



MIP Newsletter

October Half Term

Mrs Thompson's Half term review

As we wrap up a fantastic half term, I am delighted to share some highlights with you. Our new pupils have settled in wonderfully and are already working hard. Our other students have also returned with great enthusiasm and dedication. This September, our school has grown to include over 90 pupils, We feel proud that each pupil is receiving an individual approach; and each and every pupil is making progress. Everyone's progress should and does look different, we are all individuals and progress for one person is not the same as another.

The academic provisions have put in a lot of effort to make sure every student has completed a baseline assessment. This helps in planning lessons by understanding each student's working level and identifying any areas that need improvement. All provisions mentioned that the students participated well in the assessments and have settled into their learning for the half term.

MIP pupils have had some fantastic reports from the vocational providers, where they are working towards a variety of qualifications such as mechanics, motor vehicles, food tech, hair and beauty, photography and much more. It is great that we can offer such a wide range of provisions to support the needs and wants for each of our pupils. If you would like more information about the range of alternative provisions please speak too your child's keyworker in the first instance.

The MIP staff have really enjoyed spending time with the individual pupils. They have been out and about all over the place from golf ranges, to car show rooms, the park and of course the absolute favourite... McDonalds! They have developed good relationships with all the pupils and it is lovely to hear about their adventures when they come back into school. Please make sure you read the letter on the next page from Mrs Maddox about the importance of these sessions, we don't want anyone to be missing out on the valuable work the MIP team are doing.

I am immensely proud of our team, their daily dedication and how they embrace professional development to ensure we can meet pupil needs.

Enjoy reading the newsletter, enjoy the half term holiday and please contact us if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

Mrs Thompson



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to remind you of the significance of our MIP sessions, which are a vital component of our educational timetable. These sessions are designed to enhance the learning experience of our students by providing them opportunities that extend beyond the classroom setting.

While it may appear that these sessions are simply outings, such as visits to the park or shared meals, they serve a much deeper educational purpose. Through these activities, our students engage in direct work aimed at developing essential life skills, such as managing anxiety, improving social interactions, and enhancing communication abilities. These foundational skills are crucial for their personal development and future well-being.

It is important to remember that attendance at these sessions contributes to the weekly attendance record for each student. As part of their learning journey, it is essential that every student attends and participates actively in these valuable sessions. We kindly ask that you emphasise the importance of these activities to your child to ensure they attend each session.

If there are any conflicts, particularly concerning appointments that coincide with these sessions, please inform your child's key worker at the earliest opportunity. Alternatively, you may contact the school office .

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in fostering an enriching educational environment for all our students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm regards

Sara Maddox

Assistant Head/MIP lead



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Birthdays!

**With a new term on the horizon, it's time
for more birthdays to be celebrated!**

Happy birthday to the following pupils!

Zeke H

Kyle J

Mathew J

Mac C

Oliver E

Harry M



**Happy
Birthday**



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Keyworker Updates

This term has been a really positive one, with all of my pupils demonstrating excellent progress, commitment, and growth in their personal and educational development.

Chloe has been working thoughtfully on her post-16 vision board and has enjoyed expressing her creativity through baking.

Kyle has also focused on developing his vision board and continues to build his independence skills with confidence.

McKenzie has enjoyed an engaging visit to the Harris Museum and has shown enthusiasm in our active sessions.

Joe M also took part in a Harris Museum trip and has settled in extremely well at his alternative provision, CAST.

Oliver has made outstanding improvements in both attendance and engagement this term, showing great determination.

Mac is continuing to build a positive relationship with me and is making strong progress across his education sessions.

Reagan has also been working hard to strengthen his social skills and continues to develop positive connections during our sessions.

Layton has been focusing on developing his social confidence and has enjoyed exploring new environments and opportunities.

Overall, it has been inspiring to see the individual progress each pupil has made this term. Your hard work, perseverance, and positive attitudes have truly stood out. I'm incredibly proud of all that you've achieved — keep up the excellent work!

— Nikita





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As we reach the end of another busy half term, I'm delighted to share some of the wonderful achievements and progress our young people have made. Everyone has shown real commitment, positivity, and resilience – Well done to all!

Matty has really enjoyed taking part in more active activities in this half term, especially football! He has also started work on his post-16 vision board and has settled brilliantly into his new academic provision at the gym.

Cherry continues to engage so well and is working hard on developing her self-confidence and social skills. It's been fantastic to see her growing in confidence each week.

Adam has made huge positive strides as he begins his academic journey at the hub. His confidence and motivation are shining through, great work Adam!

Honey is building strong, positive relationships with me this term. She has been working hard to develop her self-confidence. It's been lovely to see her enthusiasm and growth.

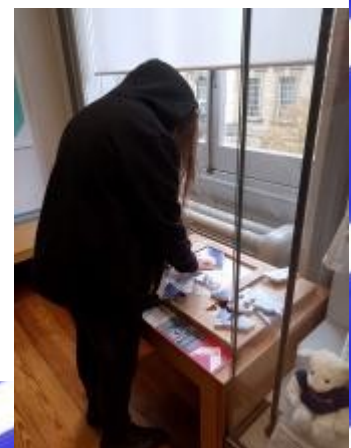
Leon continues to put great effort into improving his communication and social skills. He has shown fantastic resilience when taking on new activities.

Finnley has shown great resilience as he settles into his new alternative provision. He is building a positive relationship with myself and continues to make steady progress.

Ruby is continuing work on her social and communication skills. She has been working on improving her budgeting skills and is making great progress.

I am incredibly proud of everyone's hard work and determination this half term. Keep it up – I can't wait to see what the next one brings!

- Charlotte





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This half term, our pupils have demonstrated incredible dedication, enthusiasm, and growth across their education provisions. Each young person has embraced new challenges, shown resilience, and continued to develop both academically and personally. I am immensely proud of the progress made by every pupil.

Andy has discovered a real passion for boxing at LSEC while maintaining excellent commitment to his studies. His hard work and determination earned him a Star of the Week! Andy continues to focus on his academic progress while working steadily towards his dream career as a barber.

Zeke has settled brilliantly into his new academic provision, finding his rhythm in education once again. Zeke has settled well and shows great promise in his alternative provision at Kirkham Construction. He is making great strides in his communication and social skills.

Jade has transitioned well into her new education setting, achieving strong results in her initial assessments. Working closely with myself, she continues to build her confidence and self-belief.

Harry has also made an outstanding start, receiving excellent feedback from his new educational provision. He has particularly enjoyed visiting car showrooms and bike shops with myself, while developing a thoughtful and ambitious vision board for his future.

Evie has stepped out of her comfort zone this term, embracing new experiences and showing wonderful progress in both communication and confidence.

Jonni has also participated positively in a range of activities, continuing to strengthen his social and communication skills and engage well with me on our weekly MIP visits.

Theo has settled exceptionally well into his new educational environment, showing impressive resilience and earning excellent feedback from staff for his positive attitude and effort.

Joe has adapted to change with enthusiasm, engaging positively with myself and starting his vision board that reflects his personal goals for the future.

Lenny has shown great perseverance in his new education provision, performing strongly in his maths papers and approaching every activity with enthusiasm, focus, and a desire to improve.

Overall, it has been a fantastic half term filled with progress, passion, and positivity. I am incredibly proud of every pupil's hard work and commitment and I look forward to another successful and inspiring half term ahead.

- Danielle





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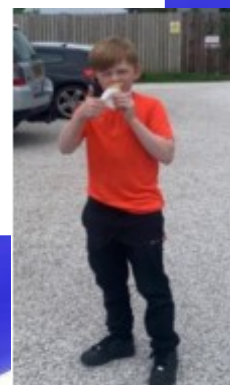
A new Year at New Beginnings

The new academic year at New Beginnings - Access to Education is now well underway, and we are delighted with the positive start our students have made. All students began the term by completing their English and Maths baseline assessments—a challenging task to launch the year, but one they approached with determination and focus.

With the assessments behind them, our students also put their practical life skills into action by assembling IKEA drawers for the Hub—a project that combined teamwork, problem-solving, and the ability to remain calm under pressure. Our students have now settled into their routines, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they embrace the opportunities of a fresh start.

The summer term was a challenging, yet rewarding time, filled with hard work and memorable events across the New Beginnings community. In May, a well-deserved reward trip took a group of our teachers and students to Wallings Ice Cream Parlour—a much-loved tradition at New Beginnings. Each year, we treat our hardworking students and teachers to ice creams. To our Year 11 students—many of whom had been with us for much of their secondary journey—we offer our heartfelt congratulations. With a high pass rate across the board in both GCSE and Functional Skills, their results are a true reflection of the hard work, dedication, and resilience they have shown throughout their studies. They showed incredible determination and maturity throughout the exam season. We could not be prouder of how far they have come and the outstanding young people they have become. We wish them every success and happiness in the future and encourage them to keep believing in themselves and all they are capable of achieving.

We would also like to extend our congratulations to several of our students who achieved fantastic results last year while still in Year 9 and 10. Leon E, McKenzie H, Joseph M, and Kyle J all successfully passed their Entry Level 3 Maths and Step Up to English qualifications. In addition, Layton B, Leon E, and McKenzie H went one step further by earning their Functional Skills Level 1 Maths qualification, with Leon E and McKenzie H also achieving Functional Skills Level 1 English. These are outstanding accomplishments, and we are incredibly proud! Well done to you all!





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Beyond qualifications, the true highlight of last year was watching our students flourish personally – developing resilience, patience, compassion, and a growing sense of self-belief. These were the milestones that meant the most to our teachers and parents: the building blocks of future success as active, engaged members of the community.

As we look ahead, we are excited for all that this new academic year will bring. With both new staff and new students joining us, our community continues to grow stronger. Together, we look forward to building on past successes, embracing new opportunities, and supporting every student ‘to be the best they can be’.

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Larches Sports and Education Centre

At LSEC, we were absolutely delighted to present 2 of our learners with their certificates following success in the King's Trust Award.

Reagan completed his Level 1 units in the vocational area of barbering. Not only did Reagan have to complete different tasks in this area but he also attended a work experience placement. This meant that he had to show off both his barbering skills as well as his customer service skills. He did fantastically well in both areas and fully deserved his success.

Leighton took a different route to gaining his accreditation. He completed Entry Level 3 units in the King's Trust programme and completed the 'Well Being' areas, one in physical fitness and one in healthy eating. Leighton showed great commitment in both areas but he deserves special praise for his work in the latter. He worked really hard with his tutor, to produce a range of healthy meals on a daily basis – and to be honest, meals that the rest of the staff enjoyed too.

Well done again Reagan and Leighton.

The hope now is that all the MIP students will go on to complete the King's Trust Units and receive their certificates in due course.



Tradewind

Syrus has been looking at different ways of cooking and wanted to do something outdoors but without using a BBQ! After some research, Syrus decided he would make s'mores and have them for desert!

Whilst cooking the s'mores, we also looked at fire safety and how we can keep ourselves and others safe around open flames!





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Family Support - McMillan coffee morning!

Moorbrook's Macmillan Coffee Morning – A Wonderful Community Success!

On Friday 26th September, Moorbrook School proudly hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning, organised by Angela, The Family Support Worker. The event brought together parents, carers, pupils, and local professionals for a morning filled with coffee, cake, and community spirit — all in support of a fantastic cause.

We were delighted to welcome representatives from the police, fire service, and drug and vape awareness teams, who joined us to offer valuable advice and support. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with one another, share experiences, and exchange useful strategies in a relaxed and friendly setting.

The tables were brimming with an array of freshly baked treats made by staff and pupils — including Reggie's impressive triple-layer cake and Kai's delicious Bakewell tart, both of which proved to be sell-out favourites!

A special mention goes to Matthew and Kai, who put their recent work experience skills to great use by helping to serve refreshments and greet our guests with a warm welcome.

Thanks to everyone's generosity and enthusiasm, we are proud to announce that we raised £71.37 for Macmillan Cancer Support.





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Enjoy the break!

Happy half term!

We look forward to welcoming you back on the Monday 3rd of November and hope you all have a nice break!

Emergency telephone numbers/links on the break on the next page.



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Emergency numbers:

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General support

Citizen's Advice – offers a range of support for benefits, work, debt and money, consumer, housing, family, law and courts and health. National help line: 03444 111 444.

Services can also be accessed online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Health and wellbeing

Samaritans – for any one suffering with their mental health. Call for free -116 123 / Email – jo@samaritans.org

Child line – help and support for a wide range of issues including depression anxiety, or generally feeling overwhelmed. Phone - 0800 1111. There are also online counselling forums, message boards simply visit childline.org.uk

Northwest Children's Social Care contact details

Lancashire - 0300 123 6720 / Emergency Duty Team: 0300 123 6722

Domestic abuse/ violence

SAFENET - 0300 3033 581 or email contact@safenet.org.uk

Preston Domestic violence services – 01772 201601

Drugs and alcohol support

Inspire – inspirenorthlancs.org.uk - self-referral form online.

Police

Non-emergency number – 101

Food Banks

Luv Preston – Phone: 01772 298107 / Email: contact@luvpreston.com

Noor food bank– referral form is required. Can be done online @ www.noorfoodbank.co.uk

The Salvation Army – Tuesdays 10 – 2.30pm drop in and distribution of food parcels.

Citizens advice Skelmersdale – Go to the office for a voucher.

St Mary's Church, Leyland – Mon- Fri 10am until 12pm

Citizens advice Chorley – Go to the office for a voucher.

Useful Links

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/cost-of-living/warm-and-welcome-places/>

Here is some support/advice for making Christmas easier for young people with ASD:

[Tips \(autism.org.uk\)](http://Tips (autism.org.uk))

**IF AT ANY POINT YOU BELIEVE A CHILD TO BE AT IMMEDIATE RISK OF HARM OR THERE IS A RISK TO YOUR SAFETY PHONE 999
IF A CHILD IS AT RISK OF HARM OR HAS BEEN HARMED PHONE CHILDRENS SOCIAL CARE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE – ANYONE CAN DO
THIS.**