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Open Evening

Make new friends at Open Evening 2018
Thursday 20 September from 6.45pm

...Open Evening 2018

We were delighted to welcome old friends and new to this year's Open Evening event last Thursday. As the Friends theme tune says, "We'll be there for you, when the rain starts to pour..." and it certainly did pour on the night! This didn't appear to deter visitors as record numbers attended the evening, albeit a little wet. One of our favourite events of the year, it gives the school the opportunity to show prospective parents what FHS is all about – exceptional educational provision and a genuine warmth of staff and students. We had a veritable army of Year 7 Ambassadors who had not even completed their third week of

high school but guided and advised our visitors like seasoned professionals! We received fabulous feedback from visitors about how great the Year 7 students were – thank you to all of you for your fantastic support. Mr Mackenzie said, "Open Evening is our flagship event and every year the staff and students manage to exceed the highest expectations and deliver an outstanding welcome to our prospective parents – a very proud night to be Headteacher of FHS."

...School Parliament 2018-19

A very warm welcome and congratulations to the newly elected School Parliament Representatives who have just come together for their inaugural photo-call before they begin their important work to support the development of Formby High School from the crucial student perspective. Each tutor group across Years 7 to 11 elected two Representatives for School Parliament and soon elections will take place to appoint two members from each year to the Junior Leadership Team (JLT).



...Year 8 Parliament Outreach



Last week, Year 8 enjoyed a visit from Parliament Outreach Officer, Rachel, who delivered an assembly about the role of Parliament, MPs, democracy and the importance of voting. Students had the opportunity to take part, using electronic pods to cast their votes during the presentation. Rachel then led two workshops, during which students were able to launch their own political campaigns and take part in hustings! Rachel was very impressed by the students, and commented on

their excellent behaviour and engagement during the sessions. Ava (Year 8) said "I really enjoyed the sessions, I felt like I learned so much about what Parliament actually does, and getting to write our own manifesto was really good fun!" Year 8 really made the most of the opportunity, and it was clear that there are some potential future politicians amongst them, especially in 8H!

...Year 9 Road Safety

Year 9 had a visit from Ginificent Productions Theatre Group last week, who performed their play 'Time'. Based on real events, the play followed three teenage school friends and demonstrated how a single moment of distraction when on your mobile phone can have tragic consequences. Year 9 student Emily said "The play was great to watch but it also really made me think. Every time I have crossed the road since I've made sure to stop looking at my phone and pay more attention." Mrs Kearsley commented "The production of TIME was fantastic, the actors really highlighted how easily we can become distracted when using our mobile phones, and it was clear that the Year 9s gained a lot from thinking about road safety in this way."



...Year 11 Maximising their Potential

Year 11 came in to school on the day of Open Evening last week to take part in a workshop delivered by Maximize Your Potential. The session was focussed on practical revision strategies and top tips for getting through the examination season positively. A key message was about working hard from the start, chipping away at revision throughout the year, and increasing their confidence

whilst reducing stress. Students found the workshop really motivational with one commenting that they now felt ready to "make a revision timetable and stick to it" as well as another saying they would "grasp every opportunity that comes along this year". Jasper, who delivered the workshop, commented that the students displayed "incredible focus, maturity and application" during the session. It is true to say we are proud of the start Year 11 have made; keep it up!

...Sixth Form Enrichment Frights and Delights

Sixth Form enrichment activities are well underway with a wealth of different interests.

In Food, students produced some delightfully delicious results (pictured) whilst the Gold Arts Award group had a fantastic session with professional special effects make-up artist who created some frightfully impressive results! Following our success at the TES awards and several successful cohorts through the Gold Arts Award, which is taught during sixth form enrichment time, [this great piece](#) was featured on the Arts Award blog and is well worth a read! The course aims to enrich



the Arts practice of students, supporting them as artists and arts leaders. Their focus can be based on any Arts topic; for example, Fashion, Photography or Theatre Arts. The course helps prepare students for further education and employment and encourages entrepreneurialism. We are looking forward to our class of 2019 presenting live performance art and installations at a gallery event in the School Hall in March. Finally, recent alumni Jessica had her case study for Arts Award published a few weeks ago – [click here](#) to read it.

...Is Teaching in your Future?

The Associated Merseyside Partnership SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training) is holding a Train to Teach Event on Wednesday 3 October. If you are considering a route into teaching, you may wish to attend one of their events in Ormskirk or Maghull. Please [click here](#) for event details.

...Sporting Matters

Well done to all the netballers who successfully secured places in the Merseyside County Netball Academy (Year 7 – Poppy, Charlotte, Maisie, Kate and Orla; Year 8 – Tilly; Year 9 – Alex and Mimi; Year 10 – Emily, Elena and Gabbie) and to all the girls who got into the development squad. As a result of winning the Lancashire Division 2 of the AEGON tennis league in the summer, our Year 9 boys tennis team has been invited to take part in the regional finals, which will be held on Friday 5 October in Leeds – good luck to Oscar, Harry, Stanley and Benji! A big well done to Sophie (Year 12) who played at Lee Valley Hockey Centre at the Olympic Park in London for Formby Hockey Club's mixed team that won the England Hockey National Mixed Plate in May! Congratulations Anna (Year 11) on winning a silver medal for the Pennine Pumas in the England Hockey Futures Cup in August. Finally, well done to all the sports teams who have kicked off the new season with great energy and drive – looking forward to following your successes in future newsletters. With the fixtures and extra-curricular activities all in full swing, it's going to be a busy term!

On the Horizon...

- ★ Y7 Meet the Tutors – 4 Oct (1530-1630)
- ★ Y10 GCSE Drama Devised Exam – 4 Oct
- ★ Y11 DofE Silver Qualifying Exp – 5 to 7 Oct
- ★ Y12/13 Drama Workshop – 5 Oct
- ★ DofE Information Eve – 11 Oct (1900)
- ★ Y12 Engineering Event, Anfield – 12 Oct

