

7th September 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

You may have seen in the press coverage of our exam results. We are delighted to report that the class of 2016 achieved our highest ever percentage of students achieving the benchmark of 5A*-C grades at GCSE including English and maths. Almost all individual subject areas achieved their best ever progress and C+ pass rates, with marked improvement in areas such as science, history and languages. The league table measures are different this year, with a switch to the new Attainment and Progress 8 measures. Our position both nationally and locally on these measures will not be published by the Department for Education until October. What is very clear is that the Academy has made very rapid improvements in both the grades achieved and the rates of progress of all students in almost all subject areas since joining United Learning in 2014. Some individual student successes are:

- Jake Sanderson and Rosie Steele with 9 A* and 1 A;
- Michael McCaul with 8 A* and 2 A;
- Harry Caven with 5 A* and 4 A;
- Bethany Soane with 4 A* and 6 A;
- Jordan Armstrong with 4 A* and 5 A.

It is not our intention to become complacent, and we are already working hard to ensure that the year groups we have in school now continue our rapid rise in standards.

We have had a crisp start to the term with our new year 7 settling in quickly. We welcome 5 new teaching staff:

- Alex Adamson, Liz Craig and Claire Donohue in English, Emily Grierson in Science and Juliet Evans in Languages.

From my conversations with these staff after their first few days it is clear that all have made an excellent start and are enjoying continuing their teaching careers at Morton Academy.

In the next few weeks we have some year 11 students travelling to Aintree to take part in an Engineering competition, racing our very own racing car! Our thanks go to Bendalls Engineering whose sponsorship and support of this project has made this fantastic opportunity possible.

We were both surprised and delighted to have been nominated and shortlisted for CN Group Golden Apple award for "Secondary School of the Year." Usually schools write their own nominations for these awards, however on this occasion we have been nominated by an anonymous source. We can only assume that a parent has chosen to take the time to nominate us for this award, which makes it all the more special. The Awards take place in early October, so look out for details in the Cumberland News.

Primary Transition - In order for our Year 7 students to make a smooth start to their secondary school life at Morton Academy we make it a priority to work closely with our feeder schools, particularly children in year 5 and year 6. This year is no exception! After last year's successful year 5 programme of 'Crafty Afternoons' we are looking to build on the skills in year 6 by introducing 'Talented Tuesday's'.

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Year 6 students will visit us to build on skills in Art with Mrs Bewley, develop more knowledge and skills in food technology or textiles with Miss Smith and begin looking at Computer Science/ ICT skills with Mr Harding.

After Christmas we will begin our year 5 programme so keep a look out for details nearer the time!

I hope that students are enjoying being back into the routine of school life after the summer break, and would like to thank all parents for their continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Bird
Headteacher

Key Stage 4 After School Intervention Timetable

Monday 3pm – 4pm	Tuesday 3pm – 4pm	Wednesday 3pm – 4pm	Thursday 3pm - 4pm	Friday 3pm - 4pm
GEOGRAPHY Mrs Robinson Year 10 & 11	TEXTILES Miss Smith Year 10 & 11	CHEMISTRY Mrs Jones Year 11	MATHS Mr Jones Mr Little Year 10 & 11	MATHS Mr Jones Year 10 & 11
ENGLISH Mrs Miller Year 11	PSYCHOLOGY Mrs Rigg Year 11		H&S BUSINESS Miss Fitzharris	TEXTILES Miss Smith Year 10 & 11
ENGLISH LIT Mr McGuire Year 11	RE Mrs Rigg Year 10 & 11		ART Mrs Bewley Year 10 & 11	ART Mrs Bewley Year 10 & 11
HISTORY Miss Sewell Year 11	ART Mrs Bewley Year 10 & 11		ENGINEERING Mr O’Roarty Year 10 & 11	GEOGRAPHY Mrs Robinson Year 10 & 11
ICT Computing Mr Harding Mr McClelland Year 10 & 11	ENGLISH Mrs Miller Year 10 SCIENCES Miss Beers Mrs Hardwick Mrs Bell Year 11		TEXTILES Miss Smith Year 10 & 11 HOSPITALITY AND CATERING Mrs Jones Year 10 & 11	