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Celebrating our school and community

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Open Evening made a welcome return to the school's events calendar yesterday to the delight of prospective students and

their parents – not to mention all of us! This is our flagship event which allows us to throw our doors wide open to the community and celebrate what makes us unique.

Year on year, the

feedback that we receive always headlines the warmth of our welcome, the enthusiasm and friendliness of our staff and student ambassadors and the vibrant atmosphere. This year we did not disappoint, whilst smiles were obscured by masks we could see the sparkle in the eyes of the Year 5 and Year 6 student visitors who agreed with the claim on our 2021 Open Evening theme.. it's a kind of magic!



FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL  
OPEN EVENING  
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Welcoming several hundred visitors throughout the course of the evening, our



Student Ambassadors did a fantastic job showing everyone around. As usual, many of the ambassadors have been at FHS for three weeks themselves but did an amazing job of

showing future students just how much is on offer. From a 'crack the safe' challenge in Maths, exploring the topical issue of volcanoes (and even creating their own) in Geography, making key fobs and fridge magnets in Design to tackling crime with CSI investigations in Science, the magic was everywhere. Delicious smells drifted along the corridors from our Food & Nutrition hub where the 'Formby Bake Off' Final was taking place live for visitors! Computer programming, experimenting with new



languages and exploring creative writing skills, the magic went on. The quality of the FHS creative curriculum sets us apart and visitors explored the creative magic in Art, Dance, Drama and Music with chance to spectate and participate in equal measure. Exit stage left and time for sports where, with the help of our visiting professionals including Sale Sharks rugby, Dan Purvis gymnastics and Unite martial arts, the FHS Sports Centre was a hive of activity. After that burst of activity, visitors spent a moment of Zen in our RAVE department before heading for sugar and spice, sampling the famous FHS cookies and more on offer from our caterers.



Thank you to all our visitors for sharing the evening with us and a massive thank you to all the Student Ambassadors, staff and visiting professionals for supporting the school so enthusiastically on this special night. We will no doubt see some of the new faces as they join us for tours during the school day over the next few weeks... and then hopefully next September in FHS uniform!



## ...Elevating our Year 11s

During the day yesterday as our Open Evening preparations were underway, our Year 11 students attended a bespoke study skills programme delivered by Elevate Education called 'Study Sensei'. The programme uses a number of unique, interactive and fun demonstrations to help students identify areas where they can improve their learning by boosting key skills, including structuring and organising notes, conceptual learning (to deepen understanding) and how to stand out using independent learning. Importantly, in this busy year ahead, the workshop helped students to understand how effective time management can help them to feel in control of their learning and can, therefore, minimise stress. Our Year 11 students embraced the workshops and were extremely positive about the new skills and techniques they have learned.

## On the Horizon...

- ★ Y13 Theatre Trip – 29 Sep
- ★ Y13 A Level Drama Practical Exam – 30 Sep
- ★ School Portrait Photography – 6 Oct
- ★ Y11 Geography Field Visits – 5/7/8 Oct