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## ...THANK YOU!

Well, we made it to the Easter break! A short return to school has felt long for many but we hope that everyone in our school community will use the Easter holidays to relax and unwind. Summer term is going to be busy and we all need to conserve our energy! Hopefully, the good old British climate will cooperate and give us some sunshine to enjoy our extended freedoms from Monday 29 March! In the meantime, on behalf of all of us, thank you to all our parents and students for your support in making the reopening of school a smooth one and putting us firmly on the path to the finish line.



## ...Garden Delight!



Summer is just around the corner and we have exciting news for the School Garden. Mrs Moxon, who has been working hard with students since last year on developing the school garden, has just received news that FHS has been successful in securing £1,100 for the school garden from the St Peter's Education Fund. Everyone involved is delighted and very excited about using this to start to turn the garden into a fantastic space for all.

## ...Inspiring Future Healthcare Professionals

This week a small group of Year 10 and Year 11 students had the fantastic opportunity to attend a remote session delivered by Hull York Medical School as part of their outreach activities to inspire future healthcare professionals. As well as an interesting workshop on the 'Cost of Care', students had the opportunity to ask questions and gain more information about studying medicine at university. The students who attended found the session very informative and we hope that they have been inspired to push forward into a career in medicine.



## ...Library Corner

Well done to all the Year 7 students who took part in our 'Design a Book Mark' competition. As you can see from our entries the standard was very high and choosing a winner was extremely difficult, but we had to pick one. The winning entry belongs to Charlotte (7F). Well done, Charlotte; don't forget to pop up to the Pop-Up Library to collect your book token. In more Year 7 library news, Sefton Super Reads is an Annual Book Awards voted on by high school students across Sefton. Six books have been selected by Sefton Librarians and the award encourages students to read and review the six books. The books have been ordered and are on their way! Please call into Pop Up Library if you would like to be part of our Year 7 Sefton Super Readers.



## ...Year 12 Drama

Yesterday our Year 12 Drama students performed monologues for the first part of their Component 3 examination. The pieces were taken from Debbie Issit's play 'The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband'. All of the students performed to a very high standard and were ably supported by two Year 12 lighting designers who created a professional atmosphere to add to the theatrical experience, making up for the missed performances of the past year. Well done, Year 12!

## ...University of Liverpool Language Lounge Links

A Level Spanish students have been inspired in recent weeks by several events delivered by the University of Liverpool, including a personalised webinar from Dr Şizen Yiacooup, Lecturer in Hispanic Studies at the university, on the topic of religion in Spain. Dr Yiacooup was impressed by our students and said she had "very much enjoyed their observations, insightful responses and questions" – particularly a discussion with A Level student, Aleisha, after the event relating to links between the Francoist flag and the Catholic monarchs - very 'A level' Spanish! This week it was the turn of Dr Abigail Loxham's workshop on the topic of gender, politics and visual culture in Spain. Students also had an online talk earlier this month from two University of Liverpool undergraduate students about studying Languages at university...and we still found time to squeeze in an online talk with Formby resident, Pam, about her time volunteering in South America! Well done Year 12 and 13 for all your engagement and contributions this term!

## ...Virtual Choir

Following our successes with 'Fix You', 'Heroes' and 'Shine' last year, our music team have launched a new project for Summer 2021. Working in partnership with our Sefton Local Cultural Education Partnership, we are recording our super-catchy, self-composed tribute to Liverpool, 'Above Us Only Sky'. The project is open to ANYONE who wants to get involved – not just our Elves, Voiceworks, Mundo Afrika & G:Forcers, but parents, friends and family too! Check out the details on our Virtual Choir webpage and get singing!



## ...Problem Solved!

At the end of February, two of our Year 12 students, Charlie and Grace, attended an online Problem Solving workshop, run by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme. Charlie said "The event gave us an opportunity to test our mathematical skills as well as logic and reasoning in a variety of theoretical questions in addition to real-life modelling scenarios. The quiz at the end (which I am glad to say we won!) was especially challenging, but was a fun way to test the problem-solving skills we had practiced throughout the event." The Maths department are very proud of the way that they contributed to the sessions and how they collaborated with a team from Cumbria in their final winning round!

## ...Inspiring People

Before Christmas Year 7 Red English, Mrs Broomfield's class, were set on a project homework using biography and autobiography skills to research inspiring people, past and present. Claudia created an interview piece about **Douglas Adams** the creator of 'Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy' by questioning her dad on a person he felt had impacted the world. Sam interviewed his dad on a local Liverpool legend, **Jürgen Klopp**; it was really thought-provoking to see the qualities that Sam and his dad admire in Klopp that would be a great platform for any successful leader. Chloe chose not one but four inspiring people in our community **The Beatles** – to develop a very imaginative project on how their music, lyrics and philosophy on life has inspired so many people globally and still does. The class worked very hard producing some wonderful work, the standards were so high that Mrs Broomfield decided they should be rewarded for their commitment to our school motto 'Determined to Achieve' with some book tokens courtesy of Mrs Ambrose!

### On the Horizon...

★ Easter Holidays – 29 Mar to 9 Apr

★ Return of staff and students – 12 Apr



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