



MBA Newsletter

Hello everyone,

It has been wonderful to settle back into the MBA way following my maternity leave and to spend time working across both The Link and MBA site.

This year, we have been reviewing our Key Stage 4 curriculum to ensure it provides learners with a broad range of experiences as they prepare for adulthood. Our aim is to give students meaningful opportunities to explore different vocational sectors, helping them to identify potential future employment pathways while working towards appropriate and valuable qualifications.

To support families in understanding our Key Stage 4 offer, we have developed a new guide outlining the pathways available to learners, the qualifications they may achieve, and the intended outcomes we aspire for them to reach as they prepare for sixth form and life beyond MBA. We hope families find this a useful overview of the exciting opportunities available to our students.

It has been fantastic to see vocational learning coming to life across the school. In Buzzards and Penguins classes, students are exploring the business and retail sector through enterprise projects, developing ideas such as cafés, car washing services and even the more adventurous idea of a snake-themed business! Their enthusiasm and creativity have been impressive.

Meanwhile, Hawks class and our Year 9 students at The Link have begun their Employability qualification, which focuses on developing the knowledge, skills and confidence needed for future employment. Students have been exploring their own strengths, skills and personal qualities while considering which careers may suit them. Their next challenge will be learning how to complete job applications before taking part in mock interviews.

It has also been wonderful to see our Year 9 students at The Link beginning their option subjects alongside their peers at Swavesey Village College. Students are studying a wide range of subjects, including Photography, Art, Sport, History, Drama and Engineering, and are embracing the opportunities and challenges these courses provide. They continue to work incredibly hard and should be proud of the determination and resilience they are showing.

As always, we are incredibly proud of our students and look forward to sharing more of their achievements and successes with you over the coming months.

Sarah Mepham, Assistant Principal



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Blackbirds - Explore

Teacher's Note

Blackbirds have made a fantastic start to the new school year! We have been very busy settling back into our school routines and beginning lots of new learning. Everyone has worked extremely hard and we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Classroom Highlights

Blackbirds are getting involved in our new Eco Council as part of our Pledges work. We will also be helping to look after our community by continuing litter picking in the local area.

We are also very excited about the upcoming school Halloween disco on 20th October!

What We're Learning

In English, we are reading *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*. We have already tasted a real dragon fruit and used all our senses to describe it! We are learning what makes a sentence and exploring the difference between dynamic and stative verbs.

In maths, we are developing our understanding of place value, revising tens and ones and identifying the value of digits in numbers.

In science, we are investigating the human skeleton and its functions. We have drawn around our bodies and labelled some of the major bones.

In world studies, we are learning about monarchs, while in food technology we are exploring how people eat toast around the world and making some classic favourites, including beans and cheese on toast.

In PE, we have been developing our spatial awareness and ball skills as we begin learning to play basketball.

Our Behaviour Curriculum this term focuses on the Zones of Regulation, helping us to recognise and understand our emotions and learn strategies that can support us.

Reminders

Swimming:
Fridays

PE: Tuesdays

**Thanks
for your
continued
support!
Blackbirds
Class**



Puffins - Adventure



Teacher's Note

It has been a great first few weeks back in Puffins, we have been so busy starting our new topics and meeting our new friends in the classroom. I am proud of the progress that has already been made and look forward to a wonderful rest of term.

Classroom Highlights

The children have loved embracing their inner artist for our Jackson Pollock paintings!

What We're Learning

Literacy: Our focus this term is the book 'Emily Brown and the Thing'. We have had fun reading and sequencing the story and we asked Emily and the Thing our burning questions! Puffins have really enjoyed asking the Thing about his adventures and how he managed to lose all of his toys!

Maths: We have been focussing on place value from 1-10 (and 1-100!) and the children are working really hard with physical manipulatives such as dienes, cubes and numicon to count in 1s, 2s, 5s, and 10s! We have particularly enjoyed building number characters out of blocks to see which number makes the tallest character.

Food Technology: We have been loving making toast from around the world this term, trying new textures, flavours and treats from other countries. So far the children have used the microwave, toaster and various utensils independently and every child has been so brave trying new things. I am especially proud of the amazing development in fine-motor skills and independence.

Reminders

Our swimming days have changed! Emails have been sent home as to whether your child is swimming on a Tuesday or a Thursday.

Please send in swimming kits and pull ups if needed.

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Parent Information

Dates for your diary

Monday 28th September:
Flu vaccinations (MBA/Link)

Monday 12th October: Flu
vaccinations (MBA/Link)

Friday 23rd Oct/Mon 2nd
Nov: Training Days - no
children in school

Monday 26th - Friday 30th
October - Half Term Holiday

Friday 27th November:
Training Day - no children in
school

Reminders

If your child is unwell,
please contact the school
office by 8.30am by:

Phone: 01223 340800
pressing option 1 and
leaving a voicemail

Email:
[office@martinbacon.acade
my](mailto:office@martinbacon.academy)

We will update teachers
and the kitchen. If we do
not hear from you, your
child's absence will be
unauthorised.

FOMBA

Friends of Martin Bacon Academy Community WhatsApp Group

Scan this QR code using the WhatsApp camera to
join this community



[https://chat.whatsapp.com/
FqcQsvfiwcO0geDZ8bAARJ?mode=wwt](https://chat.whatsapp.com/FqcQsvfiwcO0geDZ8bAARJ?mode=wwt)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 20th October:
Halloween Disco (MBA
only, during school hours)

Wednesday 21st October:
MBA School Photos

Makaton of the week

Please check out our
Makaton page on our
website
[https://www.martinbacon.
academy/category/makaton
-of-the-week/](https://www.martinbacon.academy/category/makaton-of-the-week/)





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Children's Commissioner Survey

Schools have been asked to complete a short survey for the Children's Commissioner:

We have been working with learners across the school to complete the Big Future Survey.

The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. I will be using what they tell me to build a national picture of what matters to children today and to ensure their views are heard by Government.

If you can support the schools effort to complete the survey with your child that will support the schools effort further.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/>

Thank You!



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Lunch Clubs at MBA

Join in • Make friends
Try something new!

MONDAY

ARTS & CRAFTS



Get creative, try new techniques and work on your own projects or group ideas.

🕒 12:00 – 1:00pm

👤 Led by
Hannah Comer

TUESDAY

LEGO



Build, create and challenge yourself with different LEGO sets and team builds.

🕒 12:00 – 1:00pm

👤 Led by
Pam

WEDNESDAY

MUSIC



Listen to music, play instruments or create your own.

🕒 12:00 – 1:00pm

👤 Led by
Hannah Collins

THURSDAY

SWIMMING



Have fun in the pool, work on your swimming skills and stay active.

🕒 11:45 – 12:45pm
(1 hour)

👤 Led by
Billy

FRIDAY

GAMES CLUB (on the bus)



Play board games, card games, puzzles and group games on the bus.

🕒 12:00 – 1:00pm

👤 Led by
Michael

➤ Different clubs • New skills • Something for everyone! ➤



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SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026						caterlink feeding the imagination	MENU KEY:
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
WEEK ONE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's special
	Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chili with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Dazzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	
WEEK TWO	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Piza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chili with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's special
	Option Two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie	
WEEK THREE	Option One	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shipa's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's special
	Option Two	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Cheese & Crockers	Fruit Medley	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	
AVAILABLE DAILY:		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

Lunch options are put through daily by the teachers. If you have preferences on what your child should eat for lunch, please send it in an email to the office and we will pass on to the kitchen for you.

If your child has any food intolerances or allergies, please complete the following form:

<https://rosmith.plumsail.io/75952965-23e0-4386-996e-24acfff97359?layout=beb774d6-bfc9-40c5-82cf-c394eb9e89f1>



Term Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term

Training Day – 1st September 2026

Training Day – 2nd September 2026

First day of term: Thursday 3rd September 2026

Training day (Disaggregated) Friday 23rd October 2026

Half term: Monday 26th October – 30th October 2026

Training Day – Monday 2nd November 2026

Training Day (Disaggregated) Friday 27th November 2026

Last day of term: Friday 18th December 2026 (close at 1pm)

Spring Term

Training day – Monday 4th January 2027

First day of term: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half term: Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027

Last day of term: Friday 26th March 2027 (close at 1pm)

Summer Term

First day of term: Monday 12th April 2027

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Half term: Monday 31st May – 4th June 2027

Training Day Friday 9th July 2027

Last day of term: Wednesday 21st July 2027 (close at 1pm)