

## ...Talking Careers

### CAREERING AHEAD



This year was our busiest 'Meet the Professionals' event yet with over 20 professionals generously donating an afternoon of their valuable time to meet our 90 Year 13 students. Students had direct access to a wide variety of professions from architecture, law, finance and media to sales, information technology and medicine. The opportunity for our Year 13s to discuss career paths, qualification requirements and what the different professions really involve with industry insiders is a key

part of their careers education at FHS. As they embark on their final year in sixth form, they are beginning to confirm their higher education, apprenticeship or employment goals and gaining first hand tips on how to succeed will prove invaluable. Mrs MacDunne, Careers Coordinator, is

currently working on the Careers Fair for Year 11 and Year 9 students in January when many of our professionals will return to set up their stalls and talk to younger students about future career choices and opportunities. Next Wednesday, representatives of the Royal Navy will be coming to FHS to deliver presentations to any Year 9/10 students who may be considering a career in the armed services. If you or someone you know is a professional who would like to support our students in future events, please do get in touch – we would love to hear from you!

## ...The Brilliant Club!

In the summer term last year, 12 students from across Years 7 and 8 took part in 'The Brilliant Club' Scholars Programme which enabled them to work closely with PhD graduates at the University of Liverpool and nurture the knowledge, skills and ambition needed to progress to highly-selective universities in the future. The group attended their graduation trip on 9 October at the University of Liverpool where they toured the campus to get a sense of the intellectual and physical environment as part of their overall experience. The day also involved a study skills workshop with faculty members and ended with a formal certification ceremony to acknowledge all the hard work and effort the students have invested in completing the programme. Well done the Brilliant Club!



## ...And the Nominees Are

The Gild Hall in Formby will host the annual 'Pride of Formby Awards' this evening where our very own Megan Carragher (Year 10) and Mr Cook have received nominations. Watch out on twitter (@formbyhigh) for a live results feed! Congratulations to both of you on your nominations! In yet more awards news, the Educate Awards will be held on 17 November at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral in what has become a fabulous celebration of outstanding educators across Merseyside. We are delighted to be on the short list for two categories: Inspirational Secondary School of the Year and the Communications Award.



## ...Leading the Way

Congratulations to our 22 newly appointed Sixth Form Prefects who have just completed their training with Sefton EBP on leadership skills and assertiveness, and have officially taken up their roles in school. The Prefects have all started with great enthusiasm, including taking on lunch time duties and ambassadorial responsibilities for the school. In the first meeting next week, the group will develop their Constitution and create some sub-committees who will become involved in all different aspects of school life. They will work closely with the school's Charities Committee on charitable and fundraising opportunities. The Prefects will soon be recognised by their bespoke hoodies and lanyards, enabling all students across the school to easily identify and approach them for advice, support or information. The Prefects will also have a notice board in A Building where students can access details of all their activities and outreach.



## ...Spotlight on the Performing Arts



We are really looking forward to welcoming the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir back to FHS next week. The choir is a UK-based charity whose aim is to further educate and help relieve poverty in Uganda. In particular, they support the 'Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation', an organisation established in 1983 to build homes and schools for orphaned and destitute children. As well as workshops with FHS and primary school students during the day, they will perform a dazzling concert alongside our very own 'Mundo Afrika', 'FHS Singers' and 'G:Force' Community Gospel Choir in the evening (tickets are available on ParentPay if you would like to join us). Well done to Josh (Year 11) and Evie (Year 10) who, following performances at festivals earlier in the year, were selected to compete in the British and International Federation of Festivals North West Regional Finals. With only forty competitors selected from throughout the north west, we are delighted two of them were from FHS – well done Josh (who delivered a stunning solo acting piece) and Evie (for an amazing vocal rendition of Shenandoah). A number of students were also involved in the Southport Music & Drama Festival last weekend, collecting a variety of prizes; Luke (Year 8) won first prize for prose reading and Aimee won first prize for her poem and also a joint first prize for her duo with fellow Year 11 student, Harry. Finally, in a real statement of the breadth and reach of FHS Performing Arts, our Music Department will open the Educate Awards ceremony next month with a super massed choir it has brought together involving 300 singers from schools and communities across the north west! The massed choir features singers aged between 8 and 80 years old who will raise the roof with a medley of 'club classics' from Michael Jackson to Beyoncé!

## ...Sporting Matters

Well the bar has been set incredibly high this season with some eye-watering score lines coming in from our various teams. In Netball this week, all year groups faced challenging Meols Cop teams and the girls played some excellent netball, demonstrating good team work and sportsmanship on the court. Almost all FHS teams managed to come away with a win despite the pressure from very determined Meols Cop opponents – well done to all, particularly Year 11 with a 24-2 victory! In football the success continues with two 10-1 wins (again) for the Year 7 boys then 'just' an 8-3 victory against Deyes. The Year 7 girls A and B teams also showed footballing prowess with victories over Range High School. Year 10 boys are through to the next round of the Sefton Cup. Well done to everyone!



## On the Horizon...

- ★ DofE Info Evening for Parents – 16 Oct
- ★ Y13 Geography Fieldwork – 16 Oct
- ★ Y7 Assessment Week – wc 16 Oct
- ★ Pearl of Africa Children's Choir – 17 Oct (7pm)
- ★ Y11 RAP Parent Info Evening – 18 Oct
- ★ Y13 Geography Fieldwork – 19 Oct
- ★ INSET Day (school closed to students) – 20 Oct
- ★ Half Term – Mon 23 to Fri 27 Oct