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## SAFETY FIRST @ FHS HALLOWEEN & FIREWORKS

listened and engaged very positively with the presentation during tutor sessions and we are confident they will enjoy these events safely and respectfully. A copy of the presentation is available on our website [here](#).

### ...Meet the Professionals

On Wednesday 21 October, the annual Year 13 Meet the Professionals event was held at FHS. This year, 13 professionals attended the event virtually, beaming into classrooms using Microsoft Teams. The professionals involved were experts from a range of fields, including law, architecture and fashion. The students received invaluable information on the qualifications and skills needed to enter specific careers and were given a snapshot of a typical day in work. Our Year 13 students took a great deal from the event and were excellent representatives of Formby High School. Thank you to everyone involved for making the event such a success!

### ...Stay Safe and Be Kind

Half term has arrived! Just before students left to enjoy the break they were given a presentation about safety, well-being and community spirit. Halloween and Bonfire Night are just around the corner and many enjoy the excitement these events bring. Whilst things are very different this year, this does not mean we cannot have fun, but the importance of safety and respect for others is more relevant than ever. Our students



Our Year 11 Drama students have been working very hard this half term preparing for their GCSE Drama devised examination. They have taken part in after school rehearsals and have spent many hours writing scripts and learning lines. On Thursday 22 October the students finally performed their work to a high standard, showing great imagination, creativity, skill and character. They should be very proud of their hard

work and we wish them a well earned break!

### ...GCSE Drama

### ...Curious Minds

Congratulations to everyone involved with the successful shortlisting for Lockdown Innovation Award as part of the Curious Minds North West Cultural Education Awards 2020! This is fantastic news and recognition of the amazing work undertaken by you all over lockdown – both digital and in school.



## ...Growth Project



Students in Year 8 who are taking part in the Growth Project have been learning about the impact our food choices have on our bodies. Last week they had the opportunity to discover new breakfast options, including carrot juice, figs, celery, berries and 'on the go' options! The students were phenomenal in trying new foods and were treated to a delicious lemon drizzle cake at the end to highlight the importance of balance in our diets! A massive FHS thanks goes to our

mentors for volunteering their time and using their experiences to support our students.

## ...Black History Month

Three competitions, two virtual assemblies, one LJMU lecture, a poster campaign, curriculum activities, a weekly club and a takeover of the FOCUSON... newsletter later we have come to the end of a very busy Black History Month event at school. Thank you to all students who engaged so well with the opportunities to broaden their understanding and diminish our own ignorance helping to make our school community a more tolerant and accepting one. There is now a corridor display on the Black Lives Matter protests which will remain in school over the course of the year as we want to ensure our students know Black History is not just something for the month of October. A particular well done to our competition winners: Rebecca P (Y7), Maisie F (Y8), Eve H (Y8), Summer S (Y8), Lana J (Y8), Keiran G (Y10), Jessica S (Y11) and Lucy G (Y11).



## ...Poetry Competition



As part of National Poetry Day, Year 7 students were invited to take part in a FHS Poetry Competition earlier this month. Students were asked to write a poem based on the topical themes of: lockdown, hope or heroes. The entries were excellent and gave judges a real challenge to select the winner! Elizabeth (7F) won with her moving poem about lockdown. Well done to everyone involved.

## ...Junior Leadership Team

Candidates for the Junior Leadership Team recorded their presentations with Mr Heatherington which were shown in tutor groups this week. The presentations outlined the students' skills, qualities and interests, and their plans for making a positive contribution to the school and wider community if elected. Students have voted for their preferred candidates and Mrs Wake is busy counting the votes. Results will be announced after half term.



## ...Sporting Matters



A massive congratulations to our PE Department who have achieved Silver standard in the Youth Sport Trust Quality Mark. This is awarded in recognition of the school's commitment to youth sport and vibrant sports programmes. We are also very proud to announce Orla (Y9) has been selected for Manchester Thunder U14s Netball. She was up against 240 girls in round 1, then 94 in round 2. This is the highest level achievement in netball any FHS student has reached; what an incredible achievement – well done,

Orla! A big shout out to Alex and Freya (Y11) who have been selected to represent Merseyside girls under 16s football team.

## On the Horizon...

★ Half term holiday – 26-30 Oct

★ Return of staff and students – 2 Nov 2020



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