

## ...Approaching the finish line

Year 11 will embark upon study leave from next Wednesday as they wrap up the final assessments completed this half term. We are so impressed by their diligence, endeavour and positive approach to what has been a long half term of hard work. They have much still to look forward to with the official Year 11 Celebration Assembly due to take place on Friday 25 June and Prom on Thursday 15 July. We would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate Hannah Allmark who was recently appointed as the Formby Ladies Junior Golf Captain – we are very proud of this excellent accomplishment. There is more work to do for our Year 11 students who will work remotely from Monday 7–Thursday 24 June, completing transition work in readiness for September. Alongside this they will have opportunities to come in to school for A Level and BTEC information sessions, virtual Q & A events as well as attending our Sixth Form Taster Afternoon on Wednesday 23 June.

As Year 13 gear up for their final assessments, they are looking forward with relish to their Leavers' Celebration planned for 25 June. Following the tradition of previous years, students will be invited to school in order to attend a celebration assembly, commemorating their time at the school.

This will be followed by a lavish lunch in Liverpool city centre. All of this will be well deserved for a year group that has had to deal with the challenges of the pandemic and, in doing so, have acquitted themselves admirably. Their positive mindset, composure and resilience have impressed all who deal with this delightful cohort. The Sixth Form Team, in particular, offer their best wishes for the future.



## ...Smashing the finish line!



Wow...they did it! Regular readers of this newsletter will have followed the trials and tribulations of our valiant Year 7 cast and crew of the Elf Jr production, originally billed as the Christmas 2020 production! It will go down in history at FHS as one of the longest running rehearsals ever, hampered by a pandemic no less. Nevertheless, on Wednesday 19 May after a gruelling full day of filming, Mrs Harrocks finally called "that's a wrap" as the stage lights cooled and the cameras were switched off! Bubble limitations, local lockdowns, public performance restrictions and

remote learning have all had an impact on what would usually have been a whirlwind three-month rehearsal schedule. Staff and students from the Dance, Drama and Music departments have battled the pandemic challenges, and pushed through with real dedication and a determination to achieve to bring the festive classic to life. The local community rallied to the show's support with costumes, set and props. Plans are in now in place to stream the show online for parents and the community, with a socially distance red carpet film première for the performers later this term. The project has been a real testament to the resilience, positivity and enthusiasm of all involved at a time when lockdown and the pandemic has curtailed so much creativity in schools and across communities. The news of this fantastic story got out fast with coverage on BBC Radio Merseyside and ITV Granada Evening News ([click here to watch](#))! Well done to every single person involved – you're amazing!



## ...The red carpet beckons

We were absolutely delighted to receive the news earlier this week that FHS has been shortlisted for not one but two awards in the TES Schools Awards 2021!



The school has been shortlisted for 'Secondary School of the Year' and 'Creative School of the Year'. TES Editor Jon Severs said: "It is more important this year than ever before to celebrate the fantastic work schools do, because in the past 12 months they have gone above and beyond to ensure pupils were able to be educated and be kept safe in extraordinary circumstances." Winners will be announced on Friday 25 June 2021.



## ...A vision for the future

FHS governors have begun to review the school's vision and values, as they do every few years. During June, the governors will be consulting with students, staff and parents/carers to gather views on their aspirations for FHS, and the principles and values which should underpin everything the school does. This review will set the strategic direction for FHS over the next 3 to 5 years. There will be an opportunity for parents and carers to engage in this process during June, so please watch out for a Parentmail with details of how you can get involved.

## ...A shining example

Whilst we have not seen much of it lately, protecting ourselves from the harmful effects of the sun is important. The Melanoma Fund launched the 'Outdoor Kids Sun Safety Code' in 2014 and are partnered by the Association for Physical Education (afPE), the Child Protection in Sport Unit (NSPCC), UK Coaching and the Youth Sport Trust. The accreditation means that FHS has demonstrated a commitment to educate on all aspects of sun protecting children. Information booklets will be sent out to parents and students will be shown how to best protect themselves from the sun and why that is so important. On PE days next half term, we encourage that your child applies sun cream before school and has some in their bag to 'top up' during the day.



Our Turkish Tutor kindly made a donation towards our library collection. I am sure we will all look forward to reading – The Breadwinner and The Turtle of Oman; as well as attempting the amazing Turkish recipes. We would like to say çok teşekkür ederim – thank you very much! This week's library book recommendation 'Boy, Everywhere' is based on the experiences of real Syrian refugees. It tells of the harrowing journey and struggle of Sami who was forced to leave

behind belongings, elderly family and friends when he fled Syria. Sami has a privileged and comfortable life in Damascus but violence forces his family to leave and travel across continents to 'safety'. This is a story of survival and bravery; it is a timely and honest book that should remind each of us of the perils faced by refugees. Finally, the National Book Token scheme is offering to donate £5,000 worth of books to the school library if you are the most nominated school in their competition... we would appreciate your support in boosting FHS nominations to try and win this prize draw which would really help us develop our exciting Library space which is making a return shortly after half term! Please [click this link](#) to submit nominations and feel free to share the link with others who may support – thank you!



## ...Library corner

### On the Horizon...

- ★ Y7 Bikeability – Wed 26 and Thu 27 May
- ★ Y12 Subject Consultation Evening – Thu 27 May
- ★ Early Finish (Half Day INSET) – 12:30pm Fri 28 May
- ★ Half Term – Mon 31 May to Fri 4 Jun
- ★ INSET Day – Mon 7 Jun
- ★ Return of students – Tue 8 Jun (week 2)



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