

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



**Morecambe Bay**  
Academy

**Dear Parent/Carer,**

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

Open Evening was a busy affair, when pupils helped staff to show off the school to prospective parents. We were delighted by the number of families who came around to look at the school and see what we do. May I thank all pupils who helped do tours, speak to prospective families and generally helped to create such an amazing and positive atmosphere. And may I thank the parents of those pupils for bringing them and collecting them that evening. Thank you for your support.

We have been made aware of the unintended consequence of extending the school day in response to the direction from the Secretary for Education. This has meant that some pupils are having difficulty getting service buses home. We have spoken to colleagues at Stagecoach about this. Whilst they cannot amend the buses timetable, they will be providing comprehensive information about alternative buses and times. We will circulate this information as soon as we receive it. Additionally, pupils are welcome to stay in school to complete homework here where it is warm and dry, rather than waiting at the bus stop for the next bus. This has the added advantage of meaning less homework to do at home too.

We have many toilets in school and pupils should use these toilets before school, at breaktime and lunchtime and after school. Toilets are supervised at these times. However, pupils are not permitted to use the toilet during lesson time unless they have a medical condition. Where pupils have a medical condition, we give them a toilet card with a chip embedded so that they can unlock a toilet for them to use in lesson time. From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, teachers will not permit pupils to leave the classroom to use the toilet unless they have a toilet pass. If your child has a medical condition which may necessitate a toilet pass, please ensure you have emailed your child's Head of Year with a copy of the medical diagnosis so that we can ensure they have a pass in place before the 10<sup>th</sup> October.

I have been contacted about concerns around the morning drop off of pupils on Dallam Avenue. These concerns have been raised with the police and city council. The concerns are around parents parking on double yellow lines to drop off pupils which partially obstructs the road and also pupils crossing the road without looking out for on-coming vehicles. The concerns have been raised because there is a potential for an accident which we all would wish to avoid. Please can you consider where you drop off your child in the morning and reinforce good road safety habits with your child.

Have a great weekend

**Gavin Gomersall**  
Principal

## Free Breakfast

At Morecambe Bay Academy we have been lucky to received funding from the National Schools Breakfast Programme to provide a **free breakfast** to our students.

This programme commenced on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and students can attend the Dining Room from 8am-8.30am to obtain their free breakfast.

As uptake increases we will provide other free items e.g., cereals, warm porridge (for the winter), etc. Toast will continue to be available for free. Please take note, bacon has a cost attached to it.

Students will be asked to use their thumbprint to obtain their free purchase, but please may I reassure parents there will be **no charge for the bagels obtained at breakfast prior to the start of the school day**. The thumbprint is only so we can ensure our re-ordering stocks are updated to obtain further breakfast items

We hope this will help some of our families who are struggling at this time in the cost of living crisis, so please encourage your child(ren) to come and pick up a free breakfast to start their school day.

Kind Regards,  
Linda

Linda Kennedy  
Director of Finance

## Vacancies

We currently have a number of vacancies' in school, Office Administrator and a Design & Technology Technician, if this is something that you would be interested in, please take a look at our website for more information.

## Parent Governor

The Governing body is seeking nominations to appoint an additional Parent Governor to the board from September 2022.

The Full Governing Body meets once a term. This meeting normally takes 2 hours. Governors are also asked to be a member of a sub-committee. Each sub-committee also meets once a term. This meeting varies between 1 – 2 hours. Training sessions are an essential part of becoming an effective governor and online training will be available.

If this is something you would be interested in, please could you submit a letter of interest to the Chair of Governors care of the school.

## Geography – Ambleside



On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 40 9Y students visited Ambleside to complete fieldwork tasks. They looked at Glacial features, The impacts of Tourism on Ambleside and River processes.



## Year 9 District Netball Tournament

MBA hosted the first netball tournament of the 2022/23 season this week. Over 80 players were involved in the Year 9 tournament with a great total of 8 teams entering. The weather couldn't have been better and the tournament was played in great spirits. There were some excellent performances, great sportsmanship and a lovely community feel to the evening. Well done to all involved!



We have tournaments for the other year groups coming up every Thursday on the run up to the Half term break.

Year 8 - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October @ Carnforth

Year 7 - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October @ Carnforth

Year 10 / 11 - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October @ MBA

Miss Bird

## Rugby this week



Yr7, Yr8, Yr9 and 10/11 Rugby matches v Carnforth this week.  
Plus - MBA hosted a 5 school Yr9 Tournament.  
Great to see so many students representing the school.  
Well done to all great attitudes

Mark Squires  
Head of PE

## Year 11 Achievements

We are proud to celebrate the successes of our year 11 students in school - in lessons and in sport.

Jacob Kennedy has been selected for Lancashire U16s Football, an amazing achievement and Adam Fairclough has been invited to train at Morecambe Academy.

Bethany Ellis has been incredibly successful in reaching the national semi-finals in two age groups for table-tennis and we look forward to watching her continuing progress.

In lessons, it has been nice to see a change in attitude for many of our students as they approach this important final year. I have enjoyed the reading in forms, particularly with the lovely 11G and been impressed with the confidence exuded by our young people.

There appears to be a sense of purpose now within this group; a growing maturity and appreciation of their lofty position as the oldest students in main school.

Mrs Gribbin and I are proud of you and delighted to share in your successful journeys.

Mrs Gribbin and Mr Armitstead

## MFL

It was the European Day of languages on Monday and all students and staff were given a free croissant for breakfast. Students have been collecting stickers all week by completing "Do now" tasks in different subjects using different European languages like French, Ukrainian, Polish, etc.

## Equipment Change

### Our student equipment expectations are changing

After October half term (Wed 2 Nov) all students will be required to have a **scientific calculator** in school as part of their **essential equipment list**.

The minimum expectations for equipment in school every day helps to keep the focus on learning in the classroom for your child.

Form tutors will check equipment at the start of each day and to ensure they have what they need to take part in each lesson. Sanctions will apply for missing equipment.

Please support your child in being ready for learning, every lesson, with the essential equipment listed below.

As a minimum expectation, all pupils must have:



- Scientific calculator (Casio FX-83GTX / Casio FX-85GTX)
- pen (blue or black ink) and whiteboard marker (useful to have spares)
- pencil
- ruler (15cm or 30cm)

- planner
- exercise books / folder

Thank you in advance for your continuing support"

Angela Backhouse  
Assistant Principal

## **Yr 9 Pupil Jacob Walker**

Jacob set himself a challenge to cycle 200 miles through August with his Mum, Dad and Nana (and whoever else would like to accompany him) this will be massively challenging for him physically, roughly 6.5 miles every day but he wants to raise as much money possible for the hospitals and charities he holds close to his heart  to split between them all, to say a big thank you 

Royal Manchester Childrens hospital charity (ward 86)  
Bay Hospitals charity (RLI Childrens Ward)  
Team Reece  
Cancercare  
Rainbow Trust This

UPDATE: Jacob Cycle 200 fundraiser

Jacob did absolutely amazing he set himself something that would be extremely challenging with his condition he managed to cycle 147.23 miles in August, what a warrior his is, we have been discussing with Jacob'a team and he is exhausted probably a combination of his treatment and the challenge so we made the decision that he should finish, and not have to make the remaining miles up so he can save his energy for starting back in year 9, in what will hopefully be his first full year of schooling since diagnosis

His fundraising finished at £4453.95, which is £890.79 to each charity.