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Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of term, I'd like to thank everyone in our school community for all of the wonderful achievements over the past 6 weeks.

It's been an incredibly busy term with external examinations in full swing, Year 12 completing their work experience week and a wide range of clubs and activities running at lunchtimes and after-school, including Oliver rehearsals, to name just a few of the many activities taking place in school. We have also had a number of Year 5 pupils spending days with us in our languages department.

Congratulations to our Year 9, 10 and 11 footballers who were crowned district champions with Year 11 also becoming Lancashire County champions following a hard fought 4-2 victory over Baines last night, after extra time. We have also had a number of Year 10 students who have already completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

As mentioned in my previous letters this half term, I've been really proud of how our students have responded positively to our collective raising of expectations surrounding uniform, phones and eating on corridors and we remain grateful for your continued support.

### Punctuality and attendance

After half term, we are focusing on punctuality and attendance. As we know, good attendance has many benefits to our students including improved academic outcomes and social interaction, resulting in improved mental health and well-being. Being punctual to school and lessons supports good attendance and maximises every minute of learning. It is also an important quality in all aspects of life beyond the school gates. In order to ensure all our students are achieving this, after the break, we will be issuing an after-school detention for students who are late to lessons, as well as late school at the start of the day.

In order to support students make any appropriate adjustments, with the increased focus on good punctuality, in the first week of next half term, if a student is late to lesson/form, staff will remind them of our expectations and the benefits of being punctual but will not issue the detention. From **Monday 12 June**, students who subsequently arrive late to lesson/form will receive an after-school detention.

Students will continue to receive an S3 detention, from **Monday 5 June**, if they are late for school in the morning. If there are exceptional circumstances meaning your son/daughter will be late to school, please communicate this in advance to the reception/attendance team that morning.

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If you require any support with your child's attendance to school, please contact your child's Head of Year and we will work together to overcome any potential barriers.

### **Detentions**

We are also making some changes to our detention systems. It is important that any detention is served as close to the behaviour as possible that has led to the detention. This also allows students to start the next day in a more positive way.

As such, after school detentions (S3) will be 20 minutes in length but in any one evening, there will be a maximum of three 20-minute detentions being held.

The first detention 'session' will run 3.15-3.35, 'session' 2: 3.35-3.55 and the final 'session' 3.55-4.15. This means if a child receives one detention in a day, they will attend the first 20-minute detention 'session' the following evening. If they receive a second detention, they will attend two detention 'sessions' the following evening and so on.

We are also introducing a second evening for S4 detentions meaning they will be held on a Tuesday and Friday. These detentions will run from 3.15-4.30.

If your child receives a S3 or S4 detention, you will continue to be informed via Synergy.

So that all students have a 'fresh start', as we introduce the new structure to our detention system - in the final term, any remaining outstanding detentions, as at Friday 26 May, will be removed.

### **Toilets**

The final change we are making for after the break, following feedback from students and parents/careers, is that we will be opening all toilets for students to use.

So that students maximise lesson time, students, with the exception of those with a medically confirmed toilet pass, will not be allowed to use the toilets during lessons as they can be used before and after school, during break and lunchtime as well as in the '5-minute' transition time between lessons. We believe this gives students ample opportunity and time throughout the day to utilise our bathroom facilities without negatively impacting on good punctuality and attendance to class.

We do of course encourage and expect all our students to respect our facilities to ensure they are looked after so that all of our school community benefit.

All of the information for our return has been shared with students during our assemblies this past week and they will be reminded in the first week back after half term.

As with any aspect of your child's education, if you have any queries, please contact us: [reception@morecambabayacademy.co.uk](mailto:reception@morecambabayacademy.co.uk)

Thank you in advance for your continued support and we hope you have a restful break.

Yours sincerely



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