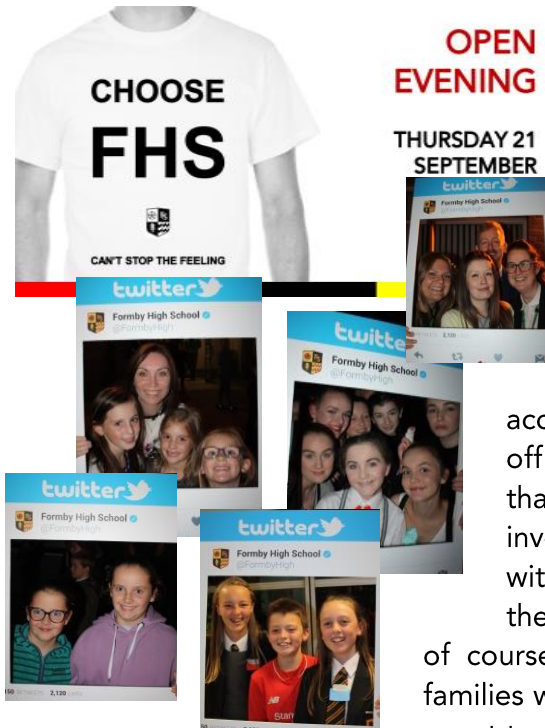


## ...Can't Stop the Feeling!



On Thursday 21 September FHS opened our doors wide open for our annual Open Evening event. Literally hundreds of pupils in Year 5 and 6 from schools across Sefton and beyond came to enjoy what is now our 'signature FHS welcome'. An army of Year 7 ambassadors, only three weeks into high school themselves, showed the families around the school with fresh confidence and enthusiasm. With stories of their fantastic transition experience and tales of the first few weeks of term, Year 7s were able to give prospective students a first hand

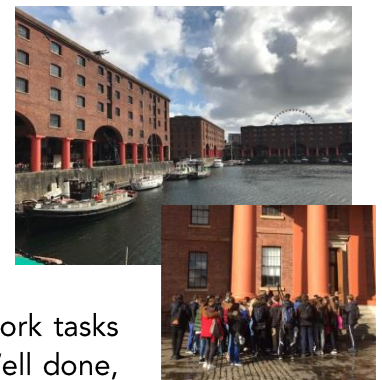
account of life at FHS. All departments were extremely busy, showing off the warmth, passion for learning and attention to the individual that FHS is renowned for. The evening ended with a flashmob dance involving the whole of Year 7 to 'Can't Stop the Feeling' and was met with rapturous applause by the audience. Thank you to everyone in the FHS community for your energy and enthusiasm on the night and,

of course, thanks to everyone who joined us! We are conscious some families were unable to attend and so produced a short video filmed at the event to give them a flavour of the evening – [please click here](#) if you would

like to see the Open Evening film. If you haven't already, we also strongly recommend you check out the new 'My First Year' video filmed with last year's Year 7 at the end of the summer term!

## ...Geographers Go Local!

Our Year 11 geographers had barely returned from their summer holidays and were off into Liverpool! The students met at Liverpool Central Station at 9:00am on the day of their scheduled visit, giving them a taste of a city commuter's busy work journey. They completed their Human Geography fieldwork task, which was to investigate the extent that Liverpool's Albert Dock is a multi-social regeneration site. The weather was kind and the students took the opportunity to explore the social uses of the Dock to enhance their understanding of why the Dock was regenerated. Mr McGuinness said, "The students have engaged with both of their GCSE fieldwork tasks and have shown great determination in completing the studies accurately. Well done, Year 11!"



## ...DofE Bronze Award

Last weekend saw our final expedition of the year, as thirteen Year 10 students completed their Bronze qualifying expedition across Rossendale and Bolton. Students had planned their routes with instructors from AtoZ Expeditions the previous week and showed great confidence, team work and resilience to overcome some tough challenges, including sleeping in very low temperatures. The instructors commented on how well our students supported one another and worked together to boost team morale when things got tough. All our teams will be presenting their evidence over the course of the next few weeks in preparation for Awards Evening on 1 November; invitations for the evening will be distributed in due course. Well done to all students who took part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award this year! If you are interested in participating for the upcoming year, please see Mr Rigby in C18!

## ...Year 11 Maximising their Potential

On 21 September, Year 11 students took part in some fantastic seminars delivered by Jasper Ward from 'Maximize Your Potential'. The sessions explored a range of useful and enlightening topics to get the students thinking about the road ahead towards their examinations. Topics covered included motivation and goal setting, memory techniques, visual organisation, note taking, stress and time management, and examination techniques. The students took a great deal away from the morning and are now definitely on the road to success.



## ...Continuing Education at FHS

Formby High School and the University of Liverpool are working together to bring a variety of continuing education events to members of the wider Formby community. You may be aware of the University of Liverpool community lecture series, hosted at Formby High School, which got off to a very successful start last year with well-attended, highly informative lectures on a number of topics from Shakespeare to Space! The series will take off again

this year with the first lecture, 'Tins, Tubes and Tenacity' taking place on 11 October delivered by Meg Parkes of the University of Liverpool. Tickets are free of charge and can be booked by calling the school or emailing [enquiries@formbyhighschool.com](mailto:enquiries@formbyhighschool.com). Full information about this and future lectures can be found on our website. New to the Continuing Education programme this year is the opportunity for community members to sign up for evening courses in Italian or Spanish (Stage 1) or attend Art Club with Barbara Jones from the University of Liverpool. Full details of all these courses and how to book your place can be found on the [university website](#).

## ...Sixth Form Matters

A round up of Sixth Form news from students past and present. Daniel Grondin attended the Labour Conference as a Delegate for South Sefton (having been nominated following a speech to other constituents) and although he failed to get a selfie with Jeremy Corbyn he did get one with Dennis Skinner! Mia Riley Hickey has been growing her hair in order to make a donation to charity. This week she finally had it cut and was able to donate 8 inches to the Little Princess Trust who use the hair to make wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer. Cassie Bradshaw has had a busy summer being involved in not one but two archaeological digs. For her efforts she has been nominated for Young Archaeologist of the Year – [click here](#) for her introduction - we will find out over the next few weeks if she has been successful in taking the title. Finally, former student Kess Elmore is settling in well to her place at the University of Connecticut after securing a football scholarship - not only did she score two goals on her debut but she also received ACC Women's Soccer Rookie of the Week. You can follow her journey on [their website](#).

## ...Sporting Matters

The new football season's results make for great reading and Mr Hunt is 'made up' with the start all teams have made: the brand new Year 7 football team secured a 5-1 Sefton Cup victory against Merchant Taylor's School and followed this up with an impressive 7-1 win against Christ the King! Year 8 drew one match and won the next 6-0, and Year 9 secured two well-fought wins, including a 4-0 defeat of Scarisbrick Hall in the Sefton Cup. Year 10 round off the great results with an impressive 8-1 win against Christ the King! A special sporting mention must go to Francesca (Year 10) who will be representing Great Britain in the 'World Para Poomsae Taekwondo Competition' in London in October. Francesca has been training in taekwondo for five years, achieving black belt last year – good luck, Francesca! Finally, it's great to see so many students involved in the many extra-curricular activities in PE so far – if you haven't yet joined a club, come along and get involved!



### On the Horizon...

- ★ Y7 Meet the Tutors – 4 Oct (3:30-4:30pm)
- ★ Y12/13 Theatre Trip – 5 Oct
- ★ Y13 Meet the Professionals – 11 Oct
- ★ University of Liverpool Lecture – 11 Oct (7-8pm)
- ★ Student Portrait Photography – 12 Oct (am)
- ★ Y8/9 Shakespeare Schools Festival Workshop



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