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## ...Year 6 Induction Day

Today was the first of our two Year 6 induction days at FHS and we were delighted to welcome over 80 students for their first taste of life at secondary school. Arriving for a welcome assembly first thing, students were introduced to their Form Tutors and put in their tutor groups before spending the rest of the day getting to know new friends, staff and surroundings. With taster lessons in Science, PE, Humanities, Dance and Computing throughout the day, and the opportunity to eat and play together, we are confident they will leave with great memories of their



first taste of FHS. We will look forward to meeting many of them during the summer when they attend Summer School 2019!

## ...Nurturing Citizenship and Community

This week has been busy with assemblies and workshops across all years supported by some fantastic outside organisations who came in to deliver informative workshops to the students. Year 8 students were visited by the 'Bin It! Roadshow', a group of actors who



delivered a fun workshop to make students understand the importance of taking personal responsibility for correct litter disposal and the impact of litter on the environment. A number of tutor groups in Year 7 and 9 participated in workshops by Diversity Role Models where they had the opportunity to learn more about the LGBT community, and were able to benefit from hearing the role models' own stories. The students really engaged with the assemblies and workshops, got involved and asked lots of questions. The visitors commented on the positive and accepting atmosphere of the school, and praised the students who took part in the workshops for their maturity and enthusiasm. In Year 9 and 10, a number of students attended sessions delivered by the Amy Winehouse Foundation focussing on resilience. These valuable workshops acknowledge the pressures students feel, especially



during examinations, and presented strategies and ideas to help them cope

with these pressures and making positive choices in life. Finally in Year 12, Tony Killen from Stem Cell Scousers came in today to discuss the work done by the Anthony Nolan Foundation to support those in need of blood and organ transplants as well as stem cell donors. Students were very receptive and listened to real life stories about how the foundation is supporting those in need and what we as a community can do to help.



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## ...Library Corner



A new Netflix favourite, this is a fast-paced, funny story with lots of action. Told in a mixture of text and black-and-white illustration, this is the perfect book for anyone who has ever dreamed of starring in their own comic book. After a huge monster zombie apocalypse hit town 42 days ago, 13 year old Jack has been living in his tree house and just about surviving monster attacks! Armed to the teeth, Jack needs to create his own army using his best friends and his dog Rover. Surviving on Oreos and Mountain Dew, Jack must slay 'Blarg the Monster' who is now intent on killing him! Can Jack become a champion zombie fighting, monster bashing hero? Pop up to the library to find out!

## ...Starlets at Farmer Ted's



With all the inclement weather recently, our new Starlets were fortunate to enjoy a sunny day when they went on their annual visit to Farmer Ted's with Mrs Middleton and Mr Silcock. The pedal bikes were a firm favourite with many of the students and even Mr Silcock enjoyed a go on the swings. The group aims to give selected students the emotional support to make a successful transition to high school life and doing activities together is a key part of this.

## ...Royal Academy Young Artist

Mr Collins recently entered a number of A Level pieces into the Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show. Over 6200 pieces were entered from schools and colleges across the UK and Europe. 329 works from the 6200 entries have now been selected for an online exhibition and we are pleased to announce that a painting called 'Seeing Double' by Rebecca (Year 13) is one of those selected by a prestigious panel of judges. It is currently being exhibited on the Royal Academy website and will be on show until 31 December 2019; this fabulous piece can be viewed by [clicking this link](#).



## ...Arts Award Students Strike Gold

The 2019 Arts Award cohort (Molly, Emma, Sophie, Lucy and Orla) have all successfully passed their Gold Arts Award. Trinity College London, who credit The Gold Arts Award, say that this is highest recognition of ability as a creative arts leader at Level 3 and this award is worth a B at AS Level or 16 UCAS Points. This qualification is for students interested in working as an arts practitioner and the two year course aims to extend your creativity, communication, planning, teamwork and leadership skills. The qualification is noted to support progression through any education, training or career pathway. The cohort's chosen arts projects were Fashion Design and Photography and their projects culminated in a live Fashion Show and Gallery event in April. All the hard work paid off and congratulations girls on a brilliant end result.

## ...For the Love of Languages

¡A practicar! Spanish A level students are putting their knowledge to the test this month, not only with their end of year exams but also some students are attending language workshops at the University of Leeds and Manchester, some are heading to a study course in Salamanca in Spain, and we had a delicious meal at Lunya in Liverpool where students tried new food and spoke in Spanish to waiting staff and to each other during the meal. Good luck for the coming weeks Year 12 with all your plans! ¡Suerte!

## ...First Degree Dance

We are delighted to celebrate FHS alumni, Emma Lippitt's success in gaining a First Class BA (Hons) Degree in Dance Practices from Liverpool JMU. Emma, who gained an A\* in her A Level Dance at FHS in 2016, wrote her final dissertation on The Principles and Benefits of Dance for Parkinson's. This explored how dance is an effective method for improving symptoms and in aiding rehabilitation for Parkinson's Disease. Team Formby High wish you every success in the future!

## ...Sporting Matters

Well done to Mia (Year 10) for winning the Anniversary Competition for Lancashire Girls (golf stroke play) with a 5 below par, nett 67! Bill (Year 10) has been selected to represent Merseyside Schools Athletics Association at the forthcoming English Schools Track and Field Championships in Birmingham next month – good luck, Bill.



## On the Horizon...

- ★ Y10 Computing Trip Bletchley Park – 27 to 28 Jun
- ★ Y11 Prom – 27 Jun
- ★ Y6 Parents' Evening – 1 Jul
- ★ Y12 PPEs – wc 1 Jul
- ★ Y10 Berlin Trip – 2 to 5 Jul
- ★ Non-Uniform Day – 5 Jul

