

Welcome to Morecambe Bay Academy

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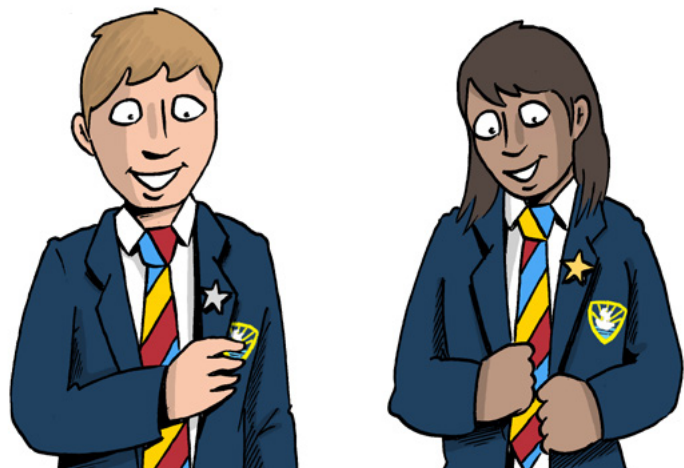
Here is a message from our Principal:

I am delighted to welcome you to Morecambe Bay Academy. My dedicated team of teachers and I will be working with you during the next five years (at least) as part of your secondary school journey. Secondary school is another key milestone in your educational career where together we will develop new skills and knowledge to help prepare you for a happy and successful future post-sixteen. Experience shows that you will make better progress if you are happy, settled and secure and make strong friendships. Equally important is developing your self-reliance, your problem-solving and your ability to critically discuss your work with peers and teachers.

We expect excellence and we aim to do this in an environment of mutual respect and strong communications between you, your parents/carers and your teachers. Teachers take great pride in watching pupils grow and flourish during their time at Morecambe Bay Academy and we will provide experiences and opportunities which will last you a lifetime. We will challenge and support you in equal measure in all areas of your academic life, so that you will develop the confidence to take ownership of your studies and become a successful learner. We have high academic standards and expect only the best. We will do our utmost to ensure that you will thrive and are both happy and successful.

I am looking forward to meeting you in September.

Gavin Gomersall
Principal



What the pupils say...

'You have nothing to worry about when starting! I was in the same boat but now I am surrounded by good friends and people that are always there for me whenever needed. So let go of your worries and enjoy yourself!'

How will you help me get ready to come to Morecambe Bay Academy?

You may feel a mix of emotions about coming to secondary school. It is quite normal to feel a bit worried because starting secondary school is a big change. We are a very friendly and welcoming school and we can all remember what it feels like starting Year 7. We will do everything possible to help you settle in as quickly and happily as possible.

You will come and visit us during the summer term for a transition day to meet your form and Form Tutors. Your parents/carers will also be invited to a transition evening.

We also hold brilliant 'Outdoor Education Days' over the summer holidays. The fun will start at 8.30am when you will leave Morecambe Bay with your new classmates and teachers. You will spend an exciting day packed full of activities at Conistone in the Lake District. Fully qualified education specialists will take you canoeing, kayaking and ghyll scrambling (which involves climbing up and down mountain streams). If the weather is not great, you will do brilliant indoor activities. You will learn lots about yourself and build so much self-confidence when you find out what you are capable of. The day is also a great way to start making friends with the other students.



What the pupils say...

'I really appreciated the amount of things I was able to do at the start of Year 7 from the amazing trip we did, to the teachers who didn't mind if we got a little lost!'



What do I need for my first day?

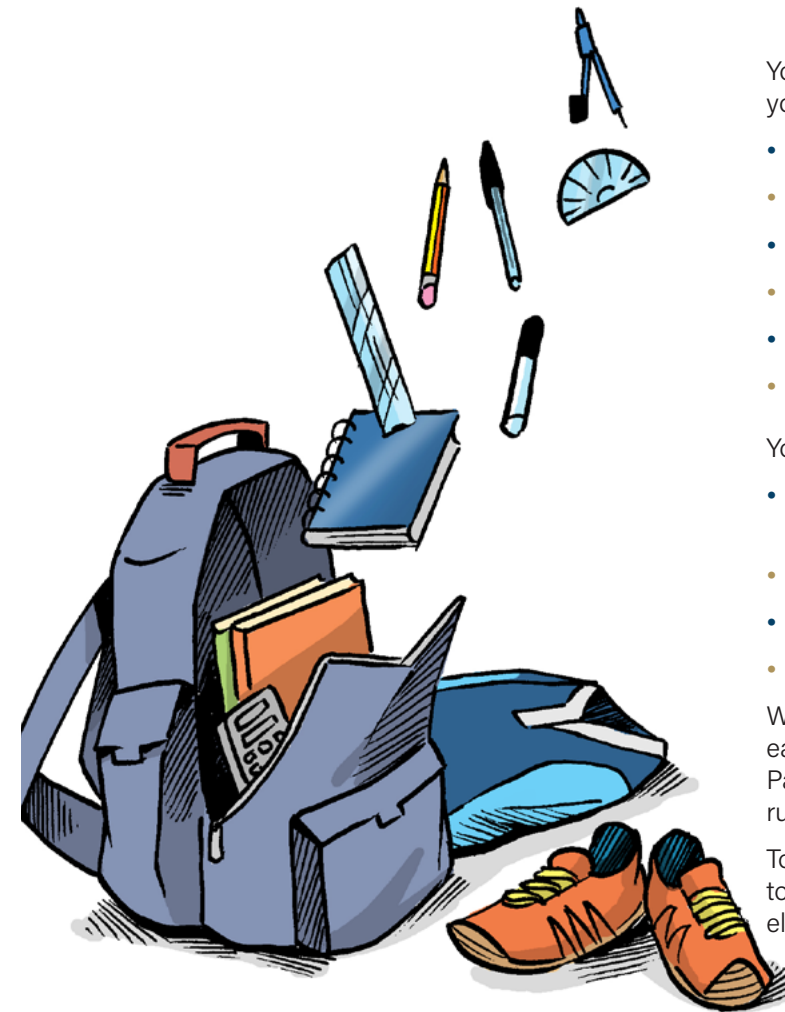
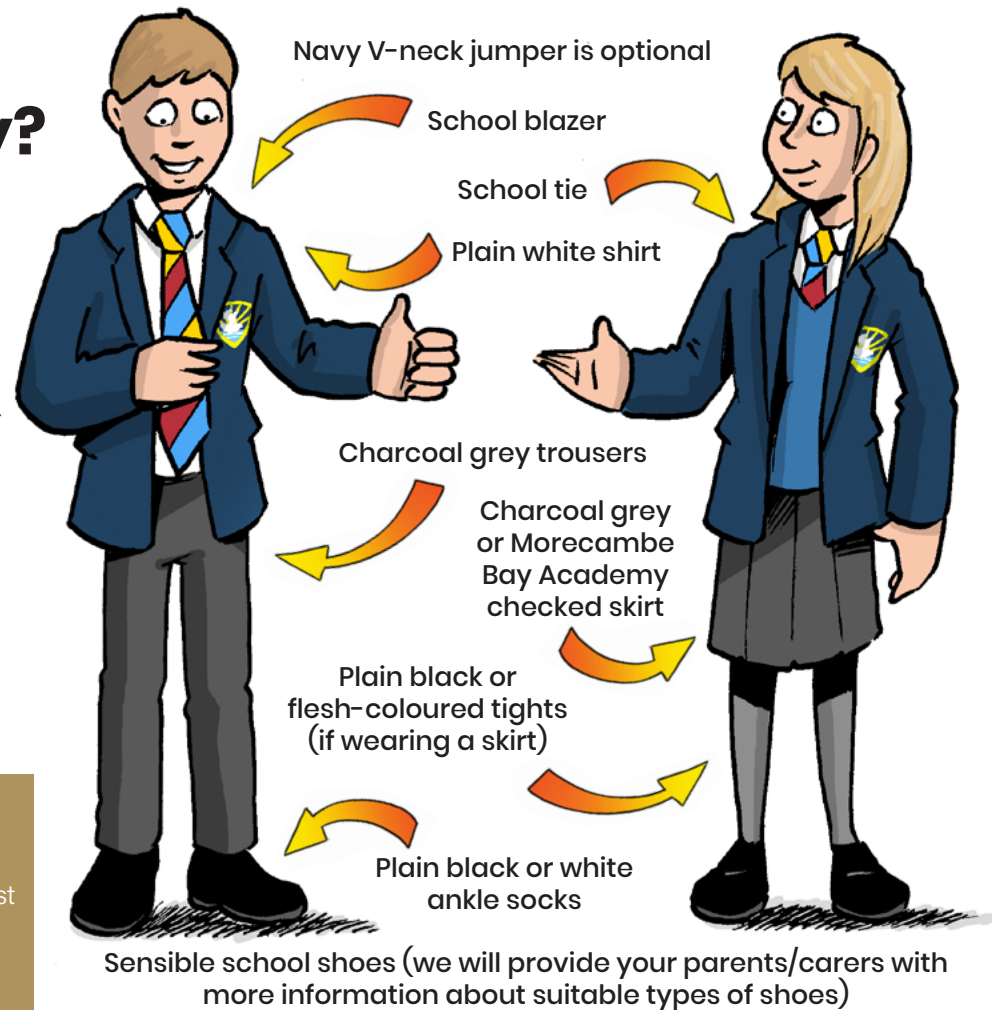
We believe in excellence in everything, which means we expect you to present yourself smartly and wear your uniform with pride.

We have clear, simple rules about uniform and you will need to follow them from your first day with us.

Items of religious significance must be in school colours.

What the pupils say...

'Starting Year 7 in Morecambe Bay Academy will be scary but only for the first few seconds! You will be greeted by lots of kind and comforting staff... All of the teachers make you feel right at home.'



You must also bring the following items with you every day in a strong backpack:

- Pen – blue or black ink
- Pencil
- Ruler (15 or 30cm)
- Whiteboard marker
- School planner – provided by us
- Exercise books – provided by us

You may also need:

- Scientific calculator (CASIO FX-85GTX recommended)
- PE kit – when needed
- Cooking ingredients – when needed
- Protractor and a pair of compasses

We will check you have everything you need at the start of each day but you will need to remember to bring it all in. Pack your bag the night before so you are less likely to be in a rush and forget anything.

To allow you to study without distractions, you are not allowed to use any phones, smart watches or any other unauthorised electronic device from home in the school building.

What happens in a school day?

These are the timings of a school day:

8.55 am Form time, including a group assembly once a week

9.10 am Lesson 1

10.10 am Lesson 2

11.10 am Break

11.25 am Lesson 3

12.25 pm Lunch

1.05 pm Lesson 4

2.05 pm Lesson 5

3.05 pm End of school day

You will move between classrooms for each lesson and have different teachers. Don't worry about finding your way around. If you get lost, older students and teachers will be happy to help you. You will very soon know where everything is and feel at home!



What about food?

We have a brilliant canteen which serves food before school and at break and lunchtime. You can eat there or pre-order and collect something to take away from the hall.

Why not start your day with your free breakfast, which you can collect between 8.10 and 8.45 am.

Snacks, such as paninis, wraps, pasta pots and sandwiches, are available at break and lunchtime. Meals are also available. There is always lots of variety on the menu, including options for any students who have allergies and dietary requirements.

You don't need to bring any cash with you. Your parents/carers will pay into an online account and you pay for your food using your fingerprint. If you have free school meals, you will use the same fingerprint system. You can also top up the account using cash in the machines we have in school.

You can also bring in a packed lunch from home.

If you ever forget your lunch or find your account doesn't have enough money in it, don't worry. Speak to someone at reception and they will help!



What will I study?

You will continue studying lots of the subjects you studied in primary. There are lots of brilliant new subjects in Year 7.

This is what you will study:

English Mathematics Science History Geography
French PE Life RE Computer Science Technology Art
Drama Music

What about books and reading?

At Morecambe Bay Academy we love books. Reading a range of forms of text is of course very important in all of your lessons. There are also popular book clubs for each year group, where you will discuss and read your favourite books. You can learn new vocabulary in our programme 'Bedrock vocabulary' and win points and prizes each week.

Top points holders can take part in fantastic school trips throughout the year. Our brilliant library is open during all social times and before and after school. We will give you an exciting book and activities on your summer term transition day. Get to know this book over the summer holidays because it will be the basis of your first couple of weeks of English lessons.



We also have fantastic facilities including:

- Fully equipped Art Classrooms with printmaking facilities, photography equipment and ceramics equipment including two large kilns
- Floodlit netball / tennis courts
- Specialist athletics equipment including long and high jump facilities
- IT room / graphics room with 26 computers with specialist drawing programs
- Five 3D printers
- Fully equipped 3D workshop and prep room
- Textile specialist area with sewing machines and pattern cutting room
- Two fully equipped catering rooms
- ...and lots more!



What the pupils say...

'The teachers are kind and welcoming.'

'I have enjoyed what food and drinks the canteen has to offer with their great taste.'

What the pupils say...

'All my lessons are amazing. However, Art and English are my favourites. My teachers are lovely.'

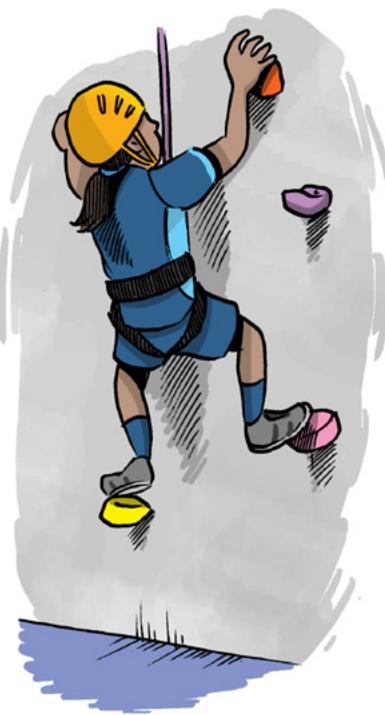
What is expected of me?

We have clear school values which everyone at Morecambe Bay follows in everything we do:

Belong We are kind and compassionate. We are respectful. We are honest and trustworthy. We treat everyone the way we would like to be treated.

Believe We seek out new challenges. We are resilient and determined. We have high aspirations. We dream big. We know that setbacks are part of learning and growing and we do not let them defeat us.

Achieve We work hard. We pursue excellence. We persevere. We support each other and celebrate each other's achievements.



How do I follow these values in everyday life at Morecambe Bay?

We have some simple rules about how you should behave. They help keep our school a friendly and supportive place where everyone can learn and reach their full potential. This is what the 'Morecambe Learner' should look like:

1. You will arrive on time and ready for the 'do now' task when you enter the room.
2. You will take pride in your work and present it neatly, dated and with titles underlined. Look after your exercise books and keep them in a good state.
3. You will take part in lessons. Ask and answer questions.
4. You will come prepared for all lessons and look after your equipment, including PE kit.
5. You will complete your homework and ask your teacher if you need help.
6. You will be prepared to work in silence, with a partner or in groups.

Try your best in everything. It will not always be easy and you will make mistakes but that's OK. Keep trying!

What happens when I have done well?

We ask you to do your best in everything and we will reward you when you have done well in the classroom and outside.

When a teacher sees that you have displayed one of our values, they will give you 'praise points' and during weekly assemblies we will celebrate students who have got the most points that week. As you collect more points, you will receive rewards such as vouchers. The form group that collects the most praise points each term wins a pizza at lunch.

If you are given outstanding effort grades in your reports, you will be invited to a special rewards lunch.

You may also be recognised as the '**top performer**', '**most improved**' or for having made the '**best effort**' in a subject.

Your Form Tutor, Head of Year and Principal also make awards each term and the winners and their families will be invited to our evening celebration events. **We hope to see you there one day!**

What the pupils say...

'If you have a problem, there is always someone to speak to who will do their best to help. You have a Form Tutor and Head of Year but all teachers care and want to help.'

'All of your teachers want the best for you and for you to do your work at the best of your ability.'

What do I do when I need help?

We all have problems from time to time. We know you can only do your best when you feel happy and safe, so please let us know if you are worried about anything at school or outside.

You will get to know your Form Tutors really well so they will be the best person to speak to. You can also speak to your Head of Year or any adult at the school that you feel comfortable talking to. They will listen to you and help. It always helps to talk.



What extra-curricular activities can I take part in?

We have lots of clubs and activities on offer at Morecambe Bay which take place at lunchtime and after school.

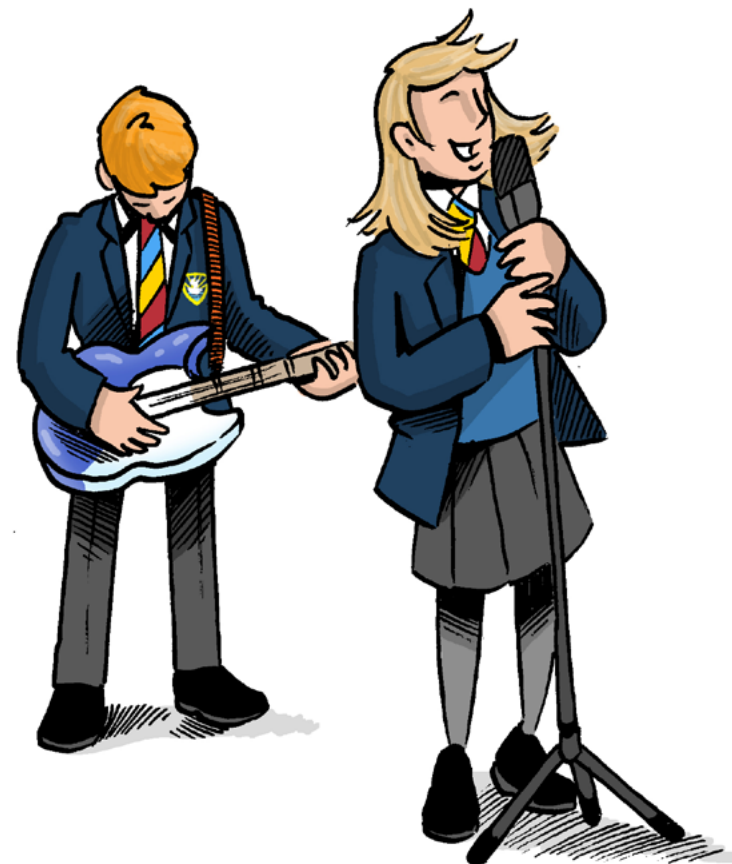
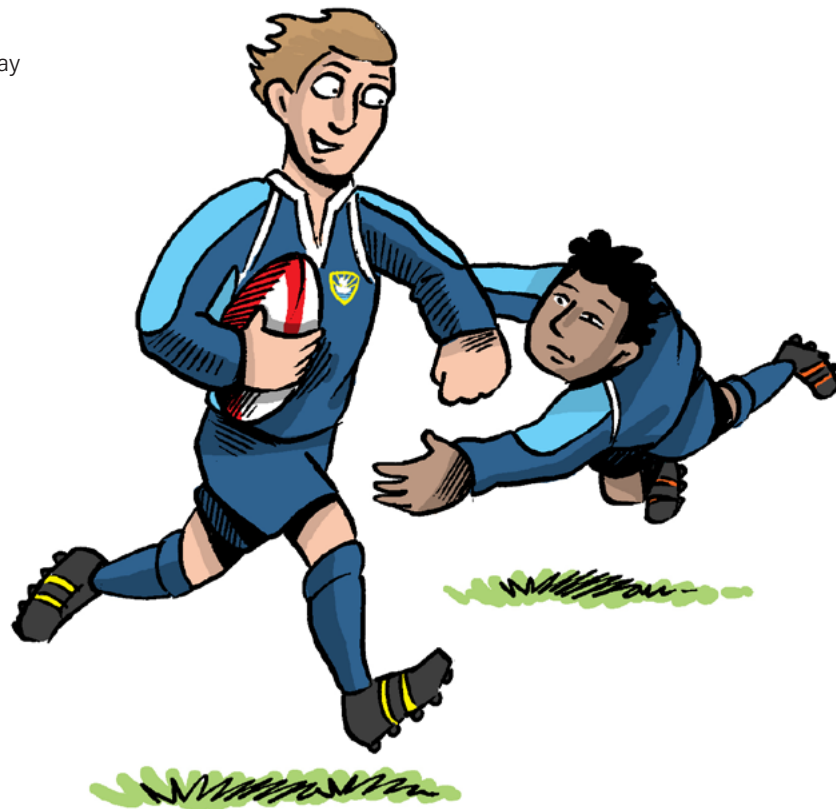
We have sports clubs including:

- Football for girls and boys
- Rugby
- Basketball
- Netball
- Badminton
- And sports matches after school and at weekends

We also have eco club, book club for each year group, homework club, art club, science club, drama, choir, dance, music and the Sports Hall social.

You can do music lessons, including singing, and we have a wide variety of instruments available.

You can also take part in charity fundraising, trips and school productions.



You may want to carry on with a hobby or sport that you already love. Or you may find a new interest.

We will offer you once-in-a-lifetime opportunities and we really want you to make the most of what is on offer.

Taking part in these activities can help you make new friends and help you feel you **belong** at Morecambe Bay. They will help you **believe** in yourself when you test yourself trying something new. And you will feel a sense of pride as you **achieve** more than you ever thought possible.

What the pupils say...

'The after-school clubs are amazing and fun!'

'If you would like to spend more time with your new school friends doing fun stuff, then extra-curricular clubs might just be for you!'

We can't wait to welcome you to Morecambe Bay Academy!

What the pupils say...

'I think Morecambe Bay is the best school you could go to!'



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