# 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022



# Dear Parent/Carer,

Just before the holiday we have a pupil involved in a road traffic accident on the prom. Fortunately, the pupil only had light injuries, but it could have been much worse. And in the last few days I have heard of parents parking on double yellow lines near school, potentially narrowing visibility which might also lead to an accident. Please be mindful of where you park near school and please do continue to warn your children of the dangers of traffic in our area. This is especially the case with the dark mornings and the evenings drawing in earlier as we approach Christmas.

Again, before half term, we had our year 7 sustainability day linked to our transition reading book. You can read more about the event later in this newsletter. You can also read about the Normandy and Barcelona trips which enjoyed superb weather on the continent.

Finally, you can read the Bay Learning Trust newsletter, "Across the Bay", which celebrates the achievements of Morecambe and our sister academies across the artist.

Please be careful this Bonfire weekend and enjoy the displays in a safe manner. Gavin Gomersall Principal

## Year 11 Employability morning





Today students in the X half of year 11 took part in an Employability morning to help prepare them for their future and the world of work. Students were off timetable P1 & 2 to look at Interview preparation and then took part in a Mock interview with an employer.

It was a fun and informative morning for our students, it really helped them gain

confidence with attending an interview as well as helping them develop key skills. A big thank you to our fantastic employers who give up their time to support our students - we really do appreciate it! The next Employability morning for Y half of year 11 is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Alicia Louth

Careers Advisor & Work Experience Co-ordinator

## **Barcelona Trip**



In October half term 43 year 11 students flew to Barcelona for a day 5 visit to the city.

They visited Nou Camp, Port Aventura and Port Vell. The Sagrada Familia wowed the students and there were many purchases made on the Rambles. The weather was fantastic and the students mastered travel on the metro.

An excellent time was had by all.





#### **Normandy Trip**



Normandy visit 2022. Over fifty year 8 students took part in a cultural visit to Normandy, France. During the visit, our students showed incredible levels of respect when visiting both the American and Commonwealth cemeteries.

Students also enjoyed visits to local farms where they learned about the production of goat's cheese and apple cider.

The highlight of the trip was a visit to Paris where students observed the panorama from the 60<sup>th</sup> floor of the Montparnasse Tower. Students relaxed as we took a cruise down the Seine to see some of the Parisian landmarks such as the Notre Dame Cathedral.

We were really proud to receive so many complements from total strangers, congratulating our students on their behaviour at the war memorials.





#### **English Dept**



Last half term, year 7 students at Morecambe Bay Academy took part in a virtual assembly from The Eden Project North and virtual assemblies run by educational charity 'Green Up Your Act'. Students learnt about the Eden Project and its work as well as what this will mean for Morecambe when it comes to us!

They also learned how to reduce, reuse and recycle by making their very own notebooks only out of old maps and card!

This is all linked to the Transition project they have been studying in English since the start of their time at MBA based on the book 'The Summer We Turned Green' by William Sutcliffe. A great day had by all!



#### **Across The Bay Newsletter**

The Bay Learning Trust is delighted to share its October newsletter, 'Across the Bay.' with colleagues in all academies. The newsletter provides a summary of the excellent work that takes place across he Trust. You can access the newsletter here: <u>https://sway.office.com/qFiWt53kFbTKCWOc?ref=Link</u>

# **PE/Sport**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, morning rugby at LRGS, excellent game played in the right spirit. Lost 5t-4t but played well, great to see how much they have progressed in 6 weeks.

Thanks to all parents and staff who gave up time to support.







Well done to the following teams this week:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October Yr 7 girls beat Ormskirk in Lancashire cup 5-3

Yr10 boys lost to Hodgeson in Lancashire Cup 3-1.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October Yr 7 and Yr 8 Netball v LGGS both lost (players on school trip)

Wednesday19th October Yr 7, 8 and 9 rugby teams played Kirby Kendal (7 won, 8 and 9 lost but a number of players away on the Normandy trip)

U13 girls lost to Carnforth football

Yr 10 Rugby Thursday v Kirby Kendal

Yr 7 and Yr 8 girls football teams took part in Morecambe FC girls football tournament on Wednesday.

Yr 10 - football team won a tournament with Our Lady's, Carnforth and Bay Leadership academy on Thursday

All the students represented the school with pride and were good ambassadors for the school.

Well done to all players who have represented the school, it has been great to see lots of students in action, being proud to be part of MBA.

## **Art Exhibition**

We are delighted to confirm that the Timescapes exhibition will open at the Maritime Museum in Lancaster on Saturday at 12. We will exhibit students work alongside documents from the museum. The exhibition will remain open until November 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will also have a workshop on November 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 3pm. Everyone is welcome to attend the exhibition and workshop. The workshop is designed to be family friendly, with activities suitable for all children 5+ years old, and accessible to all. The workshop will include a 45 minute walk along the river - please wear appropriate waterproof clothing and footwear. The route is suitable for wheelchairs/pushchairs.

More information and sign up to the workshop here:

https://festivalofsocialscience.com/events/timescapes-of-morecambe-bay-an-exhibition-across-pasts-presents-and-possible-coastal-futures/

<u>Timescapes of Morecambe Bay Workshop | Events |</u> Festival of Social Science

This workshop activity will lead you on a guided walk along the river Lune, using kits with prompts to produce speculative visions as annotated maps. Back in the museum we...

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### Thesis research- Home Schooling during Covid





# Did you home-school during covid?

Are you a parent who home-schooled during the pandemic who would be interested in sharing your experience as part of my research into parent's experiences?

Note: This will form part of my university research for the Doctorate in Child and Educational Psychology

Researcher Information and for further details of how to volunteer for this research project:

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