

...PE Department 'Brings it Home'



Maybe our England football team could not quite bring it home at the World Cup 2018 but FHS certainly did by finishing this year with an amazing 'treble'. Firstly, the school has achieved the **Platinum Award** from the School Games Quality Mark. The Platinum School Games Mark award recognises Formby High School's commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive sport in 2017/18. The same week, the Sefton Sports Awards 2018 were held in Southport and FHS



received THREE, yes three, major awards: Team of the Year, Secondary School of the Year and Junior Female Sports Personality of the Year! The FHS Junior Cross Country and Running Team took the Team of the Year 2018 award following an incredible season and we are really looking forward to seeing this team continue to rise to new challenges next year. The



FHS PE Department were awarded Secondary School of the Year 2018 in recognition of the fantastic quality, depth and breadth of sporting activities and opportunities at the school as well as all our outreach and support work with our wider community.



Francesca (Year 10) was named Junior Female Sports Personality of the Year 2018 following her incredible achievements in Martial Arts. To complete 'the treble', we have just received confirmation from the Association for Physical Education



that FHS has been given the AfPE Quality Mark Distinction for 'demonstrating outstanding commitment to improvement in Physical Education and Sport'. The AfPE confirmed that the reasons for awarding a Distinction include the outstanding student achievements and examination outcomes in PE, supported by outstanding teaching and a clear commitment to sport through delivery of a wide curriculum and extra-curricular provision which engages all students. The Sports Leaders programme was also highly commended. Overall, the award recognised the school's clear ethos of providing high quality 'sport for all' under the excellent department teaching and leadership. Congratulations to all the students, staff, parents, sports leaders and spectators for giving your energy, time, commitment and evident passion to sport – you all play a huge part in the recognition the school has received!

...Sports Day



Our summer sporting calendar finishes each year with a whole school sports day which took place on Wednesday this week. The beautiful summer weather was forgiving as clouds shielded the impact of the warm sun to enable our athletes to compete without too much heat exhaustion! The dry conditions favoured our athletes as a huge number of school records were broken this year. Claire Simmo of Radio City spent the afternoon with the school as a guest commentator for the event. Radio City kindly donated fabulous hampers and tickets to their Radio City Live event to raffle in our whole school assembly on Friday – raising important funds for the



Cash4Kids programme, supporting disadvantaged children across the Radio City audience area.



**Artsmark
Platinum Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England

...Artsmark Platinum

Arts Council England has awarded Formby High School **Artsmark Platinum** – another stunning national recognition for the quality, breadth and impact of our creative and cultural curriculum.

This is just some of what the panel had to say in bestowing this award: “Your contribution to the development of arts education beyond the school is deeply impressive. As a Platinum Artsmark school, Arts Council England celebrates your commitment to arts and cultural education at a governing body level, the opportunities established across your provision and the leadership you are demonstrating in this area. Your children and young people are offered equal opportunity to influence, lead, experience and evaluate a diverse range of high-quality arts and cultural activities across a broad range of media and you are able to contribute to development opportunities in these areas for both your own staff and others.” Need we say more? Yes! Getting this news only a couple of weeks after receiving the Times Educational Supplement **Creative School of the Year** award is a huge honour and validation of the importance of creativity in all its forms at Formby High School. We are very thankful for the commitment of our students, staff, parents, governors and wider community to supporting and promoting the arts within and beyond the classroom.



...A Midsummer Delight

Over three evenings last week the studio was transformed into a magical forest for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', the swansong for nine of our Year 13 Drama students who, with other students from across the school, produced this fantastic full length version with its fun, romance and magic. It was wonderful to see the camaraderie between the students; the younger ones certainly learnt much from their very talented peers. There were some outstanding performances, including Oliver Gregory as Bottom leading his hysterical band of Mechanicals; James Alderson, Declan Mahoney, Madison Murphy and Erin Clarke as the lovers and young Stanley (Year 8) as Puck. But the whole cast, including the powerful Titania (Katie Gilchrist) and Oberon (Nathan Witty) the love struck Duke, the good and bad fairies and the courtiers, were utterly brilliant and enthralled the audiences throughout the performances and had them rolling with laughter. A highly successful and professional production and a fitting farewell to our Sixth Formers; we wish you luck in your examination results and for the future. But, with talent like that, no luck is needed!



...The Greatest Showcase

The annual Creative Arts summer showcase 'The Greatest Showcase' took place at the Floral Hall on 10 July, bringing together an enchanting display of creativity in music, dance and poetry by students from across all year groups at FHS and the special guests from our feeder primary schools. It is no surprise, watching the confidence and creative expression of these young people, that the school has gained a national reputation for excellence. To all the performers, and the creative arts staff, well done for all the hours of hard work and preparation and a fabulous finale to the year.



...Young Musicians

Well done to our young musicians who have just received the results of their ABRSM Music Theory exam taken this year. Over 30 students sat exams from Grades 1 to 5. A special mention to Lucy Mitchell and Holly Lineton (Year 10) who sat three theory exams in this academic year, the latest being their Grade 3!

...Remembrance Poem

Members of the Formby branch of The Royal British Legion are to join thousands on a pilgrimage of Remembrance to World War I battlefields that culminates in a parade and ceremony in Ypres as part of the end of the First World War centenary commemorations this August. Local Legion Chairman Ken Ward and Formby Parish Councillor Bernie Prescott will represent the Formby Branch and the local community at the event, as standard bearer and wreath layer. The wreath will contain a poem entitled 'We Remember', written by our very own Josie (Year 9). Josie's poem was chosen as the best from Formby and she was presented with a certificate by Mr Ward, Cllr Prescott and Formby RBL President, Mrs Butterwick. As local champions of Remembrance, the Formby Branch of The Royal British Legion is looking to work in partnership with their community to bring

their unique Remembrance message to the Menin Gate, on their wreath, where it will be displayed in a wreath installation for viewing by the general public until the end of August. Here is Josie's incredible poem of remembrance:

We remember them in little things
Poppies in the summer, the first bird in spring
The night's first star that burned too bright
Fallen too soon to survive the fight.

But we do not think it is strange
How, although we think times have changed
It has always been that, in the end,
War does nothing but tear friend from friend.

An unmarked grave, a plain white cross
Is all we have left of so many of the lost
Think of all they lost, all they left
Replaced with the crushing end they had to find.

And ion battles won and battles lost
Let us not forget the cost
And toll that war takes on us all
As it strikes down those who once stood so tall.

We remember them so we don't forget
Their bravery, sacrifice and loss, and yet
We have not learnt from their pain
And others rise and fall again.

We Remember



...Everton Enterprise

Mr Tynan extends a big 'well done' to Year 8 students on completing the Premier League Enterprise Programme with Everton in the Community. Students really developed their confidence whilst completing this course and had the opportunity to see how Everton Football Club operate as a business. They took part in media role playing and demonstrated excellent teamwork and presentation skills along the way. Mr Tynan said he is 'very proud of all students involved and they have been a credit to the school'. The students have made a video to record their fantastic experience at Goodison Park which you can access on the website.



...Anyone for Tennis?



On Friday 13 and Saturday 14 July, a group of Year 8 students travelled to Wimbledon to watch tennis at its finest on Court No.1 at the All England Club. At one point the students were delighted to be seated behind Andy Murray's mum, Judy, who happily signed autographs for the group. A steward at Wimbledon said the children were absolutely fantastic and a credit to the school and a fellow spectator even asked "Can I come on this trip with your school next time – the students have been brilliant!" Staying with tennis, we want to make a special mention of Oscar (Year 8) who took part in the Road to Wimbledon competition and reached the quarter finals by beating a player 1879 places above him in the national U14 ranking on the way! After a



well-fought match, Oscar went out to the number 1 seed for the competition at the quarter final stage. Whilst disappointed, this tournament performance, coupled with his school visit to Wimbledon, has really inspired him to go even further with his tennis – well done, Oscar!

...Rewards Trips

Yesterday the vast majority of students from across Years 7 to 10 enjoyed their end of year celebratory trips for accruing plenty of rewards points throughout this academic year. Year 7



students visited Chester Zoo in the glorious sunshine (and our official photographer, Mr Allan, took some great pictures of the animals). The remaining year groups had a choice of a day at The Trafford Centre in Manchester, (enjoying shopping and dodgems), a trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach (and the thrilling rides on offer there) or a more local trip to Southport's sunny Ocean Plaza (enjoying a film and some bowling). The hundreds of students these trips involved



represented the school admirably, displaying very good behaviour and respect for the communities they were visiting. Thank you, of course, to the many members of staff who made these trips possible and ensured everyone involved had a safe and happy visit to end a very busy academic year.



All that remains is to wish everyone in the FHS community and beyond a very happy and restful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you in September!

On the Horizon...

- ★ End of academic year – Friday 20 Jul (midday)
- ★ A Level/BTEC results day – Thursday 16 Aug
- ★ GCSE results day – Thursday 23 Aug
- ★ INSET Day (staff only) – Monday 3 Sep
- ★ Year 7 Start of Term – 4 Sep (10:00am)
- ★ Year 13 Welcome Assembly – 4 Sep (11:15am)
- ★ Year 12 Welcome/Orientation – 4 Sep (1:30pm)
- ★ All Years Normal Timetable – 5 Sep