

...The Groove Dance Show

On Thursday 11 January over 140 students took part in our annual 'The Groove' dance show to a packed audience at the Epstein Theatre in Liverpool. With 21 captivating performances from students across Years 7 to 13, the level of talent, collaboration and ambition of our young dancers was very clear to see. Performances featured a range of pieces inspired by topics from stage, screen (both large and small), world culture and life events with fantastic choreography by the Dance Department, Mrs Whitehead, Mrs Harrocks and Miss Gaudie, with some choreographed by the students themselves.



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Mrs Wilkins, Director of Creative Arts, commented "It never ceases to amaze us how the quality of this event, a favourite on the Performing Arts



calendar, just gets better and better every year – the quality and commitment on display this year was awe-inspiring. It is a pleasure to see so many students involved in our dance curriculum from all age groups". A big well done to all the dancers and everyone who supported the event... the future of dance at FHS is bright and exciting!

...It all adds up

Last week the school hosted a community lecture by Professor Tony Padilla who inspired the audience with amazing numbers and mathematical facts. The evening was hosted to support Matt Henderson's cancer appeal and whilst the event was free to attend, audience members were asked to support the campaign with donations if they were able. The generosity of the community was amazing with the evening raising over £700 on the night or via [his fundraising page](#). A number of Matt's family members belong to the Formby High School family and we are keen to do whatever we can to see Matt reach his target to enable him to travel to the USA to receive important treatment. We will also be holding a non-uniform day and further fundraising activities on Friday 2 February – more information will be provided to parents by letter next week.

...Quiz Night 2018

Friends of Formby High School 



The biggest Friends of Formby High School fundraising event of the year, our famous 'Quiz Night', takes place on Saturday 3 February here at FHS. Tickets are available via Parent Pay now (priced at £10 per person which includes supper) and you are welcome to bring drinks and nibbles for your table. Assemble your teams and come and join us for a fantastic evening – all to support the important fundraising drive led by our very own Friends of FHS.

...Extended Project Qualification

The Sixth Form Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) cohort completed the second half of their workshop with Liverpool John Moores University this week. This involved visiting the Avril Roberts library, induction and a tour, and accessing books for their projects. The main part of the workshop focused on effective referencing which is absolutely crucial to the EPQ itself as well as being a much needed university skill. Students have been invited back to use the facilities as a space for studying and researching at any point throughout the remainder of their A Level courses.



...Financial Know-How for Years 7 and 8

Over the past two weeks all students in Year 7 and Year 8 have had the opportunity to take part in a PSHEE/Maths financial workshop run by MyBnk, a charity which delivers financial education to young people all over the UK. Students took part in the 'My Choices' workshop, focusing on how they spend and manage their money. Mrs Kearsley, PSHEE Coordinator, said 'the programme was very interactive, and gave the students an opportunity to really get involved. It was great to see them discussing finances and thinking carefully about the choices they make, which forms an important part of their PSHEE education.' Josh (Year 8) said 'I really enjoyed the workshop, it was fun to work out the best deals and it made us think about the differences between needs and wants, which is an important skill for young people.'



...Careers Fair

Year 9 and Year 11 students are looking forward to next week's Careers Fair at FHS (24 January) where they will be able to explore the market stalls featuring employers from a vast selection of industries and professions. From energy, entertainment, military, medicine, education to legal, engineering, catering, retail and media, students will be able to speak to the professionals to find out directly about their career paths and higher education choices. This event is always a tremendous support for the students who will shortly be selecting their GCSE (Year 9) or post 16 (Year 11) study options. Such events would not be possible without the invaluable support of our parent professionals and community members and we extend our thanks to all involved. If you would like to support this or future events, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs MacDunne, Careers Coordinator, at school.



...Way to go 7O!

Congratulations to a well-deserving Tutor Group 7O who were the recipients of a tub of chocolates in recognition of achieving a magnificent **98.5%** attendance and taking the top spot in school last half term. Mr Horner is very proud of his form who already have their sights set on winning future attendance prizes!

On the Horizon...

- ★ Y13 Geography Fieldwork – 22 Jan
- ★ Y9/11 Careers Fair – 24 Jan
- ★ Y13 Drama Scripted Performances – 25 Jan
- ★ Y13 Holocaust Broadcast – 26 Jan
- ★ Y8 Subject Consultation Evening – 1 Feb
- ★ UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge – 1 Feb

