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...Creative Champions

Formby High School has long been renowned for its commitment and ambition in delivering a broad, rich and dynamic Arts curriculum and extra-curricular offer to its students. It is unquestionable that this not only allows students to develop and excel in the Arts but also nurtures confidence and creativity that is applied



to their other subject areas. Importantly, too, is the unique opportunity these subjects offer to students in working together, supporting each other as well as experiencing leadership opportunities. Part of the FHS focus on the Arts has been the delivery of the Arts Award Programme over the past few years which allows students to use these skills to work towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards in these areas. It is worth pointing out that there are more Gold Arts Awards students at FHS than across the whole of Merseyside! The small issue of a pandemic did not stop our commitment



to the creative arts with Remote Classroom, Open School and numerous virtual events continuing to focus on them during lockdown. Mrs

Harrocks, who spearheads the Arts Award at FHS, supported by colleagues across the Creative Arts faculty, has worked tirelessly to support students in achieving their award, adding resilience and determination to their portfolio of skills honed along the way! The school also supports the Arts Award programme nationally by contributing to regional and national training events. We are delighted to announce that FHS has been named an Arts Award Trinity Champion Centre in recognition of these achievements. As a champion centre, FHS will take a greater role in inspiring other Arts Award centres by sharing best practice and advocating the qualification and the Arts.



...A Friendly Invitation



With school now fully reopen, we are relaunching our Friends of Formby High School PTA next week. This dynamic, hard-working and highly motivated group of friends, family and staff help to

support the needs of our school and community through fantastic fundraising and charitable work, and FHS would not be FHS without them! In the past, FoFHS has raised thousands of pounds to support the school to hold community events, develop areas of the school and provide additional resources for students. Some of the projects on the agenda this year include our transition events, parent community engagement, charity fundraisers and an exciting new eco project! We look forward to recruiting new members of FoFHS and encourage you to come along to our online 'Zoom Relaunch Meeting' on Wednesday 28 April at 6pm. If you would like to attend, please email fofhs@formbyhighschool.com to receive the Zoom link. See you there!

...Library Corner

The Midnight Guardians is one of the final six books of the 2021 Sefton Super Reads. This book will take you on an amazing adventure through wartime and have you on the edge of your seat! *When Col's childhood imaginary friends come to life, he discovers a world where myths and legends are real. Accompanied by his guardians - a six-foot tiger, a badger in a waistcoat and a miniature knight - Col must race to Blitz-bombed London to save his sister. But there are darker forces at work, even than the Nazi bombings. Soon Col is pursued by the terrifying Midwinter King, who is determined to bring an eternal darkness down over everything.*



...CfLL 'Shout Outs'

Climate for Learning Leaders have been really proud of the positive attitude students across all year groups have displayed since returning to school and seeing them settle back into good learning habits and routines. Mrs Edey (Year 7) said well done to her year group for their smartness and politeness, and added a special mention for the cast of 'Elf' whose resilience has been spectacular! Mrs Thomas (Year 8) offered a massive well done to the year group for an enthusiastic start and a special mention to Eve who has just been selected to represent Lancashire in U13 Girls Cricket. Mr Gallagher (Year 9) signposted a big well done to Abeda who has shown an exceptional work ethic during lockdown, since returning and is currently getting stuck in to learning sign language. Miss MacDougall (Year 10) sang the praises of Emily, Anna, Katie and Lucy who have all been working hard towards their LAMDA singing exams (good luck!). Mrs Harrison-Forsyth (Year 11) praised the whole of Year 11 for showing maturity and determination during assessment week this week – well done! That sentiment was echoed by the Sixth Form Progress Leaders for students in Year 13 also undergoing assessments and also congratulated Year 12 who have settled well after the much needed Easter break.



It's great to see so many students getting involved in the wide range of extra-curricular clubs on offer. As well as some 'old favourites' like the wide variety of sports clubs (including tennis, cross country, cricket, fitness, netball, football, volleyball and dodgeball), subject clubs (Humanities, French, Mathletes, Writing Club) there are some exciting new additions, including Book Club and Quiz Night, Chess Club, Filmosophy Club, Crochet Club and even RestaurantFHS! Mundo Afrika, Voiceworks and Elves continue to hone their creative skills and students can even train to be a Chess master or learn sign language! If that isn't something for everyone....!

...The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that the Government can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. We would strongly encourage all students to [complete this survey](#) to support this important project. The Government is also inviting parents, care leavers and those working with children [to complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

...U:Dance

Our Year 12 Dance group have successfully auditioned for a place in the annual regional U:Dance event. This usually takes place at The Lowry but this year it is online. Students will enjoy a day packed with workshops and will end with a Festival Performance Showcase. Our piece will be shown alongside the amazing youth dance talent of the North West.



...A new door opens

Finally, a big thank you to everyone around the school campus for their support and patience as our big fire safety building works continue; we are almost there with works due to be completed in the next two weeks. I am sure you will all agree, as well as the important safety enhancement, the new doors throughout the campus look fantastic!

On the Horizon...

- ★ Y10 Parents' Evening – 29 Apr (online)
- ★ Y9/10 Immunisations – 6 & 7 May
- ★ Bank Holiday – 3 May
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