

18th November 2022



**Morecambe Bay
Academy**

Dear Parent/Carer,

You will have noticed that some gas works are being undertaken along Dallam Avenue, blocking the pavement on one side of the school main entrance. This has meant that pupils should use the pavement on the other side. However, some cars are parking on those double yellow lines/half on the pavement, meaning pupils often are forced to walk into the road. Given recent road accidents, please can parents please park further along Dallam Avenue, by our fields. This is especially important at night when it gets dark early.

Next week we are holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for a sixth form charity drive to buy toys for the children's ward at the hospital. Donations of a pound are requested for this charity event. Further charity event details for December can be found later in this newsletter.

Finally, I wished to thank Mr Wright, of Whitewells Catering Supplies of Morecambe, who have donated 2kg of butter daily for our free breakfast bagels. As part of a national initiative we have joined, the Government will contribute 75% of the cost of all the bagels we give to pupils at breakfast. Mr Wright and Whitewells have ensured that this project is even better supplied to give your child a nutritious start to the day. This is open to all pupils so please encourage your child to claim their daily breakfast.

Have a great weekend

Gavin Gomersall
Principal

The 15 days of Christmas.

In the next 15 days we have some exciting initiatives planned in readiness for Christmas. As we approach the festive season, we feel it is important that our students are given the opportunity to support our community, so those who are less fortunate can have a happy time and feel loved at Christmas.

Friday 25th November will be a non-uniform day. Students will be asked to donate £1 in aid of a Christmas toy appeal. Under the direction of one of our 6th Form students, Madi Lord, we wish to raise money to provide toys for various local charities including the children's ward at RLI, the Salvation Army and the Blossom's Toy Appeal at Westgate Primary School.

Similarly, we appreciate that, particularly in present times of hardship, it is important that all families are well fed. From Monday 21st of November we will begin a competition where each student will be asked to "Bring a tin" to school to enable us to make a collective donation to <https://morecambebay.foodbank.org.uk/> in the last week of term on behalf of our community in support of our community. We are asking students to bring a tin or packet of dried food to school any day up until Monday 12th December. The students in the year group who brings in the most items

will be individually rewarded on the last day of term. We do understand if families are not able to support this initiative, so if students wish to give, there will be a bank of tins provided by staff that they can use to donate.

As well as giving to others we wish also to recognise our students for their hard work and effort, in the last week of term we have organised for each year group to enjoy an in school cinema experience with their peers. To be part of this reward in the 15 school days from Monday 21st of November to Friday 9th December students must:

- Support "Disruption Free Learning" by ensuring that they do not receive any S2's, these are issued if a student is sent out of class.
- Have a 100% attendance by attending every day across that period. If a student is absent but has attendance above 96% for the year they will also qualify.

Finally in the run up to Christmas, as the party season approaches, it is important that we keep our uniform standards high, please can we ensure that students make up, jewellery, hair styles and acrylic nails falls within our uniform guidance: <https://morecambabayacademy.co.uk/news/uniform-expectations-for-2020-2021/>

Thank you
Richard Senior
Vice Principal

Sixth Form Enrichment



decorated the home in Poppy's.
Everyone had a great afternoon!

As part of their enrichment programme our Sixth Form students worked with their very talented textile teachers to make Remembrance Day Poppy Wreaths.

The year 13 Health and Social Care students took them to The Sands Care Home on Thursday afternoon and the residents loved them.

Student spoke to the residents about their memories of the war and



Year 7 Drama Student of the Term



Year 7 Drama Student of the Half Term, our Oscar Winner; Amelia O'Neil and Nominees; Bronson Lancaster and Aliyah Diep.

Presented by Miss Natasha Walker who was the very first winner of the Oscar herself back when she was a Year 7 pupil.

Year 7 and 8 Rewards

Year 7 and 8 reward brektime with cakes, cookies and juice for our nominated pupils who have made a fantastic start in their first half term at MBA.





U14 Girl's Football Tournament - Thursday 10th November

MBA hosted the U14 District Football tournament this week. It was a fantastic event despite slightly windy conditions! 8 teams competed from local High Schools, involving over 90 Year 8 and 9 girls from the District.

Congratulations to all those involved. A great display of skill, team-work and enthusiasm was on display. A big thank you to the Year 10 boys that refereed the whole tournament, allowing staff time to enjoy the football on display.



Well done to the Year 8 MBA team - 2nd place overall. The Year 9 team showed great resilience coming joint 7th.

The next tournament is on Thursday 1st December for the Year 7's.

Results from this week - Yr 9 won 4 - 3 v Penwortham and through to the next round

Thursday Yr 9 also came 1st and 2nd at a tournament at BLA

They were brilliant on both occasions.

Year 7 Interform Netball Competition

This week we held our Year 7 Inter-form netball competition. It was a fantastic competition involving over 60 students. All 8 forms were represented and there was a great display of enthusiasm, team spirit and friendly competitiveness!! Unfortunately, the weather didn't play ball on the night and so all games had to be played inside but this just created an even better atmosphere with forms all supporting each other.

Results will be announced next week in Year 7 assembly!



English Department



Year 11 had a fantastic couple of days joined by West End in schools who came to run workshops which brought their GCSE text Macbeth to life! Lots of fun had testing their knowledge of the text and acting the lines.



Daily Spend Limit

Following the forthcoming price increases in our canteen, please note that the maximum daily spend limit that each student's account permits will also be increasing.

Please could I point out to parents and carers that you have permissions within your child/ren's accounts to set this maximum spend limit to an amount which is comfortable and affordable for you. May I ask all parents to check their accounts and ensure this is at your preferred individual amount.

Mrs Kennedy
Director of Finance