



MONTGOMERY
ACADEMY
Winter 2021



Well what a 14-week term of challenges and achievements we've had. September brought a return to a much nearer version of our old 'normal'. Subjects and teaching staff were in their specialist rooms and students were benefiting once more from DT, Art and Science rooms. Covid cases were low and it was great to feel that we could solely focus on delivering our curriculum.

Sporting fixtures were back and so was the Montgomery dominance in the town. Victories followed in rounds of the Lancashire Cups and the English Schools. Our Year 11 Boys Football team got through to the last 64 of the English Schools competition, before coming up against a strong side from Moorlands School, Manchester.

Outside speakers were able to return and deliver both careers advice and study skills, such as the HumanUtopia days for Year 11. Mr. Heyes even managed to run a theatre trip within the restrictions. Our extra-curricular clubs, such as STEAM, Ukulele, Art, Science and Mental Health Rocks were once more providing great character development opportunities for our students.

After half-term, Covid cases in school began to rise further and subsequent discussions with Public Health brought the return of face-masks and the introduction of a 'minor symptoms' policy. 'Inspiring Excellence Together' has become 'Inspiring Resilience Together' in the last few weeks. Our students have risen to every challenge

they have faced. As I write, Year 11 are entering the second week of their mock exams. Their focus and conduct has been superb! Never has it been more important that all the members of our Montgomery Family work together. Collectively, we have reduced the case numbers and stayed open in the face of rising community transmission and a new variant.

As you look through this Autumn Newsletter you will see the many achievements made by the students and the school despite the challenging circumstances. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Looking ahead I know that Montgomery will continue to achieve further success in 2022, whatever new tests the New Year will bring.

Mr Careless

*Merry
Christmas*
— AND —
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Merry CHRISTMAS

Happy New Year!



Executive Headteacher:
Mr Stephen Cox

It is really hard to believe that Christmas is almost upon us and in a short time school will be closed after the long Autumn Term. This time last year we hadn't anticipated the way in which 2021 would unfold with the return of remote learning and school closures. Let's hope that 2022 is the year that we move further still towards normality. Staff at the school have worked exceptionally hard this year to ensure our students get the very best education that they can and although this is focused largely on the academic side of school, we also believe we have an important part in developing our students as caring and thoughtful young people. Of course, Christmas is a time of celebration, but it is also a time to consider others who are less fortunate. Students at Montgomery are brilliant at this, and I think this is demonstrated considerably by their incredible efforts in raising money for a range of charities. As Anne Frank wrote '**No one has become poor by giving.**'

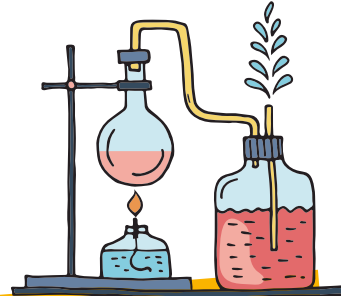
Have a lovely Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

Stephen Cox
Executive Headteacher



Back in S-Block:

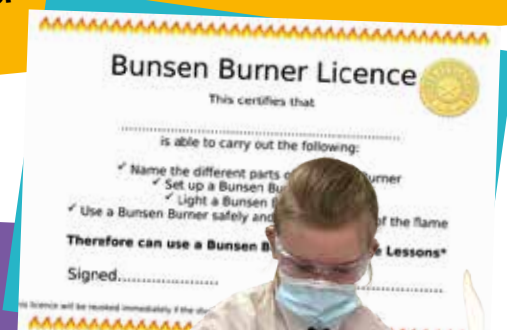
Autumn 2021-2022



The Science department at Montgomery Academy has enjoyed a very positive and vibrant start to this academic year. It has been absolutely wonderful to have all our students and classes back learning science in s-block as this was not the case when we were teaching in bubbles previously. The aim has always been to motivate and inspire our students to share our passion for science and build an inclusive team ethos in the department; a culture that we believe will allow our students to reach their full potential and this has not changed. Being back in s-block has also meant that we have been able to run a full program of enrichment again this term, and we have continued our collaborations with the Institute of Physics, the Ogden Trust and the Royal Society of Chemistry. We have also had another record-breaking term in terms of Seneca engagement and this is helping us build more confident and knowledgeable scientists in every year group.

Welcoming our Year 7s to Science - The future looks bright!

This term our new Year 7 cohort have loved studying the topics of cells and reproduction and particles. Highlights have included using the microscopes to look at real animal and plant cells, learning about specialised cells and investigating changes of state. We also had a lot of fun making whole class particle models outside in the quad and splashing water around whilst investigating density. Our students also loved earning their Bunsen burner licences at the start of term when they were introduced to new equipment and taught how to work safely in our refurbished science laboratories. All in all, it has been a fantastic first term for our Year 7s and we cannot wait to get going again in January with topics on energy and separation techniques.


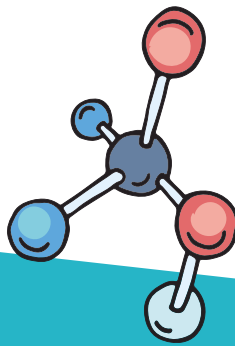


Year 7 Science Club


Led by Miss Healey, our excited Year 7 students started the year with a 'What's in your tray' challenge competition and have also made a variety of slimes and Halloween oobleck. For bonfire night, the group studied the chemistry of making fireworks which was explosive fun. As we have moved towards the festive season, the activities have been Christmas themed. This has included making crystal Christmas trees, wax crayon baubles and homemade soap for Christmas presents. The ultimate challenge was our 'help the elf off the shelf-sledging adventure' competition. In this challenge, students had to build a sledge for Keith the Elf and rescue him from the shelf. Well done to all students who have been involved, we cannot wait for next year already.



STEM 'Get Creative' Club



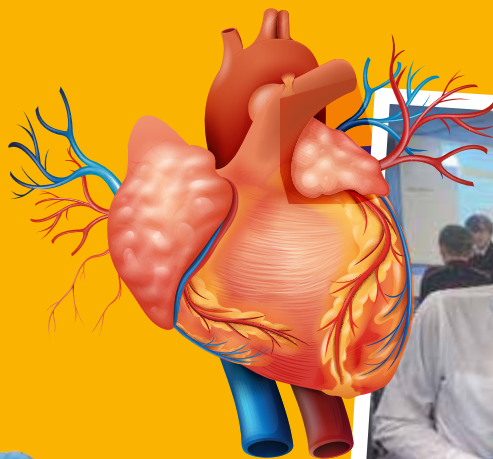
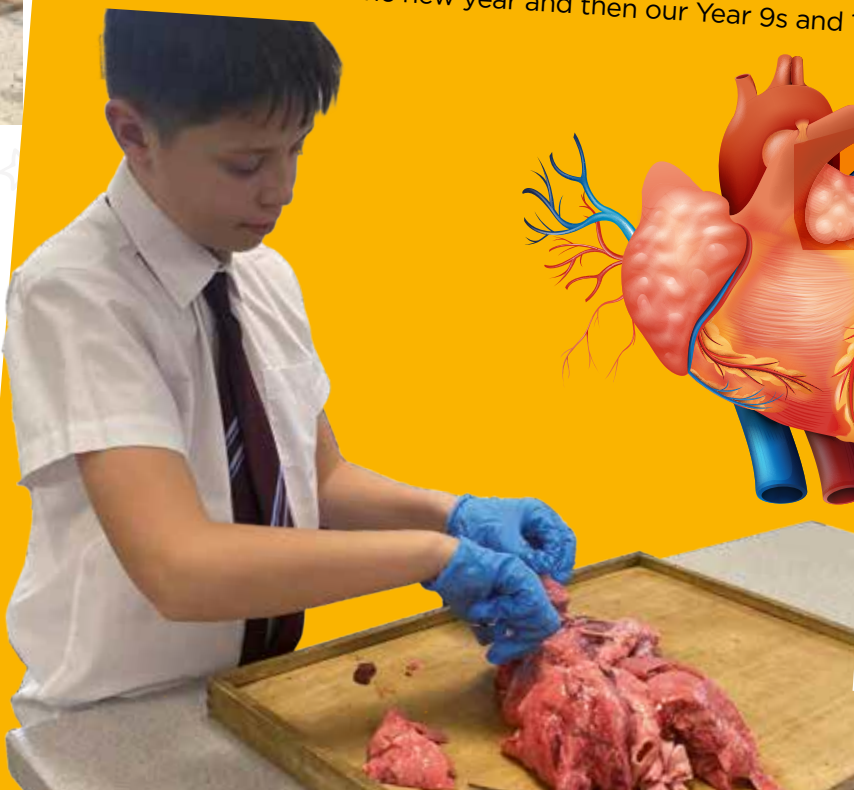
Returning this year is the STEM 'Get Creative' club, led by Miss Healey which is open to students from all year groups. The students in this club started off by making their own paper. To do this they first had to build deckle and moulds to make the paper with. Once made, students tested the strength of their handmade paper by adding weights to it, to see how much it could hold before tearing. More recently, on the run up to Christmas the club have been working hard on creating a science themed Christmas tree for the Royal Society of Chemistry's annual 'chemistree' competition. In order to bring our tree to life, the students have designed and made several science themed decorations such as tinsel DNA, sequin agar plate and skittle diffusion baubles and chromosome hanging decorations. They have also turned copper coins to gold using zinc plating and these have produced special, sparkling gold coin baubles. A massive well done to the students in this club, we are confident that our 'chemistree' is a worthy addition to this competition and we will look forward to receiving feedback regarding our entry.



Dissection Club - Operation Theatre @ Montgomery



New this year to our enrichment menu is the Dissection Club led passionately by Mr Johnston. This club is being run in 6-week blocks for each year group and this term we have welcomed firstly our new Year 7s and then our Year 8s. Despite not being for everyone, this club has become more and more popular and has some super excited and talented scientists carrying out different dissections. As well as looking at organs such as the heart and the lungs, we have also looked at fish eyes, rats and squid. Learning about animal anatomy and physiology is an important aspect of the science specification and also develops the interests of those students interested in a career within the medical sector. A big thanks must go to Mr Johnston who has put his heart and soul into this club (no pun intended). We look forward to welcoming our Year 11s next in the new year and then our Year 9s and 10s later this academic year.



Stonewall at Montgomery

Back by popular demand this year in science is the Stonewall Club. This club is led brilliantly by Miss Mudge and is supported by Mr Burns and their primary goal is to be a safe place for LGBT young people to socialise, share ideas and work together on different initiatives across the school. As well as raising LGBT awareness and tackling homophobia, the club is a place where students can learn more about LGBT and gender issues. This year, the group are looking to gain a Rainbow Flag Award for the school which is supported by a national quality assurance framework. The award focuses on positive LGBT+ identities and visibility and encourages a whole school approach towards inclusion. It also includes developing a series of strategies to combat LGBT bullying and to provide support for those students affected by such bullying. The award will take a year to complete and we are delighted that we can oversee this whole school initiative from within the science team. A massive well done to Miss Mudge, Mr Burns and all the students involved in making LGBT matter at Montgomery!

THE

RAINBOW FLAG

AWARD

Seneca in Science & Google Classroom

We have been using Seneca for the past two years, but this term, we have further embedded its usage across all year groups and have also updated our own GCSE Science Google Classrooms. Our Google Classrooms are designed to inspire and motivate students to drive their own independent revision and early feedback on them this year is very encouraging indeed. Seneca is an intelligent learning programme that uses multiple choice micro-quizzes to build knowledge, boost confidence and reduce exam stress. Content is broken down into bite-size chunks and tailored to each user as the platform works out what students know and more importantly where they need to focus more to achieve outstanding results. This revolutionary online learning package is now being used by all year groups and their amazing current and cumulative progress is shown below:

Year Group	Sessions Completed	Questions Answered	Study Duration
7	12, 083	114, 332	742 hrs 50 mins
8	44, 683	450, 220	2455 hrs 27 mins
9	36, 058	369, 685	2026 hrs 33 mins
10	31, 910	392, 302	1898 hrs 43 mins
11	64, 922	836, 816	3598 hrs 1 min

Our students deserve great praise for completing these Seneca learning sessions. It is clearly having a massively positive impact on student progress in Science and so we look forward to its continued usage and success in 2022.

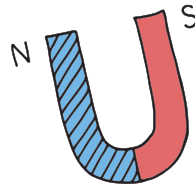


Classroom
by Google



Institute of Physics & Ogden Trust – Building better Physicists

The
Ogden
Trust



making physics matter

We are delighted to announce that our 5-year collaboration with the Institute of Physics and its stimulating physics network has continued this year. Mr Woodruff has now completed the Future Physics Leaders Program and is continuing to drive the science department forward as our newest appointed Assistant Curriculum Area Leader, well done indeed! Through the Ogden Trust, we have also been able to take advantage of a series of open lectures at Blackpool Sixth Form and were recently invited to the opening of the new science lab at Westminster Primary Academy. We are currently running a brilliant Ogden Trust Christmas card competition for Years 7-9 and are confident that we will submit some very competitive entries to this Blackpool wide competition. Another aspect of our teaching that has been improved with links to the Ogden Trust this term is our understanding of careers that link directly to the GCSE physics specification. It is true that not all scientists wear a white coat and inspiring our students to study science further is something we are greatly passionate about.



Disneyland Paris



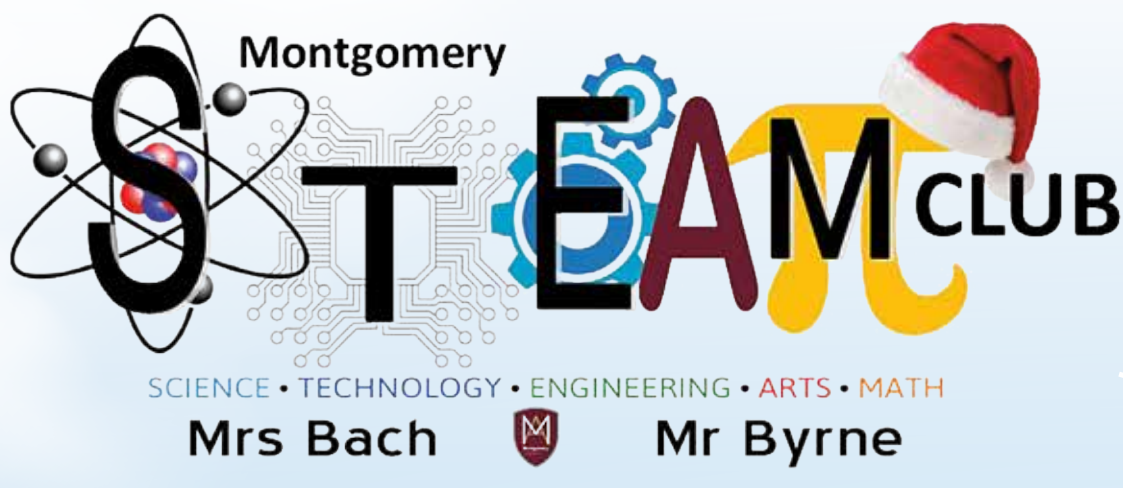
Disneyland
PARIS

Before the pandemic, Miss Chadwick and the Science team had overseen an impressive and hugely popular Science Trip to Paris which had gone ahead successfully for the previous two years during the Easter break. This is an advanced notice that this amazing school trip will be organised and offered again once we are free from local and national travel restrictions. We will be back Mickey!



Montgomery Science Team





Our two STEAM Clubs run weekly throughout the academic year. Mr Byrne and Mrs Bach started the original club in July 2015, specifically for SEND students and their friends, as an alternative to mainstream clubs.

We have one for year 7's to support transition and encourage peer friendships. We have a second to encourage the older students to engage in working together across all year groups.

Drew, Josh N and Charlotte often attend and work as peer mentors across both clubs.

We represented the Student Support Centre (SSC) during 'Open evening'. Drew, Joshua JW and Charlotte M demonstrated our Virtual T-shirt to parents, carers and potential students. This is an augmented reality T shirt that combines with an 'App to show human anatomy.



Drew presents Mrs Bach with her certificate and prize from the Phillip Harris Company, as recognition for all her hard work in school as a Lab' technician through 'Lockdown'... and beyond!

The clubs offer practical curriculum-based activities to appeal to a wide range of interests including Harry Potter themed Science experiments, Lego Mindstorms robotics challenges, cooking, Drama activities, as well as regular outside school participation in 'Hands-on' activities, like beach cleans and bee housekeeping!



SINCE RETURNING FOR THE AUTUMN TERM, WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT:

Air Rockets * Alchemy * What's in the box? * Dunkirk boats * Air Balloon cars * Bird feeders * Burning love hearts * Trench periscopes * Dry Ice * Earthquake simulator * Movember moustache cookies (BIG Thank you, Ms Lee!) * Beach cleans * Christmas crystal trees * Christmas baubles*



Heather J. Yr. 7: STEAM Club is a fun place to go after school. It is a very calming place. 9/10



Birdfeeder Question:
Which species of bird would it attract?

STEAM Club answers:
'Magpies, Pigeons, Seagulls, Crows, Sparrows, Mocking Jay, Robins.'

Dallas: 'So. Basically... all the birds in the area!'



STEAM Club Beach Cleans!

Heather | Adam | Ebonee | Jack | Ellie P | Leo | Molly | Szymon
| Heaven | Isaac | Krystal | Liam | Charlotte | Josh JW | Alice |
Josh N | Ami | Josh W

Isaac (Yr. 8): '10/10.
It was fun and enjoyable!
The walk was a bit
long, but it was nice to
do some good for the
world'.

Szymon (Yr. 8)
'It really was an
unforgettable
experience!' 10/10

Leo (Yr 8): I also
found a dead fish and
lots of empty crab
shells.

Ellie M. (Yr. 11):
9/10 because it was
cold! I enjoyed it
because it was nice to
be with friends, and
also competitive with
who picked the most
litter up!

Rossall beach is kept
very clean by other
volunteer groups.
Nevertheless, hidden in
the seaweed and under
stones we still found:

Plastic cups
Straws
Bottle lids
Pieces of glass
Wet wipes
Crisp packets
Tin foil wrappers
String
Sweet packets
Lighters
...and of course, disposable masks



Merry Christmas





SPEED

STACKING CLUB

Introducing the new Speed Cup Stacking Club, which started this year to pupils in years 7 & 8. A fun interactive activity that not only forms new friendships, but builds patience, resilience and also develops many 'hidden' benefits too and the pupils don't know it!



According to [ilslearningcorner.com](https://www.ilslearningcorner.com), "Cup stacking has many benefits for cognitive development and targets specific areas of the body and the brain to increase intelligence, problem solving skills and critical thinking."

Each week there is a selection of easy to watch videos that show you what to do, enabling pupils to learn at their own pace.

There are also mini inter-club competitions to see who is the fastest at stacking their cups. Cheers all round!

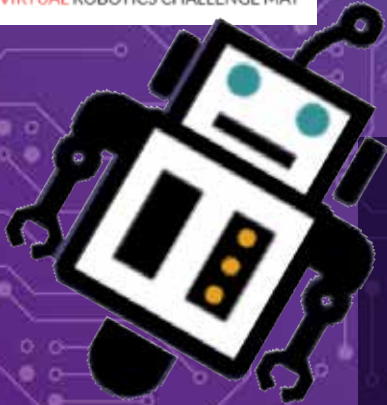
Members involved so far are Chloe, Dillon, Kalise, Kristal, Szymon and Lorelai. Mrs Parker is looking forward to many more pupils joining this fun club!

A few images from the first few weeks and one of Dillon showing off his skills!





EFP Robotics Challenge



This is our 6th year of competing at the Tomorrow's Engineers Robotics challenge!

Our SSC team of Roboteers will research, design, plan, implement and present their own solution to a contemporary engineering problem.

They will gain feedback on their work from the engineering community.

The challenge will open up the potential for new careers to our students and put their school learning into context.



Charlotte • Drew • Alice • Josh N • Ebonee • Josh JW • Ellie
Josh W • Tegan • Szymon • Imogen • Isaac • Freddie • Brandon

Drew: It's fun and not boring because we use electronics and Lego in a Technical way plus... this Newsletter! 10/10

Josh N: it is very fun and good for learning because we program the robots to move around 10/10

Bonee: I have already learned to programme my robot to go forward and backwards and round and round! 10/10

Ellie P: We did the Scratch programme at primary - we didn't use it to code robots which we do now! 10/10



LEGO education
LEARNING PROGRAMS



Club members are so enthusiastic they even volunteered as Roboteer peer mentors for Yr. 6 summer school. They also came in for mildly fun sessions during half term!

Our Lego-based education programme revolves around designing, constructing and programming the new Spike Prime robot and EV3 Mindstorms robots.



At Robotics club, our students follow a unique learning through play system. It revolves around working as a team to develop key interaction skills such as collaboration, turn-taking, problem solving, joint focus and communication in a supportive and mildly fun learning environment!

Josh W: I keep coming because it is such fun. I like programming and it is cool learning.
Charlotte M: I come to spice up the school day and undermine the school system (for example, solving program problems creatively with my peers instead of being given a set of instructions from Mr Byrne)!!! Also, everyone at the club is happy and social, which I love! Ten out of ten, a true one-off.

Uniting young and old through the joy of poetry

'Half a league, half a league,
Half a league onward,
All in the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.'

POETRY TOGETHER

Uniting young and old
through the joy of poetry

We have participated in this project since it was initiated by Gyles Brandreth and Dukes Education in 2019.

It is a nationwide, free and fun project for all care homes and schools in the UK, bringing together children and elderly people to share the joy of learning poetry.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Xleb6rOVfA>

Due to the pandemic, it has been a while since our last recital in Merwood Rest Home and even longer since we performed 'Scrooge in an instant' there in December 2019!

However, we are resilient and have found another way to collaborate! We record separately and then put the work together for our youtube videos.

Learning poetry by heart has many benefits for both young and old, from improving language skills and growing confidence to evidence it helps keep dementia at bay.



Very moving performance.
Well done to all involved
Joan Hutchings

Excellent well done
Jackie Swann

Morning Mr Byrne,
It's lovely young people getting
into poetry. Definitely not the norm
nowadays. That is brilliant!
Sarah (Drew's Mum)

Wow its amazing!!!!
Everyone did so well
Clare (Leo's Mum)

Very well done, all of you.
Christina
(Mr Byrne's Mum!)

Charlotte, Drew, Ami, Hannah and Josh recorded this poem for the Anniversary of the original Charge of the Light Brigade at the Battle of Balaclava, October 25th, 1854. We particularly appreciated the educational input about the poem and how to deliver it that we received from Mr Quinn and Mrs Davies.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Xleb6rOVfA>

We were also fascinated to discover that two of the troopers who managed to survive the battle; William Butler and Edwin Hughes are actually buried at Layton Cemetery.



SHERLOCK HOLMES

AND THE Case of Vittoria the Circus Belle



FreeSherlock! is all about getting more people into Sherlock Holmes and especially young people reading the great detective for the first time. For the new term, we received copies of a new four part Sherlock Holmes story specially written by Sherlockian writer, M.K. Wiseman.

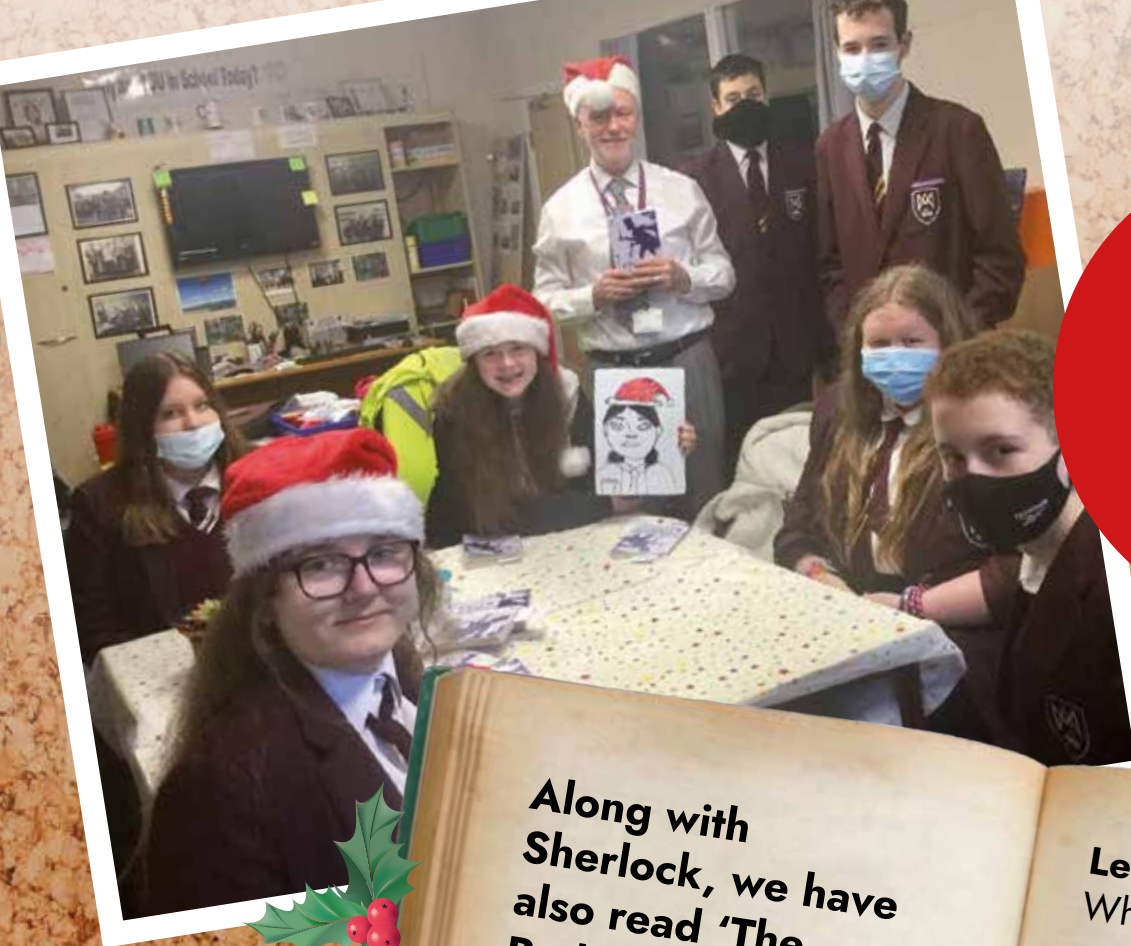
Sherlock Holmes and the case of Vittoria the Circus Belle

Josh N: 'It's mysterious — that Ms Cooper? Hmm. There's something not right with her.'

Ami: I like the... are they side plots? I have questions like why is Ms Cooper ill? Who did the kidnapping? And who's this guy with a face that has all the softness of a boulder? Makes it very interesting!

Mr Byrne: The group is really enjoying the tale so far. There are quite a few challenging words (and Josh seems to be getting all of them at the moment!!!) But tho' we might not fully understand the exact meaning of individual words, the care and structure of the sentences means that we do understand the sense of it.





Tegan · Ellie
Ami (illustrated!)
Mr Byrne
Drew · Josh N
Charlotte · Erin
Joshua J-W

Along with
Sherlock, we have
also read 'The
Bad Beginning,
'Scrooge in instant!'
and 'A Christmas
Carol'.

Lemony Snicket question:
What kind of man, Violet
wondered would carve an
image of an eye into his front
door?

Tegan: 'An interesting man —
quite mysterious?'

Drew: 'Greedy psychopathic old man.'

Charlotte: 'I think he is anti-social and
paranoid about something!'

Ami: 'He is ignorant and narcissistic.
A sociopath and psychopath!'

Josh N: 'An artistic and uniquely strange
but weird old man!'



ONE KIND WORD



Trained over
40 anti bullying
ambassadors

First bronze charter mark for anti-bullying awarded to Blackpool school in new campaign



Pupils at Montgomery Academy in Bispham have been awarded a bronze charter mark for bullying after taking part in HeadStart's #BlackpoolBeatingBullying campaign.



Montgomery Academy awarded silver charter mark for Anti-bullying

A bispham secondary school has become the first in the resort to be awarded with a silver charter mark in a campaign led by youngsters to tackle bullying in schools.



Ask if someone's OK. Say you're sorry. Just say hey.

In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying.

Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness. So from the dining room to Parliament, and from our phones to our homes, together, our actions can fire a chain reaction that powers positivity. It starts with one kind word. It starts today.



Call to action

1

Am I kind to myself?

2

Am I kind to others?

3

Are people kind to me?

4

Do I understand when people are kind to me?

5 Key Kindness Questions

5

Do I help people who are being bullied?



ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE



All it takes is **ONE VOICE**

Problems with someone in school?

Don't suffer in silence!

Speak to a teacher OR speak
to the anti bullying ambassadors
in your year group



Montgomery Way
Inspiring Excellence Together

Who can help us in our school?

Your Progress Tutor
Any of your teachers
Mrs Cumming or
Mr Burns
Your Pastoral Manager
Your Progress Manager



Miss G. Smith

Deputy Headteacher—DSL



Mrs J. Hughes

Deputy Safeguarding Lead

**A member
of the
safeguarding
team**



Mrs K. Chandler
Alternative
Curriculum Lead



Mrs C. Chapman
Academic Support
Leader



Mrs E. Cumming
Assistant
Headteacher



Mr A. Doyle
Senior
Site Supervisor



Mrs L. Gilderdale
Teacher of P E/
Progress Manager



Miss R Sharpe
Pastoral Manager

If you are concerned in any way about a students welfare or safety you
MUST speak to a member of the Safeguarding Team.



15th - 19th November

**You're not alone. We'll
be here if you need us**

For free, safe and anonymous
mental wellbeing support sign
up at **kooth.com**

Anti-Bullying Week



NSPCC

Advice and Helpline
0808 800 5000

YOUNGmINDS

Young Minds Parent Helpline
0808 802 5544

kidscape
Help With Bullying

Kidscape Parent Advice Line
020 7823 5430

SAMARITANS

Contact a Samaritan
116 123

Children 1st

Children Parentline Scotland
08000 282233

**Professionals
Online Safety
Helpline**

Professionals Online Safety
0844 381 4772

THE MIX

Helpline for under 25s
0808 808 4994

Stop It Now!
Helping prevent
child sexual abuse

Confidential Help & Support
0808 1000 900

Thank you for being a part of...

**Anti-Bullying
Week 2021**

**ONE
KIND
WORD**

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



**ANTI-BULLYING
ALLIANCE**

TOLERANCE AND RESPECT

British Values

'THAT'S SO GAY.'

LET'S BE HONEST, IT'S PROBABLY NOT.

Be careful
with your words.
Once
they are said,
they can **only**
be forgiven,
NOT Forgotten

That's so...

heinous
silly
hideous
unfortunate
hapless
foolish
corrupt
prejudicial
unfortunate
trashy
deplorable
ridiculous
atrocious

...and
you choose
gay?
Buy a dictionary.

Be sure to taste your
words before you
spit them out.

Tolerance-accepting that people have differences and not falling out with them about it. Being tolerant and accepting people's differences is an important part of our British values.

'IF EVERYONE LOOKED THE SAME AND LIKED THE SAME THINGS, LIFE WOULD BE BORING!'

WE ARE ALL
DIFFERENT IN
MANY WAYS...

**THIS IS CALLED
DIVERSITY**

WHAT YOU HAVE DONE

WHAT YOU ARE GOOD AT

WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN

WHERE YOU ARE FROM

THINGS YOU LIKE DOING

THINGS YOU LIKE TO EAT

HOW YOU SEE THINGS

HOW YOU LOOK

WE ARE FREE WHEN OTHERS RESPECT OUR DIFFERENCES

As a Montgomery Family all students should feel they can be themselves



Montgomery
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At Montgomery we are respectful of others, and have a zero tolerance of any racist, homophobic or hurtful language.

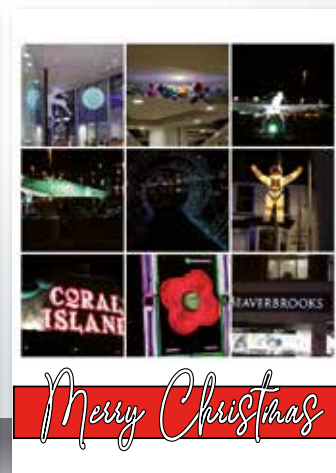
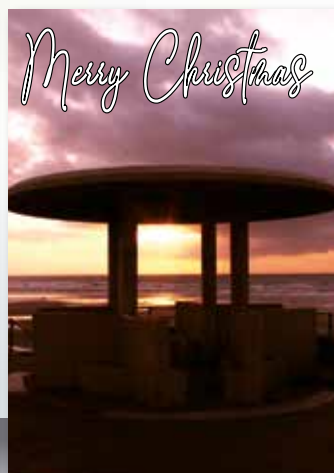
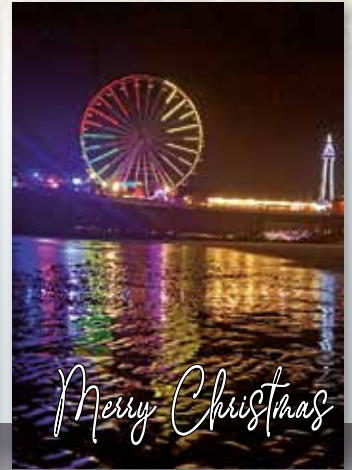
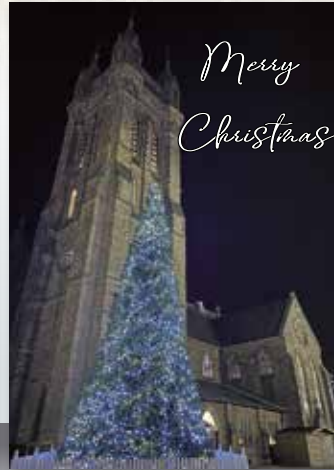
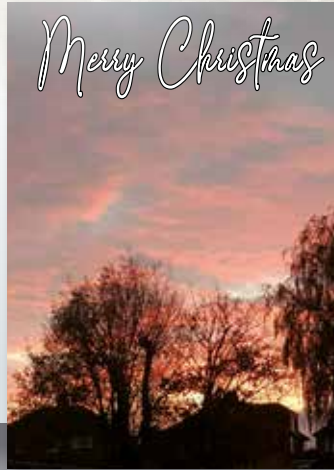
Using any racist or homophobic language results in a C5 consequence and education as to why we should not use such language, even if it was not directed at another student.



Cards for Kindness

Following on from last years Cards for Kindness, we have continued to send out lots of Christmas cards to Care homes around the fylde coast.

Cards for Kindness is an initiative originally set up by Lancashire County Council in 2018 and this year's event commencing will start on December 1, in a bid to reduce loneliness by encouraging members of the community to send a card to a local care home. Every tutor group in school have completed a group card which will be sent to care homes across the Fylde Coast to try and spread some kindness this Christmas!



The theme for this year's scheme is **"What warms your heart this winter?"** Students have submitted photos of great sun rises and shots from the beach, and tourist destinations across the Fylde. We hope the photos on the cards and the messages written inside them help to sparks conversation and encourages residents to talk to each other.

Research shows this has many health benefits, especially for people living with dementia. This is even more prominent amid the coronavirus pandemic as visiting is restricted. There is a serious side too as campaigns like this help to tackle loneliness, which can have the same effect on people's health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day.



CRISP PACKET *Challenge*

DID YOU KNOW IT TAKES 80 YEARS FOR A CRISP PACKET TO DECOMPOSE?

150 Crisp packets can be ironed together and turned into a survival blanket for a homeless person and will help keep their sleeping bag dry and will help keep it insulated.

Students have also been donating their empty crisp packets in their hundreds to be sent off to be made into survival blankets, house captains have been

encouraging students to donate into the house-coloured bins to win the most house points for the heaviest amount of crisp packets donated!

A massive well done and thank-you to students who have donated their crisp packets to help others!



WELL DONE
Orange House
Raised £101 in their
BREAK TIME BAKE SALE

**WELL
DONE!**



HOUSE

CHALLENGES

ARE BACK!

Break Time House Challenges

Since the start of the pandemic students break time house challenges were brought to an abrupt end. However, since our return in September students have been able to participate in challenges at break times to win house points for their house.

The first break time house challenge of the year was a test of strength and endurance, the athletic contest of tug of war was a great success, with over 100 students in each year group participating to get the marker over the line to score 100 house points!

The house challenges run for three weeks over break times and are run by the staff house captains, the student house captains' role is to ensure all students are aware of the

challenges by spreading the news in their tutor time and break times.

Since September students have also enjoyed taking part in shoot the hoop basketball challenge and penalty shoot out, where students tried to score against the school football teams goal keepers and Mr. Addison our Design and Technology Technician and Personal Trainer!



As a result of winners all of the house competitions, including break time and tutor challenges, weekly 'most ambition points' and best attendance, the house with the most points this term is Orange House, followed by blue, then purple and green house, well done to everyone who takes part at break time in the house challenges!



House Point Running Totals



800



1290



1680



710

Penalty Shoot Out Final Scores

+100 Points



41

+50 Points



34

+25 Points



27

+10 Points



24

Hoops Final Scores

+100 Points



135
Hoops

+50 Points



132
Hoops

+25 Points



102
Hoops

+10 Points



84
Hoops



ClassChart Rewards Store is OPEN!

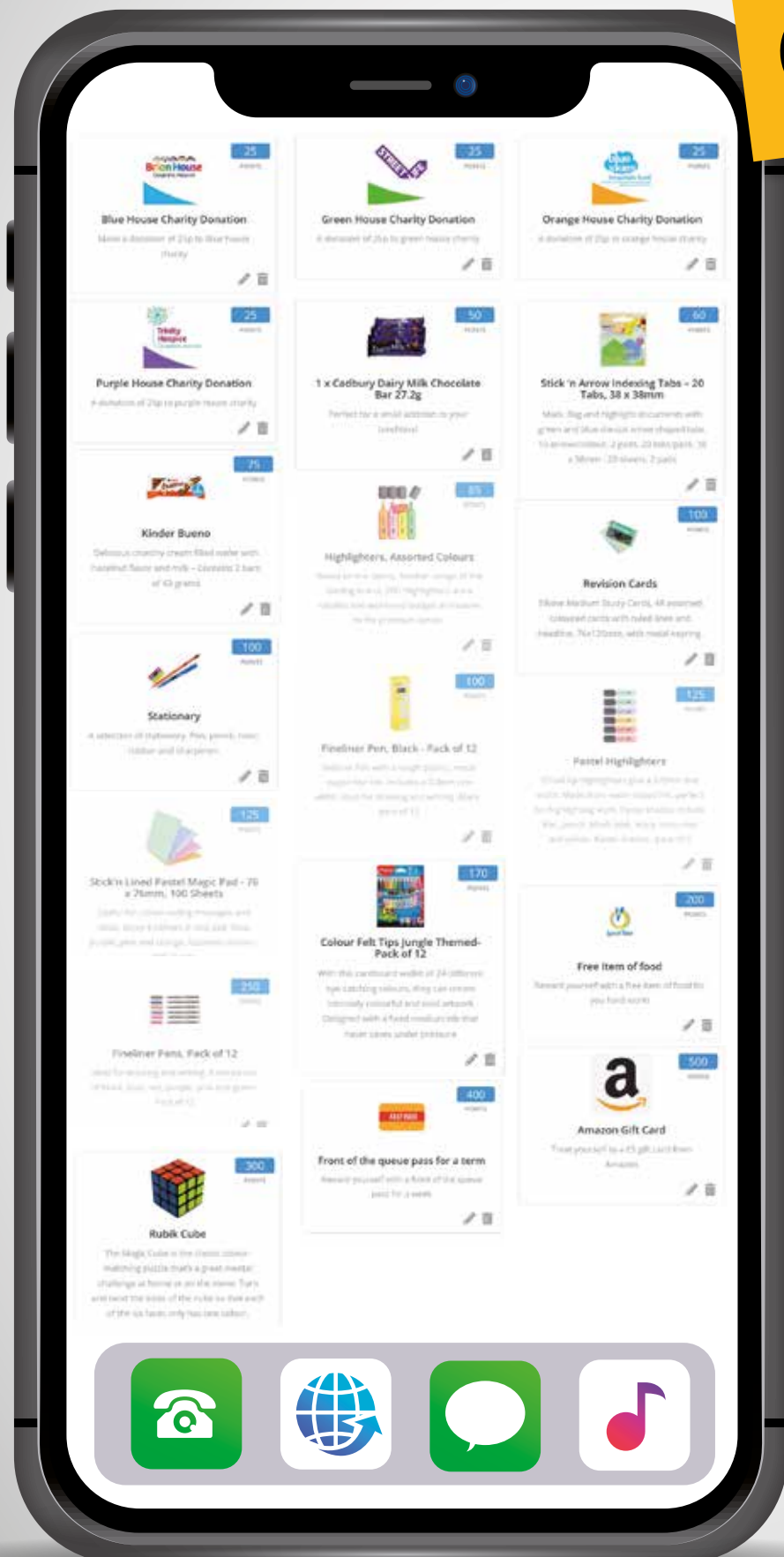
Each week students are rewarded in each class for their class work, homework and engagement in lessons, students can receive 1 Ambition point for good work or 2 Ambition points for Outstanding work.

Students ambition points can be saved up and can then be spent by students in the ClassCharts App under the Reward Store page of the app.

So far this academic year students have earned over 122,000 points and so far have spent 21,000 points on a range of rewards from the reward store such as a range of stationery, like Highlighters, Revision Packs, Fineliners, Felt Tip Pens, Rubix Cubes and Gift vouchers as well as a huge amount of Cadburys chocolate bars and Kinder Bueno bars totalling over 160 bars overall.

Students also have the option of donating 25 points for 25pence to their house charities, so far green house have donated 40 donations to Blackpool Street Life Charity, students in blue house have donated 35 donations to Brian House, students in orange house have donated 37 donations to Hugo's Small Animal Rescue Charity and finally purple house have donated 44 donations to their chosen house charity which is Trinity Hospice this year!

As well as donations on the ClassCharts app, students from each year group were involved in a fund raising cake and bake sale over break time for Orange house's Hugo's Small Animal Rescue Charity which raised over £100 for the house charity





... Watch out for the new Safer Schools app

Peer Mentoring.

Our Year 11 Student Leadership Team have been trained to be peer mentors and will be working with our Year 7 and 8 students after the Christmas Break. The Prefect teams will support students with reading, academic progress and any wellbeing issues that our students may be facing. We are very much looking forward to the work that they do!



DEBATE CLUB



This half term Debate Club has been running full steam ahead in the Futures room from 3:15pm-4pm

All year groups have been invited. A variety of staff have volunteered to take sessions, we have covered everything from History to Social Science; Politics to Technology. It has been fascinating to say the least. The staff who have been involved have been absolutely blown away by the students' responses and ability to discuss such a wide variety of topics. However, we have up to 60 places - not everyone has to stand up to the front and talk, you can just come and watch participate in the audience, question for the teams, or stand at the front and articulate your opinion on the subject. Without a shadow of a doubt it has been my highlight of the week and as a member of staff have felt a privilege to be part of it. The club can only go from strength to strength and the more student we have the more fun we will have.

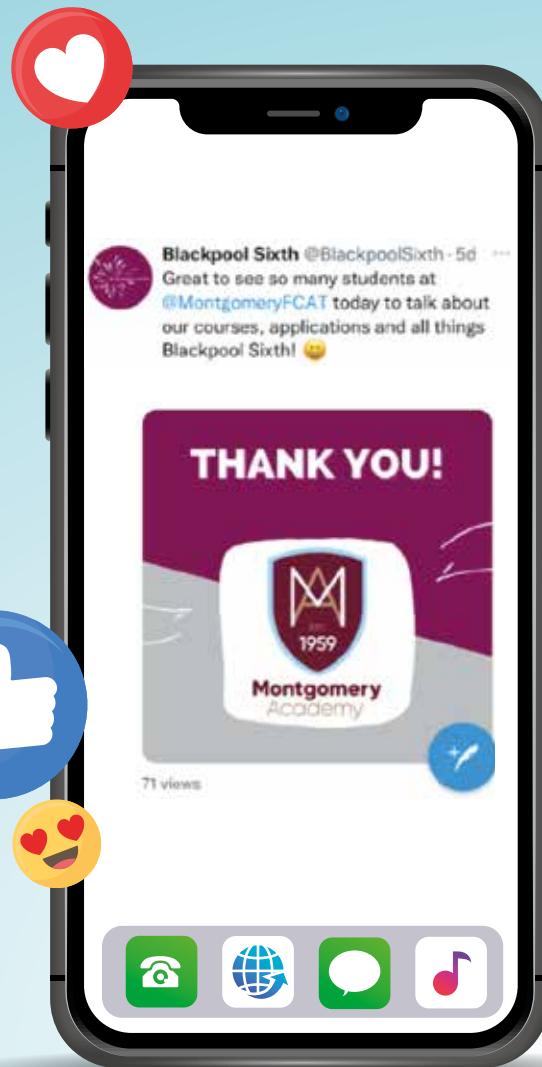


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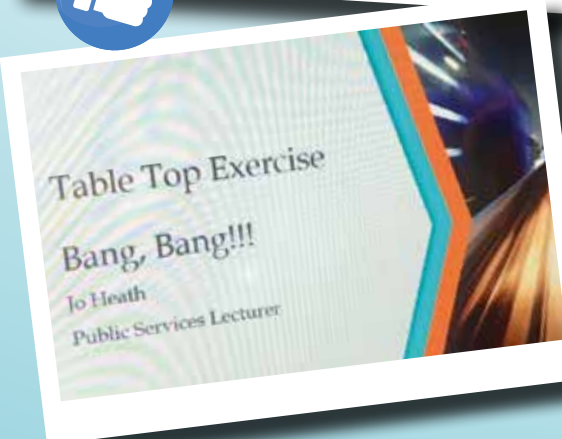
Year 11 Application Morning

Every year we run a Year 11 application event to make sure all our students receive the support they need to make an application to their next steps. Year 11 received advice and guidance about their future plans whilst in school from Blackpool 6th Form College, Blackpool and the Fylde College and our independent careers adviser. We run this every year just before Christmas so that students can receive a positive placement for Year 12 enabling the students to be able to focus on their GCSE studies and exams that will take them through to their future plans.



College Taster Sessions

This term we have welcomed Blackpool and the Fylde College into school to give students a taster of subjects that our students may go onto study in the future when they leave Montgomery. These taster sessions are an interesting insight into what it would be like to study at college and has included subjects such as Catering and Public Services. We are looking at running these taster events including various post 16 establishments in the coming months. Please look out for more taster sessions to be run in the new Future's Room in school in the new year!



College Drop in Sessions

Year 11 have been supported this term by our network of post 16 providers through lunchtime drop in sessions. These are run in the Lower School Dining Hall where Year 11 have had the opportunity to have informal discussions with such providers as Blackpool Football Club, The Army, Blackpool 6th Form College, Myerscough College, Preston College and Blackpool and the Fylde College. More drop-in sessions will be arranged in the new year for continued support in making the correct decisions for the future.

 **Grow Throughout Life**

Explore Possibilities 

Manage Career

Create Opportunities 

 **Balance Life & Work**

See The Big Picture 



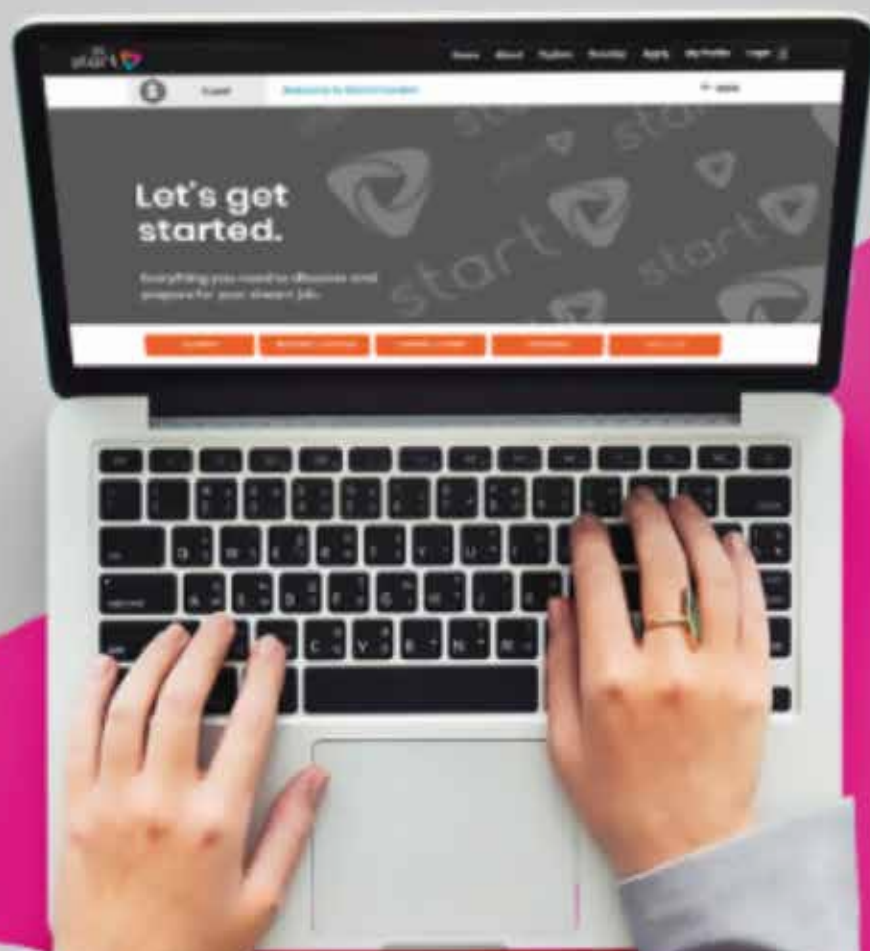
Careers Evening

Our annual Careers market place was held in the Sports Hall with representatives from various post 16 establishments including employers such as Victrex Engineering, B&M Bargains and Westinghouse. Colleges such as Blackpool 6th Form, Rossall Sixth, Lytham AKS and Blackpool and the Fylde College. Volunteering organisations such as UR Potential.



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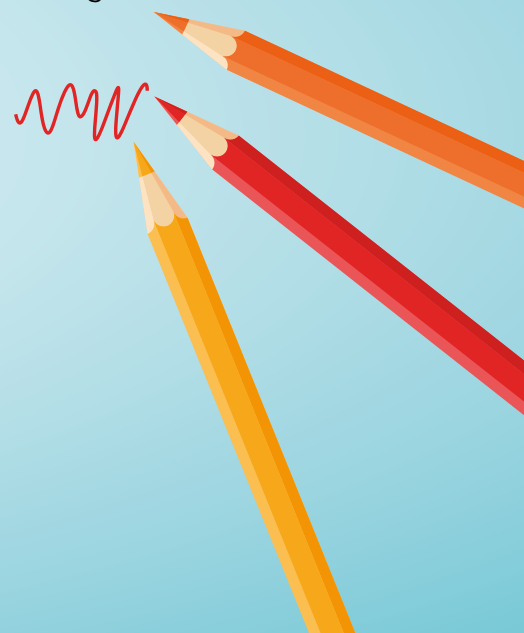


careers.startprofile.com

Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Health and Wellbeing

Careers information is regularly sent out to students through the Google Classroom platform under the Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 Health and Wellbeing pages – Careers Information.

All careers information can also be found on the school website by scanning this QR code.



11TH OF NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE DAY

LEST WE FORGET

MONTGOMERY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



This year Montgomery reflected Remembrance in a number of ways, firstly the whole school adhered to a 1 minute silence after a reflective piece was read aloud in the classrooms. On Friday was a more community based Service and reflection for Remembrance organised by Mr Morton, Mr James and Mr Hayes, in this there were various people from the local community along with the new Rector Johnny. The last post was given, the flag was then lowered by Captain Phil Hayes of the CCF (Mr Hayes - SSC) with Mr Benson (Y11) and Mr Codling (SSC) in support with an array of Cadets from the school that covered a variety of military and civilian services.

The students and many staff learnt a greater understanding at first hand what these individuals did and went through from their stories and experiences and how they may take this going forward as they move on in their lives.





Montgomery focus on Mental Health Continues

Since our return to school in March Mental health continues to be a focus for us in school. With a focus of mental health in PSHE lessons and signposting to support services and in school support reminders have gone up around school on our televisions and shared in tutor time on our weekly house update. The wellbeing google classroom is also being kept up

to date with new updates for students to access well being support outside of school. In the most recent school council meetings students have met to discuss improvements since they have returned to school, one suggestion that has been implemented recently has been new positivity resilience phrases to updated around the school site, the idea has been taken from the Head Start

Resilience pathway in Blackpool which is a series of 42 paving stones with positive steps to follow to help build resilience, it can be along Talbot Road leading from Dickson Road to the Promenade. We hope the little reminders around the site help students support each other and for students to follow to build up resilience.

Find out more about the Resilience Revolution and find your own resilient moves here : <https://resiliencepathway.co.uk>

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Google Classroom for Students

KS3 Montgomery Health and Wellbeing

Login Code: wrleozx

KS4 Montgomery Health and Wellbeing

Login Code: zfpa4rc



Well Being Award



Teachers, staff and pupils were honoured for their hard work and achievements at The Gazette's annual education awards night. The awards evening, sponsored by Blackpool and The Fylde College and Ameen, was presented by Ged Mills and Hayley Kay and Gazette editor Nicola Adam.

Mrs Cumming and Mr Hegarty were overall winners in the category of Health and Well-Being. Their work throughout the pandemic ensured that students and their families were equipped with school work, stationary packs, self sooth packs from Head Start, Food parcels and other essentials. They were presented with the award by Blackpool Transport Stakeholder and Customer Experience manager Vicky Clegg with the Health and Wellbeing Award.

You can still access support over the holiday period

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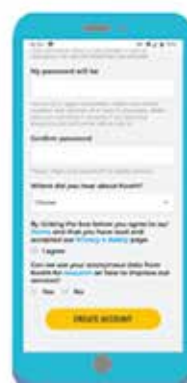
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SPORT NEWS

U16 Girls' Lancashire Cup

Monday 8th November

The girls played against Our Lady's, Preston in the Lancashire Cup against a tough squad from Preston. All girls played amazingly well. The overall score of the match did not represent the game at all with our girls matching the opposition throughout the game's duration. Their strength, determination and sheer grit shone through. Unfortunately, Our Lady's had a fantastic upfront player who plays for Manchester City who scored all 6 of their goals. The final score was 6-1. A disappointing loss but we learnt a lot from it. Well played to all the girls involved

Y7 Blackpool Schools' Netball Tournament

Tuesday 9th November

The Y7 netball team were runners up in the Blackpool Schools' Netball Tournament despite not conceding any goals in their 6 games and scoring the most goals on average in the tournament. Unfortunately, the girls drew against St Mary's and Armfield. Whereas, St Mary's beat Armfield 1-0. Hopefully we can build on this ahead of the next netball tournament. A special mention needs to go to Olivia M who was 100% player of the overall tournament for me! A very well done to all of the year 7s involved – a great start to their netballing career at Montgomery.





Y7&8 Blackpool FC EFL Girls' Football Tournament

**Wednesday 10th
November**

Well... what a day this was! 12 teams entered into this tournament and our girls were ready to win! All girls played amazingly well and managed to beat all of their opponents on the day to get through to the finals against LSA. LSA won the final 2-0 but it was a very close and contested game with Lily J almost scoring twice and Lucy R hitting the crossbar! All girls were exemplary in their behaviour and sportsmanship and they were a pleasure to lead on this extra-curricular event. Player of the tournament was Lucy R. Amazing grit, talent and determination on the pitch. She scored some wonder strikes!!

Y10 & 11 Blackpool Schools' Football Champions

**Tuesday 16th
November**

The girls were an absolute credit on this evening. Winning all of their games in the run up to the final against Aspire. The girls went 3-0 down after around 4 minutes then with hard work and true resilience we ended up drawing 3-3 and won the tournament overall on goal difference, scoring three more goals than any other team participating. Stand out players on the evening were Olivia K who was our top goal scorer (5 in total) and Taffy C whose midfield play was outstanding.

Y10 Blackpool Schools' Netball Champions

**Tuesday 28th
September**

This week saw our Y10 netball team attend the Blackpool Schools' Netball Tournament. Our girls were an absolute pleasure to take and played amazing, winning both of their matches:

Montgomery 10 Unity 0
Montgomery 4 St Mary's 2
Players of the tournament went to Chloe H and M





Y11 Blackpool Schools' Netball Champions

Tuesday 21st September

This was the first netball tournament of the new academic year and the last for our Y11 netball team. The girls were an absolute credit to the school, each of the players showing SMART in their game play. Unfortunately, due to many schools dropping out at the last minute we only played St Mary's but the girls didn't disappoint, winning the game 19-3. Player of the match went to our very own Head Girl Holly T who scored many goals throughout the match. Special mentions also go to Laura G, Holly W, Tyler H and Natalie D for their awesome attacking set plays and forgetting the talented Ellie B, Izzy W and Emily C in defence.

Y7 Girls' Lancashire Cup

Friday 12th November

What a miserable, wet and windy match the girls endured in Burnley on Friday afternoon but all players were in high spirits travelling back after beating Fisher More 8-1, which means they are now through to the next round of the Lancashire Cup against Alder Grange, Rawtenstall (to be played on Monday 10th January). The girls all displayed true grit, determination and resilience in what can only be described as horrendous playing conditions.

Y9 Boys' Lancashire Cup Run Continues

The Y9 boys' Lancashire Cup journey continues after a fantastic display saw us beat St Michael's 3-1 in the first round, and then another disciplined performance gave us a 2-1 victory over Ormskirk High School to progress through to the third stage of the competition. Mr Sinnott credited the boys for their hard work and attitude.

Goals from both matches came from: George Y, Alfie G, Lewis L, Connor S and Dan W
MOTM from both matches: Connor R & Alfie G. Onto the next round, which will be a home tie played in January 2022.



Y8 Blackpool Schools' Badminton

Tuesday 23rd November

The Y8 boy's badminton team are now crowned badminton champions in Blackpool for the 21/22 series. A great effort from all participants: James B, Luca B, Noah R, Josh F & Ben W



Y9 Blackpool Schools' Badminton Tournament

Tuesday 16th November

This week saw our Y9 badminton team take on nine other badminton teams from across seven Blackpool Secondary Schools. It was a very busy evening, seeing a determination to outwit the opposition with varying tactics and skill application. Our boys displayed a fantastic attitude, including resilience and a winning mentality to finish 3rd overall in the competition out of the 10 schools participating. A fantastic performance by all those involved.

Y7 Boys' Lancashire Cup Run Continues...

Monday 15th November

Monday 15th November saw our Y7 football team take part in a mini round robin preliminary round for the Lancashire Cup against Baines and St Mary's. The first game saw us comfortably beat St Mary's 4-1. Zak T & Jamie B scoring two goals each. Then came the crunch game against Baines to decide who got through to the next round. Fortunately, it was another comfortable 5-2 win. Jamie B scoring a hatrick and Joel B scoring twice. The boys are now through to the round 3, after beating St Bede's, Ormskirk 2-1 and await the winners of Fisher More, Burnley or Longridge. If successful, they will be through to the Finals Day to be held at St Bede's Blackburn in early 2022. We wish the boys every success in the future rounds we have high hopes for this talented football team.

Y7 Blackpool Schools' Football Champions

Tuesday 12th October

Another successful afternoon yesterday with our very talented Y7 football team.

Our year 7's played two games, the first being St Mary's, where we came away with a comfortable 7-0 win. Jamie B being the outstanding player scoring 3 goals and assisting 2. After that game, our tails were up and we fancied our chances against the new boys, Armfield. It was a tough game, in which Joel B and Jack M's wonder strike stood out. The game finished a draw, 1-1. Armfield then played St Mary's and could only win 2-0, which crowned us the champions on goal difference.

Y7 Boys' ESFA Cup

Our Y7's were victorious in their first ever game for Montgomery, beating their opponents (Stanley High School, Sefton) 3-0. However, the score line did not reflect the performance. After 5 minutes of the match, we were up 3-0, which prompted their manager to come and speak to me and ask if we could 'go easy' on them. Obviously in my nature I laughed it off and thought, it's the ESFA cup, I'm here to win. However, my kind nature took over and at half time I told our boys to be SMART about our play. Safe, mature, ambitious, respectful and thoughtful. They were EXCELlent taking PRIDE in their performance. From here, we progressed through to round 4 of the English Schools' FA Cup competition due to The De La Salle Academy unable to fulfil the fixture, which saw us come against Cardinal Heenan, Liverpool on 29th November in round 5. Unfortunately, our boys fell short on this occasion losing 4-1, although Mr Sinnett believes some decisions may have gone our way on a different day and could have aided our chances against a tough opposition. However, not to be downbeat as this team have a lot to look forward to in terms of their footballing careers at Montgomery and it isn't over yet as they remain in Lancashire Cup competition.

Y11 Blackpool Schools' Football Champions

Monday 13th September

It was their final Blackpool Schools' Football Tournament representing Montgomery and the pressure was on to make it their 5th consecutive year of winning this tournament. The match was played in a tremendous spirit with Montgomery playing outstandingly well with our goalkeeper Connor H not having a single touch of the ball. We led 2-0 with Danny O scoring 2 headers. Lots of substitutions led to St Mary's pulling a goal back early in the second half but further goals by Danny O and Lucas P sealed a convincing 4-1 victory. Kayden L was outstanding and proved what a good signing he is for Fleetwood next year. Congratulations to our Y11 football team maintaining their title as Blackpool Schools' Football Champions since joining Montgomery in Y7.

Y8 Blackpool Schools' Football Champions

Tuesday 5th November

It is with delight that I can announce that our Year 8 football team are crowned the Blackpool Schools' Football Champions, beating Armfield 4-0 in the semi-final and St Mary's 1-0 in the final of the competition.

Some stand out performances by Theo N, who scored 3 of the 5 goals, Alfie W who saved everything that was shot at him and also Cain H who was given the task to man mark St Mary's best player and did so with ease.



Y11 Boys' ESFA Cup Run

Friday 12th November

Friday evening saw our very talented Y11 football team play, what has been, their best performance to date. With the support of what seemed like a sell-out crowd the team pulled off a 7-0 victory against Clitheroe Royal Grammar School. The goal scorers on the night were: Lucas P x 2, Kian A x2, Danny O, Will W and an own goal.

Player of the Match went to Danny O for his outstanding midfield display, a very talented footballer who was definitely the difference between the two teams. Every player was outstanding though, a real team performance. Our next round, (the last 64) was played against St Benedict's, Whitehaven who travelled 3 hours to play this fixture on Wednesday 1st December. Obviously, reaching the latter stages of the competition we always know the competition and standard of football is going to be a step up and unfortunately for our boys this was the case, losing 5-1 to an extremely talented Lake District Y11 footballing team. Although, we were disappointed we couldn't make it to the last 32 schools in England the boys should be extremely proud of getting this far in the competition with some impressive results:

Round 1: Montgomery 4 Balshaw's, South Ribble 1

Round 2: Montgomery 3 Queen Elizabeth, South Lakes 0

Round 3: Montgomery 7 Clitheroe Royal Grammar School, Ribble Valley 0

Y8 Lancashire Cup

Our Y8's haven't started their Lancashire Cup run yet due to having a bye in the first round and still awaiting the results of St Michael's, Chorley and St Mary's, Leyland. We wish them every success in this competition and have high hopes of them progressing through to the final stages of this competition.

Y10 Blackpool Schools' Football Runners Up

Tuesday 21st September

Well done to our Y10 boys' football team who finished second in the Blackpool Schools' Football Tournament, held at St Mary's on Tuesday 21st September.

Y10 Boys' Lancashire Cup Run Continues...

Our Y10 boys continue their journey in the Lancashire Cup having a bye in the first round and beating Queen Elizabeth Grammar School 5-3 in the second round sees us through to round 3 and awaiting the winners of Ribblesdale, Clitheroe or St Mary's, Leyland. Good luck to the boys in this competition.



OTHER SPORTING NEWS...

Macy C in Y8 has been selected to represent the Lancashire Netball Team as well as continuing to play for U13's Blackpool netball team, an amazing achievement Macy. We are so proud of you!!

Kayden L in Y11 has signed his Fleetwood Town FC contract and in recent weeks has been selected for the U18's team. Well done Kayden, we wish you every success in your footballing career

U14 Girls' Lancashire Cup Result: Our Lady's Preston 6 Montgomery 2

U13 Girls' ESFA Cup Result: Montgomery 0 Dowdales, Lake District 1

U14 Girls' ESFA Cup Result: Montgomery 1 Formby High School, Sefton 6

U16 Girls' ESFA Cup Result: Montgomery 0 Rossall 7

GCSE PE & Sports Studies Climbing

Finally, as well as all the sporting fixtures this term we have also had our Y11 GCSE PE and Sports Studies students attend a number of climbing sessions at WestView Leisure Centre, Preston with North West Outdoor Education. The students have learnt basic climbing and bouldering techniques as well as belaying, knot tying and advancing up climbs ranging in difficulties. All students have progressed extremely well over the climbing sessions, showing determination, progressive climbing skills and resilience to complete challenging climbs. They have also had first hand coaching from one of the British Olympic Climbing Coaches, which is a real privilege and honour to have this level of expertise working with our young students and he being so complimentary of not only their behaviour but also encouraging some of them they need to pursue their climbing talents.





Uniform at Montgomery Academy



All items should have the student's full name on them.

Main uniform- the following items are essential

Girls	Boys
Montgomery Academy maroon blazer with logo	Montgomery Academy maroon blazer with logo
White school shirt (open necked blouses and polo shirts are not allowed)	White school shirt (open necked blouses and polo shirts are not allowed)
Montgomery Academy skirt. (Skirts should be no more than 2 inches or 5cm above the floor when kneeling down)	Black full length regulation school trousers.
Plain black school socks OR plain opaque black tights. (No leg warmers or leggings)	Dark coloured socks
Montgomery year group tie of the correct colour	Montgomery year group tie of the correct colour
Girls can wear black full length regulation school trousers instead of a skirt.	

Sturdy black school shoes (not training shoes) (No white/coloured soles, no stripes, no piping, no logos, no boots, no backless shoes or sandals). A student wearing other footwear for medical reasons should provide a doctor's note. WE REGRET THAT A LETTER FROM PARENTS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. If a student is not in correct footwear then they will be expected to borrow some shoes from our stock in isolation

Outdoor clothing is not to be worn inside the dining rooms or classrooms
Hoodies are not allowed in school and should not be worn instead of a suitable outdoor coat.

Students will need an adequate school bag to carry exercise books, A4 folders, P.E. kit and equipment at all times.



P.E. Kit (Compulsory)

Montgomery polo shirt	Hair bobble if hair is long enough to tie back
Plain, black football shorts (boys)	Black skirt (girls)
Montgomery football socks	Trainers
Football boots	Shin pads
P.E. bag large enough to carry all PE attire required for lessons	Plasters if ears have just been pierced and earrings are unable to be taken out

P.E. Kit (Optional)

Montgomery ¾ zip tracksuit top	Plain, black tracksuit bottoms
Leggings (girls)	

Hairstyles must be suitable for the academy environment

Only black, brown or blonde dyed hair is acceptable - no other dyed colours or streaks

Tramlines or shaved head designs are not acceptable

Plain simple hair bands or hair slides (no flowers/ no scarves).

Hijabs should be plain, black or maroon.

Jewellery is restricted to:

1 pair of plain gold/silver coloured studs

1 wristwatch

No facial piercings are allowed

Nails

Nails must appear natural with no coloured nail varnish

Acrylic nails must:

- be short in length
- be natural in colour
- have a rounded tip

Make up

Make up must be minimal and natural, with no false eye lashes. Any students not conforming to this will be asked to remove their make-up.

Progress Tutors will ensure that students for whom they are responsible comply with school uniform requirements at all times. Class teachers will reinforce these expectations with their classes and insist that nothing inappropriate is worn during lessons.

