



Montgomery Academy

An Academy within the Fylde Coast Academy Trust

Exec. Headteacher: Mr S. M. Bullen BA NPQH & MEd

Headteacher: Mr S. Careless BSc MSc NPQH

Senior Deputy Headteacher: Mrs C. Montgomery BSc MSc NPQSL

e-mail: admin@montgomery.fcat.org.uk

Web: www.montgomeryschool.co.uk

All Hallows Road
Bispham
Blackpool
FY2 0AZ

Tel: 01253 356271

Fax: 01253 352305

Inspiring Excellence Together

24 April 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well and that you had a pleasant Easter break eating lots of chocolate eggs and enjoying the sunshine.

This week students should be continuing to complete the work set by their teachers from the work packs and work books we provided just before we entered the closure of our school nearly 5 weeks ago. We did not expect students to continue with this work over the Easter period as it was important that both students and parents/carers had chance to rest and spend quality time together. This said, I am aware that some competitions were set by some departments over the holiday period and am pleased to see that some very interesting work and photos have been shared with staff; especially impressive was of one student doing a hands-free cartwheel whilst reading a book whilst another chose to read his from the top of a tree. Well done to all students who entered into competitions over the Easter period and for sharing their entries with us – I believe there are some prizes to follow!

Summer term

As we now enter our summer term, new work will be being provided for students from the week commencing 27th April. Students who still have work to complete from the last 'batch' may continue to work through it and move onto this new work when they are ready.

The new work for all students will be on the website from Monday – please click on the 'Remote Learning' section/ appropriate year group and go to 'Summer Term work – w/c 27th April'. More subject-specific advice and instructions will also come to students via Google Classroom (codes on the website) and/or Class Charts.

We are aware that for some families access to IT facilities may not be possible or that you have siblings all waiting to use one computer. Therefore, should you require any 'hard copies' of work providing, please get in touch with school and we will post out as much work as we can.

Years 7-9

We do not expect students in the younger years (years 7-9) to be working school learning hours. We have suggested a half timetable so that 2 ½- 3 hours a day be spent on the work set and the rest of the time engaging in other 'enrichment/ well-being' activities (a list of suggested and updated activities will be on the website from Monday). May I say a big 'well done' to those students who have been working hard on their learning and thank you to those who have sent the work to their teachers for checking – this is really appreciated by your teachers. Please continue to keep your teachers in the learning loop.

Year 10

We expect Year 10 to be working for longer than the younger students and following the structured timetable we provided for them in their work packs. I am pleased to see so many Year 10 students engaging with the work that has been set and following the timetable we provided so diligently – well done!

Year 10 students do need to be conscious of the fact that they will be sitting their GCSEs this time next year and must therefore keep on top of the work we have so carefully prepared and planned. The new 'round' of work for year 10, plus another timetable to follow with core subject work planned out for them, will be on the website from Monday. In addition to this, there is also some target grade 7+ recommended work for English, maths and science on the timetable so that students can look to challenge and push themselves further as they enter what is effectively, their last 12 months of learning at Montgomery. Please can we ask that students let us know what they are doing? We look forward to receiving their work and giving praise and comments but are conscious of the fact that whilst some students are doing this, others have yet to log into Google Classroom or email us with questions/work completed. It is essential that students engage with the work we have set and do the best they can.

Year 11

Montgomery will help Year 11 students with next steps as much as we can despite them not sitting their exams this summer. I am aware that Blackpool Sixth Form have already been in touch with students who have applied to their courses and have suggested preparatory work for them to begin ahead of new courses starting when schools/colleges re-open. We are unable to discuss any queries and questions you may have about impending results, on Government advice, but just to let you know that 'results' will be out on the 20th August as would have been the case in other 'normal' circumstances. Please remind them to keep their chins-up and keep working on the subjects which they are wanting to pursue at college, as best



Montgomery Academy

An Academy within the Fylde Coast Academy Trust

Exec. Headteacher: Mr S. M. Bullen BA NPQH & MEd

Headteacher: Mr S. Careless BSc MSc NPQH

Senior Deputy Headteacher: Mrs C. Montgomery BSc MSc NPQSL

e-mail: admin@montgomery.fcat.org.uk

Web: www.montgomeryschool.co.uk

All Hallows Road
Bispham
Blackpool
FY2 0AZ

Tel: 01253 356271

Fax: 01253 352305

Inspiring Excellence Together

they can. Please can they also look at the 'Year 11 Next Steps' section on our website for further advice.

BBC Bitesize Daily

You may, or may not be aware that BBC Bitesize have now launched a daily diet of lessons. Our staff have been looking into these resources and have been very positive and complimentary of them. In fact, some of the teachers have set this as the new work for this half term. Please do go on and have a look: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>. You can also access this learning platform on your TV by going to BBC 1 and the 'red button'. This will provide you with a code. You can then register on your mobile, use the code and – you're in!

May I conclude by thanking everyone for all they are doing in these unprecedented times. Let's all keep doing our best and ensuring our students are doing what they can to the best of their ability. It is important that, whilst we continue to educate our students, that our main priority is everyone's safety and well-being.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs A Morton
Deputy Headteacher (Teaching and Learning)