourhood centre
children under 8 welcome booking
essential 01524 581280. No group 27th
July

Before setting
off to join an
activity, please
check with the
provider /
venue in case
you need to
pre-book and
any info about
your child that
would help the
session leaders
is shared.
Unless
specified, no
diagnosis or
proof of
diagnosis is
needed to
access any of
the groups.

For more information on local activities during term time,
school holidays and after school, please go to:

Lancashire Local Offer: www.Lancashire.gov.uk/SEND

Local Offer facebook page:

www.Facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer

North Lancashire Directions Group Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/NLDGAdditionalNeedsSupport

School Aged Immunisation Service Survey –

Dear Parents/Guardians

NHS England North West would like to understand your views and feedback about School Aged Immunisation services. The findings from this survey will inform future planning of these services. A link to a short survey is included below:

<https://nhs.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=165712699386>.

NHS England North West would like to thank Parents & Guardians for taking the time to complete this survey.

Kind Regards,
Tricia Spedding
Head of Public Health NHS England - North West