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## ...FHS in the Top 10% Nationwide

Formby High School has been named one of the highest performing secondary schools in the country, receiving two awards for being in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment and the top 20% for progress. This recognition is for the school's excellent results in 2018 based on data from the Department for Education and Ofsted, analysed by SSAT, the Schools, Students and Teachers network.

## ...Sun and Sport in Marbella

During the Easter holidays, 64 students and staff travelled to sunny Marbella in Spain for a sporting trip of a lifetime! Students were a credit to the school and staff received several comments from members of the public about how well they conducted themselves throughout the trip. Both the netball and football teams demonstrated outstanding commitment and motivation during training sessions and played well during all matches. In Netball, each team won at least one of their two games played and in Football Year 9 won both games played and Year 10 won one of the two games played. The following students received Players of the Match Awards: Will, Tom and Jamie (Y10 Football); Oscar, Harry and Harry (Y9 Football); Elena, Gabriella, Lily, Tya and Lauren (Y10 Netball) and finally Libby, Charlotte and Jasmine (Y9 Netball). Stars of the Tour Awards were presented to Carlos and Isabelle for their outstanding contribution throughout the trip. It was a great success overall - well done to everyone involved!



## ...Art Award Showcase

Shortly before the Easter holiday, the Year 13 Gold Arts Award cohort delivered a fashion show and photography event to showcase their work. The students, with technical support from alumnus, Joe, transformed the venue from a school hall into a runway and gallery. Four of the cohort (Orla, Emma, Sophie and Lucy) chose to study fashion design for their Art Award. Models from Years 9-12 displayed the outfits on the catwalk and each designer took a lead role in presenting their work and discussing it with the audience. Molly studied photography and created a gallery style projection of her work. The students explained how the award has enhanced their skills and developed into a portfolio of work during their Arts Award journey.



## ...School Parliament Beach Cleaning

One of School Parliament's chosen priorities this year is reducing the use of plastic to help protect our environment. As part of their work, students contacted the National Trust and offered to volunteer their time for a beach cleaning project to remove the harmful effects of plastic in our local environment. Parliament Representatives completed two full mornings of beach cleaning, removing a huge amount of litter and plastic from Formby beach. They will be conducting assemblies shortly for all students to raise awareness of this issue. Well done to all involved – an incredible gesture, message and effort!



## ...Yes You CAD!

Three talented young members of Miss Wareing's Year 7 CAD Club in Design Thinking (Erin, Ava and Sian) are finalists in a worldwide CAD competition for Autodesk – they are the only finalists from the UK! Moon Camp, offered by ESA and Airbus Foundation in partnership with Autodesk, challenged students to take part in the future exploration of space by using Tinkercad to design a human shelter on the Moon. Students had to design a 3D Moon Camp able to sustain the lives of at least two astronauts, taking into account the use of local resources (such as lunar soil and ice), technological solutions (such as power sources, a recycling system, a food growth chamber) and protection from meteorites and radiation. Results will be announced in mid-May – good luck!

## ...Remembering Kevin and Hillsborough

Every year, FHS marks the anniversary of Hillsborough by coming together to remember Kevin Williams, a Year 11 FHS student who sadly lost his life at the tragedy. Kevin loved football and there is no better way for us to honour his memory than through this sport he loved, and to enjoy it together as a school community. The annual penalty shoot-out sees the Year 11 football team take on staff in a fun competition and, for the first time in many years, the Year 11 team won 12-10! As this was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we were visited by the crew of BBC Newsround to film the event and interview some of our younger students about the importance of remembering Kevin and Hillsborough. The Year 7 students spoke with great maturity and compassion – you can view the news clip by [clicking here](#).



## ...Good Luck Year 11!

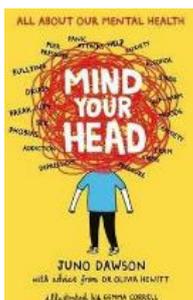
A Celebration Assembly for Year 11 students will take place on the afternoon of Friday 10 May which promises to be an enjoyable event for the year group, reflecting back on their time at school. They will then officially begin study leave from Monday 13 May with GCSE examinations beginning that same day. Mrs Harrison-Forsyth said 'Year 11 have worked hard this year, embracing the multitude of opportunities presented to further themselves in advance of the examinations. It has been a pleasure to oversee the year group as they have embarked on what has been a difficult but memorable year. We are confident that students will get the results they deserve and look forward to celebrating with them in summer.' From all of us here at FHS.... good luck, Year 11!

## ...Eurovision Party

Fancy an evening of fun and festivity? Come and join Friends of Formby High School at their first ever 'Eurovision Song Contest Party Night' on 18 May! Tickets are available now via ParentPay (£5) and not only will you have an entertaining evening, but will help to raise funds to support the vital work of our PTA which goes directly towards projects for our students. Hope to see you there!



## ...Reading Corner



This week's Library choice 'Mind your Head' by Juno Dawson is a little different; focusing on our mind and how to take care of it. Our mental health is just as important as our physical health. Packed with practical advice and guidance, *Mind your Head* supports teenagers to understand a range of conditions from anxiety to personality disorders, as well as being straight-talking about body image, relationships, drugs and alcohol misuse. The sad fact is today most teenagers will either experience a mental health condition or know someone who has done. Juno Dawson encourages young people to be honest, open and informed about mental health and wellbeing, she is perfect at writing for teenagers.

With real life stories from around the world *Mind Your Head* will empower young people to talk confidently about mental health. A big 'CONGRATULATIONS' to our Year 7 readers who raised an amazing £770 in their 'Read for Good' readathon. Joseph was the highest fundraiser with £60. Well done to all our young readers – fantastic stuff!

## ...Leeds College of Music

Over recent years, we have developed a strong working relationship with the staff and students at Leeds College of Music, one of the leading music conservatoires in the country. Their Contemporary Pop Choir shot to fame after winning the BBC series 'Pitch Battle' and have subsequently performed all around the world. On Friday 29 March, **Leeds College of Music Contemporary Pop Choir** visited us again for a one day vocal residency. Musical Director and vocal coach Craig Lees worked throughout the afternoon with singers from across the school. The evening concert was a massive success with performances from our G:Force Gospel Choir, FHS Singers, Mundo Afrika and the Leeds singers. The atmosphere in the school hall was electric and performers and audience members alike were on their feet to some sensational songs.



## ...DofE Award



We are now officially well into practice expedition season for all DofE Award levels before students depart on qualifying expeditions later in the summer term. The intrepid Gold cohort have recently returned from a gruelling five day practice in North Yorkshire where they confronted challenging weather conditions (thanks to Storm Hannah) with true grit! They returned safe and sound and ready for the qualifier in mid-June. Good luck to all the Bronze, Silver and Gold cohorts – you can follow their experiences and progress on the DofE twitter account @FHS\_DofE.

## ...'You Got the Love'

As we announced in a recent newsletter, the charity single 'You Got the Love' by Mundo Afrika Choir was developed to raise funds to support The Brain Tumour Charity following the tragic loss of Miriam McQueen. We are delighted to confirm that the single is now available to download on [iTunes](#) and [Amazon Music](#). The song is also available to stream on Apple Music [please click here to access](#). Other streaming platforms will also have the single to download, including GooglePlay, Spotify and Deezer. Please note that we don't really earn anything from streaming services – but it does help spread the word! You can also DONATE to the charity [using this link](#). This afternoon, our Sixth Form footballers faced a staff team in a charity fixture and raised £148 for The Brain Tumour Charity – thanks to all the students who supported with cheer and purchases of refreshments and to the teams for the entertainment!



Available online from  
iTunes, Amazon Music,  
Apple Music, Spotify,  
Deezer and Google Play

## ...Sporting Matters

Next week is a big week for FHS football with both our Year 11 and Year 7 boys facing a Sefton Cup Final! Year 7 will compete against Maricourt Catholic High School on Tuesday afternoon and the Year 11 team (who have had an amazing team record during their time at FHS) will face Range High School on Wednesday – good luck boys; we will make room in the trophy cabinet for the silverware! You may be aware that the British Masters Golf tournament is taking place next week at Hillside Golf Club. Sefton Council are hosting a 'Festival of Golf' to coincide with this event with which all Sefton school students are encouraged to get involved. Events are taking place at Southport Golf Links and Bootle Golf Course between 4-12 May. The festival aims to appeal to both beginners and existing golfers, of all ages and ability, and is supported by the European Tour and former Southport Golf Links junior member, Tommy Fleetwood. For more information, [please click here](#).

## On the Horizon...

- ★ DofE Bronze Practice Expedition – 4-5 May
- ★ Bank Holiday – Mon 6 May
- ★ Y7 London Trip Meeting – Thu 9 May (5:30pm)
- ★ Y9 Examinations – wc 13 May
- ★ Y12 Subject Consultation Eve – Thu 16 May
- ★ FoFHS Eurovision Party Night – Sat 18 May



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