

Formby High School

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Dear Parents

We are delighted to see all students return from the summer holidays refreshed and ready for the year ahead. Please find below some important information updates as we embark upon this busy year.

Staffing Announcements

We are delighted to welcome the following staff to the Formby High School team from September 2022:

- Ms Donker (Teaching Assistant)
- Ms Donlevy (Subject Leader for Drama)
- Mr Gamble (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Ms Guy (Teaching Assistant)
- Ms Harding (Administrative Assistant)
- Ms Haughey (School Events Coordinator)
- Ms Marl (Teacher of English)
- Mr Martin (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Ms Moffatt (Teaching Assistant)
- Ms Moss (Teacher of RAVE and Teaching Assistant)
- Ms Parry (Teaching Assistant)
- Mr Rowlandson (Teacher of Business Studies)
- Ms Schanze (Teaching Assistant)
- Ms Wall (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Ms Walmsley (Operations Manager)



Mrs Parkinson (Assistant Headteacher) has left following 17 years of service to Formby High School and departs with our thanks and very best wishes. I would like to congratulate Mr Fitzgibbon on his appointment to Subject Leader for History and to Mr Nixon who will assume responsibility as Subject Leader for Business Studies during the absence of Mr Tynan.



Cyber Essentials Certification

I am very proud to confirm that the school has successfully received Cyber Essentials certification following an intensive programme of work by our IT Network Team to enhance our cyber security defences. Cyber Essentials is a government backed scheme which helps to protect organisations against a whole range of the most common cyber attacks. I would like to offer my thanks to all those involved in the work to achieve the accreditation which provides assurance to our school and wider community that we take cyber security seriously.





Campus Improvement Work

I am delighted to confirm that the school was successful in securing government funding to complete the remaining roofing replacements at school (S Building) and to upgrade the heating system in P Building. This work will commence during the Autumn term.

Parent Survey / Curriculum Information

Thank you very much to those of you who provided feedback to school last year via our parent survey. Overall, your responses were very positive and where we have identified areas for improvements to be made we will do our best to ensure this happens. Some parents reported that they do not receive enough information about the curriculum that their children are taught. I would like to draw your attention to the [curriculum pages](#) of the school website which provide plenty of information about curriculum content in each subject for all year groups. It is well worth exploring!

School Catering

The school's catering contractor CH&Co has implemented price increases from the 1 September 2022. I understand this will not be welcome news, particularly given increasing costs in so many other areas, but they have worked hard to prevent price increases until absolutely necessary. You will appreciate that the increases in prices are a result of the rising cost of fuel and the ingredients used to prepare meals. To compensate for the price increases, CH&Co have introduced several meal deals which represent good value for money. The latest tariff can be found on [the school website](#).

Free School Meals

Certain students within school are eligible for Free School Meals. If you feel your child may fall within this category, you will be able to find more information on our website in the [Well-being/Free School Meals](#) section. For those children in receipt of Free School Meals, there is a financial benefit to both the family and the school and we encourage parents to apply if they think they may be eligible.

Open Evening

The school's Open Evening will take place on Thursday 22 September 2022 from 5:15pm to 7:30pm. **School will be closed to all students on this day except Year 11 who will attend during the morning.** We will be seeking the support of our School Parliament and Sixth Form Ambassadors at this event, as well as our new Year 7 students who will be invited to act as tour guides for the evening.

Attendance / Key Dates

The impact of excellent attendance on the progress and attainment of students is well proven and I appeal for your full support in achieving this for your son/daughter. Legislation prevents me from authorising any holidays taken during term time unless in exceptional circumstances. We will request Sefton Council to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to the parents of any students taken out of school for five days or more of unauthorised holiday. This information is contained in our Attendance Policy which you will find in the [Key Information/School Policies](#) section of our website.

I would ask that you also note the school's term dates for this academic year which can be found at the end of this letter and on our [website](#).

Travel to and from School

I would like to continue to encourage students to walk or cycle to school wherever possible. For those students who choose to cycle to school, we ask parents to support us in improving safety and security by ensuring that bicycles are stamped with home postcode, securely locked with a high quality lock and insured against loss/damage. Cyclists are strongly encouraged to wear a safety helmet. For safety reasons and as parking spaces are severely limited, parents should not drive into the school grounds when dropping off or picking up students. Please park on Freshfield Road, avoiding the school entrance and residents' driveways.

Use of the Internet

A copy of our Acceptable Use Policy for Students can be found in the Key Information/School Policies section of our website. Unacceptable content is restricted through the use of filtering software and the



school follows a set of national guidelines for internet access. During lessons, students are taught to use the internet sensibly, with proper consideration for others. Outside school, we believe that families bear the same responsibility for such guidance concerning appropriate use of the internet, social networks and other multimedia devices such as mobile phones. The Child Exploitation and On-Line Protection Unit (CEOP) has produced excellent resources for parents regarding on-line safety and I would encourage you to access them at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>.

Communications

Please continue to regularly check your ParentMail communications as well as the [school's website](#), twitter account (@FormbyHigh) and Class Charts to keep in touch with important communications.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that contact information held by the school is accurate – if you have had any changes to telephone/email/home address information and have not updated the school, please do so by emailing enquiries@formbyhighschool.com.

Data Protection – Privacy Notice

For full information on how Formby High School manages personal data (how it is collected, stored and processed by the school) please refer to our [Privacy Notice on the school website](#).

Parent Surgeries

I will continue to hold evening surgeries for parents during the course of this school year. The next surgery will take place on Monday 5 October 2022 from 5:30pm. If you would like to make an appointment, please contact Mrs Forster (PA to the Headteacher) to book an appointment.

Yours sincerely

Mr D A Mackenzie
Headteacher



TERM DATES 2022/23

Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1 September Friday 2 September	INSET Day 1 (staff only) Term commences for Years 7, 12 and 13 only Year 7 Welcome Assembly 10:00am Year 13 Induction Assembly 11:15am Year 12 Welcome Assembly 1:30pm
Monday 5 September Thursday 22 September Friday 21 October	Normal Timetable All Years School open to Year 11 only (am) / Open Evening INSET Day 2 (staff only)
Monday 24 – Friday 28 October	Half Term
Monday 31 October Friday 2 December Wednesday 21 December	Term resumes INSET Day 3 (staff only) Term ends

Spring Term 2023

Thursday 5 January	Term commences
Monday 13 – Friday 17 February	Half Term
Monday 20 February Tuesday 21 February Friday 31 March	INSET 4 (staff only) Term resumes for students Term ends

Summer Term 2023

Monday 17 April Monday 1 May	Term commences School closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June	Half Term
Monday 5 June Friday 23 June Thursday 20 July	Term resumes INSET Day 5 (staff only) Term ends