



...What a Showstopper!

Last Saturday, the Musical Theatre group staged two performances of their latest production 'Showstoppers; A Musical Review' which were worthy of the West End. The afternoon and evening performances to a packed Studio were the latest production by the group who, you may recall, wowed audiences last year with productions of 'Annie' and 'Cats'. It was a celebratory tour of the history of musical theatre captured in a spectacular 'review', involving 19 songs, ranging from *Oliver*, *Funny Girl* and *The Sound of Music* to *Les Misérables*, *Matilda* and *Pitch Perfect*... and they were all certainly pitch perfect! The grand

finale 'This is Me' from the latest blockbuster, 'The Greatest Showman', had everyone spellbound. Well done to all the performers and the staff who have worked hard to deliver yet another 'showstopper' at FHS!



...C it's Taking Shape

After many weeks of scaffolding, fencing and framing, 'C Building' exterior renovations are nearing completion, with interior works due to be finished by the end of this month. Anyone who has recently visited the school, or follows our Twitter feed, will have seen the building really taking shape with the school name on the main façade and a colourful mural on the courtyard side celebrating the subject areas housed in C Building. Whilst the work has caused some disruption to school life along the way, we hope you will agree that the end result is a distinct improvement! The works have been completed thanks to a successful bid application to the



Department for Education for badly needed renovation work and follows on from a similar project on L Building last summer.

...Kevin Williams Memorial Penalty Shoot-out

Each year, around the anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster, the school holds a penalty shoot-out in memory of Kevin Williams, a former student of FHS who sadly lost his life at the Hillsborough tragedy. Kevin loved football and there is no better way to ensure he is remembered by students of his school, past, present and future, than through a fun football event. Today,

our Year 11 footballers took on the formidable staff strikers in a 'nail-biting' penalty shoot-out, supported by members of whole school community. Once again, the staff won the contest 10-6, largely supported by the secret weapon in goal, Mr Fitzgibbon! The money raised by the event will be added to the current fund which will be used to update Kevin's memorial garden near the entrance of the school reception.



...Sixth Form and Shakespeare

As part of their A Level English exam preparation, 25 sixth form students visited The Everyman Theatre in Liverpool this week to watch Shakespeare's 'Othello'. In her production Gemma Bodinetz's offers an innovative and modern interpretation of one of Shakespeare's most popular works and introduces the lead role played by a female actress, Golda Rosheuvel, who delivered a captivating performance. Two Year 13 students commented how the stage performance helped them to capture the attitude of the characters they are studying and bring their revision to life. Following the performance, students were given the fantastic opportunity to remain at the theatre for a question and answer session with members of the cast. Staying with Shakespeare, Year 13 Drama students travelled to London last week to see a performance of 'Hamlet' at the Globe Theatre in preparation for their forthcoming exams. Students had a wonderful day and the fantastic opportunity to see the performance in the fabulous Elizabethan theatre setting – memories that will last a lifetime as they prepare for their final days at FHS.



...Exam Performances

44 GCSE Drama students performed their scripted pieces for the examiner. They produced outstanding pieces from various plays including: Macbeth, Bouncers, Two, Twelfth Night and many more. The examiner praised their support of each other and their professionalism during the long and stressful examination. Miss Sunners and Mr Richards would like to wish them all luck in the forthcoming examinations.

...Make it Count Year 11!

Year 11 will begin their examination study leave at the end of next week as they complete their final preparations for GCSE examinations beginning in mid May. There will be a celebration assembly in the School Hall at the end of their last full day in school on Friday 11 May. Year 11 students have embraced the many opportunities given to them to attend additional support sessions or revision classes and have approached their external examination preparation with great maturity. Amidst national changes to both qualifications and curriculum, they have remained focussed and determined. Students have openly appreciated the efforts made by their teachers to go 'above and beyond' in supporting them in the run up to these examinations. Likewise, teachers have been proud of the attitude to learning the students have displayed and feel confident that, if they continue to put in the efforts they have so far, they will achieve their full potential. Mrs Thomas, Climate for Learning Leader for Year 11, said "I am incredibly proud of this year group; we have set very high expectations and challenges for the students and they have risen to them with positivity and maturity. I am looking forward to celebrating their successes in the summer – good luck Year 11!"

...Sporting Matters

Lots of fantastic results to report as the football season comes to a close. On Monday, the Year 7 boys beat Cardinal Heenan 4-3 (after extra time) in the quarter final of the Merseyside Cup with goals from Rhys Hulse (2) and James Edmondson (2). The boys now face Maricourt in the semi-final. The Year 10 boys closely followed suit with a hard-fought 1-0 victory against Maghull yesterday – leaving it until the final minute of the game to score a penalty. Well done to all the girls who took part in the basketball competition earlier this week, especially the Year 8 winners.

On the Horizon...

- ★ Bank Holiday – 7 May
- ★ Y7 FOR Parents' Evening – 10 May
- ★ Y11 Celebration Assembly – 11 May
- ★ Y9 Exams Week – wc 14 May
- ★ English Schools Track and Field Events – 15 May
- ★ Y7 Bushcraft Parent Meeting – 16 May (6pm)
- ★ Y7 MBYH Parents' Evening – 17 May
- ★ Y13 Celebration Assembly – 17 May

