



Celebrating our school and community

FOCUSON....



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...Holocaust Remembrance

As part of our commemoration of Holocaust Remembrance Day, which this year falls on Monday 27 January, our Year 12 and 13 students attended a powerful and moving live broadcast of a Holocaust Survivor Testimony today, courtesy of the Holocaust Education Trust. The speaker was Susan Pollack MBE who survived slave labour in Auschwitz-Birkenau and the Death March to Bergen-Belsen before being liberated by Allied Forces in 1945. Her testimony enabled our students to bear witness to the events of the Holocaust and to recognise their responsibility to stand firm against any form of prejudice and discrimination. Next week, the theme for

Collective Worship is the Holocaust and students will be reflecting on what we can learn from it today. In addition, Radeya, a Year 11 School Parliament representative, will deliver a series of assemblies on the plight of Rohingya Muslims who are fleeing persecution in Asia, showing that the need for vigilance against prejudice and discrimination remains paramount in modern society.

...Talking Careers

There is a great Careers buzz around school with lots of activities and 'conversations'. The next Careers breakfasts is on 29 January, when Barrister Martine Snowdon will be coming in to inspire future legal eagles! Don't forget our big Careers Fair will take place in the Sports Hall on 5 February for students in Years 8-13; with over 40 visitors from a wealth of professions coming in, the event promises to be a valuable tool for students to explore potential future careers. Not only does this event inform the students about future professions and career choices, it supports and encourages them to reflect upon their future study path and decide what subjects and qualifications will help them reach their goals. It doesn't stop there, just after half term our Year 11s will be donning their business attire for their practice interviews with visiting professionals! We are incredibly grateful for the support of our parent community and contributing professionals, without whom this outstanding level of provision would not be possible – from all involved.... THANK YOU!



WEDNESDAY
5 FEBRUARY
9.30am – 3.20pm

CAREERS FAIR



...Getting our teeth into creativity with BBC Bitesize

On Thursday 30 January we will be hosting a BBC Bitesize schools tour on 'Careers in Creative Industries'. The event will consist of a panel of professionals from the creative industries who will change perceptions, inspire ambition and give a thorough insight into a wide variety of career choices. Throughout the day, the panel will deliver a number of workshops in the Studio to students in Years 8 and 9, and those students in Years 10 – 13 who study creative subjects. We are confident that the BBC team will learn very quickly how the creative arts are nurtured here at FHS and hope that our students will leave these sessions inspired and enthusiastic about just where their studies in creative arts could take them in their future.

...Campus Update

Despite the inclement weather, we are pleased that our new classrooms in P building were completed on time and are now in full use. The two bright and modern classrooms now accommodate the timetable of the mobile classrooms and provide a more up to date learning environment.



...Cultivating Education



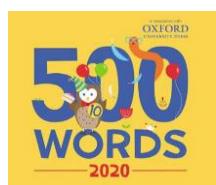
We are planning for our students to re-develop the school wildlife garden and would very much appreciate any gardening tools our school families may be able to donate. Alternatively, any skills or connections to local businesses would also be very helpful. If you are able to provide any such support, kindly contact Mrs Moxon or Mrs Warwick at school.

...Library Corner

One of our final six in Sefton Super Reads, this book gives an insight into the everyday life of Tally who has Autism. Cleverly, the book gives you the 'story' of that day and then Tally's 'diary entry' detailing how she dealt with situations and her emotions and how she is becoming more aware that people around her notice her behaviour or actions are not always what is expected. The book provides some understanding into common traits such as sensory issues, demand avoidance and meltdowns and would resonate with most children – either as Tally, her friends, peers or family.



...Time to Get Writing



It's time again for Radio 2's 500 Words short-story writing competition, inviting all children aged between 5 and 13 to enter. Winning entries receive books for themselves, books for their school library and their story illustrated by an amazing UK illustrator. It's super simple to enter – write an original story of no more than 500 words and submit it online! All details for the competition can be found on the BBC Radio 2 website or if you are unsure, pop up to the library and speak to Mrs Ambrose who will be happy to guide you in the right direction. Entries must be submitted before 27 February 2020, so let's get those creative story-writing cogs turning! Good luck!

...Racing Ahead!

Last Saturday saw the final league race for Merseyside Schools. Although the weather was wonderful for spectators, the ground wasn't as kind to the runners and was one of the muddiest courses they had ever encountered! Year 10 boys once again retained their title as overall champions, winning gold. The senior girls also battled it out to come out on top with gold medals. After a tough battle with Calday Grammar, Year 7 boys brought home silver. Michael (10) was crowned third in Merseyside in the individual results. In late breaking news, 22 runners have qualified to represent Sefton at the Merseyside County Championships – a fantastic achievement and well done to all our runners.



...Star Citizens



We wanted to give a special mention to three of our Year 7 students, Emily, Ruby and Sophie, who have been going 'above and beyond' to support Cancer Research UK. The girls were inspired to act by the experiences of their next door neighbours who have suffered with cancer, one of them surviving and the other sadly losing their battle with the disease. The girls have so far completed a charity bike ride and a run, raising approximately £100. They are planning more fundraising events and we wish them all the very best and congratulate them for their citizenship and compassion!

On the Horizon...

- ★ The Groove Dance Show – 29 Jan (7pm)
- ★ BBC Bitesize Tour – 30 Jan
- ★ Y10 Subject Consultation Evening – 30 Jan
- ★ Y8-13 Careers Fair – 5 Feb
- ★ Y13 Drama Scripted Performance – 6 Feb
- ★ Y13 Subject Consultation Evening – 13 Feb

