

# MBA Newsletter

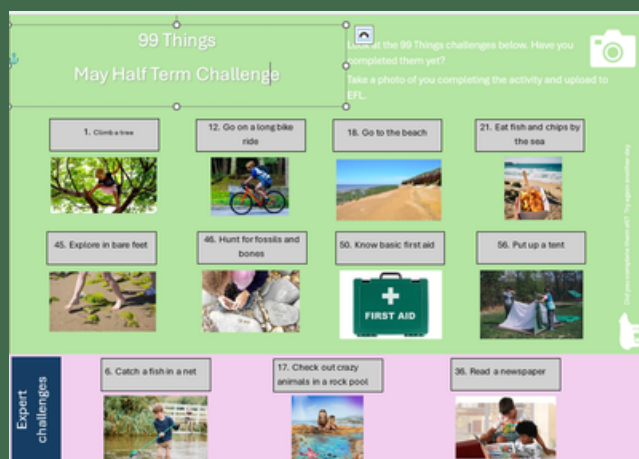
Dear Parents and Carers,

We are soon going to say goodbye to our Year 11 students as they are in their last few weeks with us. They have worked incredibly hard and should be immensely proud of everything they have achieved. This term has been all about completing final assessments and celebrating success. Students have shown resilience, determination and maturity as they move towards their next steps beyond school. We will miss them greatly, but we are so excited to see what they go on to achieve next. We wish all of our students success, happiness, and confidence in their future.

We'd like to wish all our MBA family a very happy half term – enjoy the break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school again again on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Over the break, please try to encourage your people to complete the May Half Term 99 Things Challenge.

Best wishes,  
The MBA



# 6<sup>th</sup> Form



## Teacher's Note

Hello everyone! We have had a very exciting term in 6th Form with a magical trip to Harry Potter Studio Tour and jam- packed learning in our classroom. Here's a glimpse of what we have been up to...

## Classroom Highlights

Well done to all of 6<sup>th</sup> form students for their impeccable behaviour when we were on our school trip.

## What We're Learning

**English:** We have been reading Harry Potter and the Philosophers Stone which we have all enjoyed greatly, especially going to Harry Potter Studio Tour where we were able to see all of the props that were used in the films. Rio and Jacob especially enjoyed seeing the Hogwarts Express!

**Maths:** In lessons we have been learning how to read the time on both analogue and digital clocks as well as ordering the activities that we do during the day.

We have also been planning what we are going to cook each week and pricing up the ingredients that we need to buy.

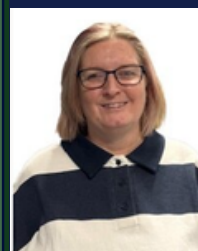
During our weekly shopping trips, we have been practicing our money and communication skills.

We have cooked a vast array of things during cooking including chicken and sweetcorn fritters, we have also enjoyed trying new foods.

## Reminders

Students to bring swimming kits in on a Wednesday and a Friday.

Thanks for  
your  
continued  
support -  
Rebecca



# Hawks - Pioneer



## Teacher's Note

The Hawks team are so proud of each and every student — it has truly been a privilege to teach and support them over the last two years.

## Classroom Highlights

Hawks have been incredibly busy raising funds for their Prom and end-of-year celebrations.

Activities included:

- Bake sales
- Staff car wash
- Staff breakfasts
- School event stalls.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us — your generosity has made a real difference.

## What We're Learning

Maths & Science Entry Level – Completed

Level 1 Functional Skills Writing Exam – Completed

Level 1 BTEC Vocational Studies – Completed

ASDAN Employability – Completed

GCSE Maths – Some students currently sitting exams

Speaking & Listening – Final component still to complete

Students are finishing their courses with real success and independence, preparing them well for college and adult life.

This final period is focused on celebrating achievements and preparing for life after school.

## Reminders

Final College Induction Day:  
One remaining after half term

Prom – Thursday 11th June (we are very excited!)

End of Year Trips: Working towards completing as many of our “99 Things” as possible.

**Thanks for  
your continued  
support -  
Hawks Team**



# Magpies - Explore



## Teacher's Note

Magpies have been very hardworking this term. The team are very proud of the learners for working together to complete puzzles and engaging in conversations.

## Classroom Highlights

Well done to Sid and Thomas for working hard as a team to solve a puzzle. Well done to Austin for showing resilience towards his learning. Well Done Magpies!

## What We're Learning

### Maths:

Magpies' learners have been focusing on the four operations and we have recently began looking at data handling. The learners have really enjoyed using UNO cards to practise their multiplication. This week learners had lots of fun measuring themselves with a metre stick and estimating how many metres other items are.

### Science:

This term we have focused on bulbs in Science. Learners planted their own bulbs and have been looking after them. Magpies have learnt about the things bulbs need to grow and the life stages of the bulb growing to a flower.

### English:

The books *The Pet Potato* and *The Day the Crayons Quit* have been our focus. Magpies decorated their own pet potatoes and gave them a name. Magpies have learnt about the different features of a letter and reorganised a letter from the crayons in Magpies class with these features in mind.

## Reminders

Magpies swimming day is on Monday. Please remember to send your child in with their kit that day. Swimming will be at school next term. Cooking is on a Thursday. Collins Hub: You can access your child's reading book online. They are updated every Friday afternoon.

Thanks for  
your  
continued  
support -  
Pam



# Parent Information

## Dates for your diary

**Half Term Break:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**MBA Summer Fayre:**  
Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30 - 12pm

**Training Day - School closed:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

## 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.academy](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>

## Upcoming Events

**School Prom:** Thursday 11th June, years 10, 11 and 6th Form

**MBA Activities Week:**  
29<sup>th</sup> June - 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**The Link Activities Week:**  
13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July

## Makaton of the week

Please check out our Makaton page on our website  
<https://www.martinbacon.academy/category/makaton-of-the-week/>



# FOMBA



## Raffle Donations

We are keen to receive any donations which can be used as raffle prizes for our summer fayre. Please can you contact the school office if you have any gifts, vouchers or services you would be happy to donate.

## Pre-loved Uniform

If you have any pre-loved school uniform that your children may have outgrown, please drop off at the school office.

## Parent Survey

Please find below a QR code which takes you to our parent survey which we would be very grateful if you could complete for us:

FoMBA – Fill in form







Northstowe  
Martin Bacon Academy



# Parent information



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**Grafham Water Centre**  
part of Cambridgeshire Outdoors



## Open Day

Supporting the message on...  
**Water Safety in Cambridgeshire**



**Free Event!**  
**Friday 29 May**

What to expect:

- Water activities including Paddlesports, Sailing, Powerboating
- Swim Safe Sessions
- Rescue demonstrations
- Meet the Fire Service, Air Ambulance, Local Search and Rescue
- BBQ

01480 379500  
[www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk](http://www.grafham-water-centre.co.uk)

Grafham Water Centre,  
Chichester Way, Perry,  
Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire,  
PE28 0GW



### June 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long  
**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)  
Recordings available for 48 hours

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|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Understanding Anger               | 1 June 10am   |
| School Anxiety                    | 1 June 7pm    |
| Facing Defiance                   | 2 June 10am   |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use     | 2 June 7pm    |
| Anxiety Explained                 | 8 June 10am   |
| Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness     | 8 June 7pm    |
| Introduction to OCD               | 9 June 10am   |
| What is ACT?                      | 9 June 7pm    |
| Decreasing Depression             | 15 June 10am  |
| Raising Self-Esteem               | 15 June 7pm   |
| Understanding the Teenage Brain   | 16 June 10am  |
| Supporting Healthy Sleep          | 16 June 7pm   |
| Improving Family Communication    | 22 June 10am  |
| Autism-Improving Communication    | 22 June 7pm   |
| Supporting a Child with ADHD      | 23 June 10am  |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 23 June 7pm   |
| ADHD and Homework                 | 25 June 7-8pm |



# Parent Information

Please see below the new lunch menu for the Summer Term

| SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026 |            |                                                                                                 |                                                    |                                                         |                                                                |                                                             |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                         |            | 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 |
|                         | 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 Drizzle Cake                                | Fruit Platter                                           | Apple Flapjack                                                 | Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins                             |
|                         |            |                                                                                                 |                                                    |                                                         |                                                                |                                                             |
| WEEK TWO                | Option One | Cheese & Tomato Pizza 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                     |
|                         | 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                       |
|                         | 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 & Crackers                                  | 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 email [office@martinbacon.academy](mailto:office@martinbacon.academy) to request the relevant allergen form.



## Term Dates 2025-2026

### **Autumn Term 2025**

*Training Day – 1st September 2025*

*Training Day – 2nd September 2025*

**First day of term:** Wednesday 3rd September 2025

*Training day (Disaggregated) 24th October 2025*

**Half term:** Monday 27th October – 31st October 2025

*Training Day – 3rd November 2025*

**Last day of term:** Friday 19th December 2025 (close at 1pm)

### **Spring Term 2026**

*Training day – 5th of January 2026*

**First day of term:** Tuesday 6th January 2026

**Half term:** Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

**Last day of term:** Friday 27th March 2026

### **Summer Term 2026**

*Training day – 3rd July 2026*

**First day of term:** Monday 13th April 2026

**May Day Bank Holiday:** Monday 4th May 2026

**Half term:** Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026

**Last day of term:** Friday 17th July 2026

*Disaggregated Training day – 20th of July 2026*