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...It's election time at FHS!



Students in Years 7 to 11 have been busy this week electing the School Parliament representatives for their tutor group and the first year group meetings will take place next week with Mr Silcock and Mrs Wake in the chair. Each tutor group is represented by two students and in our first meetings we will be discussing their roles and responsibilities, and tasking them with finding out what issues are important to their fellow students ready for a discussion at the next meeting. Our School Parliament is invaluable in allowing us to work with our students to make a difference to school life and we are sure there will be plenty to discuss and work on this year!

...Maths Marvels

Earlier this year, a number of Year 8 students entered an international competition to write a mathematical story book. We were pleased to hear

that Sophie's story, Henry the Hexagon, was longlisted. Congratulations, Sophie - it was one of only a handful of longlisted entries from a large number of international submissions, which is a big achievement. Also in Maths news, back in June Year 8 and 9 students took part in an online challenge organised by the UK Mathematics Trust. Lots of students achieved Bronze and Silver awards,

with the following former Year 8 students achieving Gold award: Matthew, Connall, Nathan, Davina and Grace. Well done to all of those who took part, especially Nathan who received the accolade 'Best in School'!



Henry The Hexagon

by Sophie



...Elf and Safety!

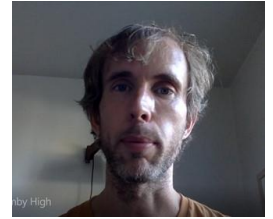
A pandemic cannot stop us! FHS would not be FHS without a Year 7 Christmas production and we will not disappoint! Our Creative Arts team have been working on an exciting plan to 'stage' a Christmas production for our new Year 7 students, working within the current Covid-19 regulations and guidance for schools and those 'working in the performing arts'. We will be preparing students to perform 'Elf the Musical, Jr' – not as a live event but a pre-filmed performance which will be streamed online for friends and families to enjoy! We will be launching our plans with Year 7 students over the coming days, logging the names of any keen participants and holding after school audition sessions from Monday 28 September... let the fun begin!



...European Day of Languages



Year 8 Spanish groups have had a great week of taster French lessons this week leading up to 26th September European Day of Languages, learning about various French icons from baguettes to the Eiffel Tower! Perhaps some will go on to be multilingual sports journalists like Andy Scott who has been answering questions (virtually) this week that students



from Years 7 to 13 put forward. Andy is based in Paris where he has lived for 10 years, and he works as a journalist and commentator covering football and other sports. Originally from Scotland, he studied Spanish at university before moving to Madrid after graduating. Andy was very impressed by the questions that FHS students put forward and students will see his answers on his video response in language lessons this week!

...FHS Extra

As we approach October, we are excited to announce a 'soft opening' to our 'FHSXtra' extra-curricular programme. Our PE and Creative Arts teams have been working hard to bring back some elements of our vast offer for students across the school, all within bubble locations and under our Covid-19 regulations. In PE, we will offer year group based activities after school for one evening per fortnight. Creative Arts are launching the aforementioned all-sing and dancing 'Elf' for Year 7, Voiceworks choir for Year 8, plus other activities as the term progresses. All FHSXtra activities will be bookable, in advance and online via Eventbrite.

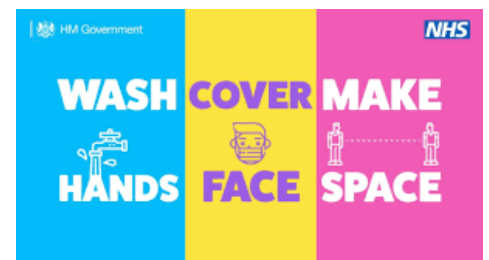


...Sporting Matters

A big shout-out to Alex and Emma who recently trialed for North West hockey and massive congratulations to Alex who has been chosen for the second round... good luck from everyone at FHS! The PE Department are also delighted to announce that the Sports Academy extra-curricular clubs are due to re-open at the end of October. Students have been informed that the clubs on offer involve five one hour sessions (after school) at a cost of £15 per student; each club will need to secure a minimum of 10 students to run. The deadline for payment (via ParentPay) is 2 October.

...Thank you Team FHS

It would not be right to release our latest newsletter without ending with a massive shout out to everyone in the FHS family to say THANK YOU for playing your part and keeping everyone safe. In a world where it is often hard to seek out the good news at the moment, we have much to celebrate at FHS thanks to you. Keep going, play your part, it will not be forever and every person counts.



On the Horizon...

★ Year 6 VIP Tours continue!

★ Year 13 Geography Fieldwork – 29 Sep