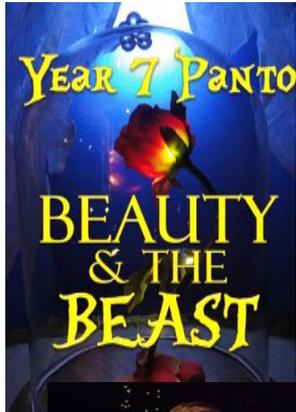


...Year 7 Panto 'Beauty and the Beast'



Over 100 Year 7 students took to the FHS stage for the first time in the fantastic Year 7 Panto production of 'Beauty and the Beast'. It is hard to fathom that these are the same timid, anxious students who nervously wandered the corridors of FHS just three months ago! What a production they delivered. Audiences were whisked away to Prince Pavel's Sefton Castle, where the evil Witch Hazel has cursed the Prince and only Fairy Snowdrop's magic can save him from a life of ugliness. Gasps in anticipation could be heard as the audiences waited to see if Belle would be in time to save the Prince with her kindness. Hilarious Egor and Igor and the relentless Mrs Bustle worked tirelessly to keep everyone in one piece! With three consecutive nights of performances, the Year 7 students should be immensely proud of what they have accomplished, despite their exhaustion! Not only is the panto a perfect way to get the whole school community into the festive spirit, it also fosters incredible teamwork, resilience and confidence among our youngest students. Much praise and sincere thanks should be extended to the staff and tech crew who helped the production

become such a success and to the many parents and helpers who supported the children behind the scenes – whether helping them to learn their lines, putting costumes and sets together, or by participating as a member of the audience.

...Supporting The Whitechapel Centre

As we have done for a number of years now, we are again supporting The Whitechapel Centre (a leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region) through a number of special events, including a Santa Dash and loose change collection. The feature event is 'Wool Never Walk Alone' where we asked our school community to wrap a tree on the campus with a scarf or jumper – all items will then be collected and delivered to The Whitechapel Centre who will distribute them to the homeless across Liverpool during the bitter winter season. Finally, if you are out shopping at Liverpool One tomorrow afternoon, be sure to pass by our FHS Singers, Mundo Afrika and G:Force Community Choirs who will be busking under the canopy at John Lewis to raise even more funds for The Whitechapel Centre! More information on the important work of this charity can be found on their website: www.whitechapelcentre.co.uk.



... Carols by Candlelight



On Tuesday 19 December our musicians and choirs (including some primary school guests) will lead a sell out audience in singing some of our favourite carols by candlelight at Holy Trinity Church. A festive favourite for many in the community, this is a special evening marking the end of a very busy calendar year for our Music Department.

...Ancient History

The History department has been successful in bids made to both the Roman and Hellenic Society. Both organisations award grants to schools to help promote the teaching of Roman and Greek studies. The grants have been awarded for the purchase of textbooks for the new Ancient History A Level which has proven to be a popular choice with a number of our Year 12 students. There are plans for the students to be involved in study sessions, both in school and at the University of Liverpool Classics Department, relating to the Head of Augustus from Meroë. More news about this in the New Year!

... Reading between the Lines



Throughout the Autumn term, a group of students across Years 7 to 9 have been working on a reading project, called the Multi-Genre Project, which they have completed as an optional extra to their work in their own time. The idea was to create a multi-genre portfolio from research, experience and imagination, and help the students to extend their learning about literature and the world around

them. Through reading and analysing the book, they were encouraged to think about what it shows them about themselves, people around us or the world as a whole. Not a book review or a reading diary, the portfolio of six tasks is composed of many genres and subgenres, each piece self-contained, making a point of its own, yet connected by theme or topic and sometimes by language, images, and content. Students could choose one of the assigned fiction books or one of their own. Earlier today, the students presented their portfolios to the English department

in a special workshop and Mrs Perrin said "It has been a pleasure and a privilege to see the work that these students have done in their own time. They have been working towards their bronze, silver or gold star badges and are our little stars!" Rebecca (Year 9) wrote a song and directed a film as her response to the project; others wrote menus, letters to characters, created alternative endings and diaries.

...Sporting Matters

Racing towards the end of 2017 and the sporting calendar is as busy and successful as ever. We have been closely following the Para Taekwondo success of Francesca (Year 10) who continues to add to her impressive list of titles – the most recent being European Champion which she achieved in the recent championship in Sofia, Bulgaria! Sports Ambassadors have been busy inspiring the younger generation and have been out to Trinity St Peter's to support their House PE competition in speed stacking.



On the Horizon...

- ★ Y12 PPEs – 19/20 Dec
- ★ Carols by Candlelight – 19 Dec (7pm)
- ★ Y11 'A Christmas Carol' Workshop – 20 Dec
- ★ Y11/13 Drama Trip to Lowry Theatre – 7 Dec
- ★ Radio City Mission Christmas Collection – 21 Dec
- ★ All Years Celebration Assembly – 21 Dec
- ★ End of Autumn Term – 21 Dec (12 noon)
- ★ Start of Spring Term – 4 Jan (normal time)