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Celebrating our school and community

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At this sad moment in our nation's history, our staff and students took some time on arrival at school this morning to come together and reflect upon the profound impact HM Queen Elizabeth II has had on us all. With grace and fortitude she has been 'our constant' in changing times. No generation or nation remains untouched by the impact of her service and the sadness of her loss. Old and young will remember her with affection and respect, as expressed by our very youngest students this morning...

*"The Queen was determined to achieve and achieved a lot in her life and in ours too."*

*"To me, the Queen was a dedicated woman and when times were tough she carried on."*

*"She meant a lot to my family because she was a good role model and very dedicated and committed to her job. Her family must be so devastated for their loss; she was very caring, generous and well respected. She had a life to be celebrated."*

*"Queen Elizabeth was a strong Queen! I think she was a kind woman who really did care about her country. I think that she was a role model to her family as she was loved by the nation!"*

*"Queen Elizabeth was a hero. She was a dedicated, hopeful person. Elizabeth was a true role model. She supported everyone and everywhere she could."*

*"I think she was a role model to her family and us."*

# ... Celebrating a Summer of Success

Here is the good news about this summer's exam results....

## Year 13

- ★ 40% of all A Levels were graded A\*/A and 67% were graded A\*-B – these are the best results our students have ever achieved!
- ★ 20 students achieved at least three A grades in their A Level courses.
- ★ Our vocational courses are very popular. This year, 67% of entries were awarded a Distinction\* or Distinction.
- ★ One student (Emily) is off to the University of Cambridge and two students (Elena and Radyah) will soon begin their training to be doctors.
- ★ Plenty of students opted for degree apprenticeships with a range of organisations, including Barclays Bank, Merseyside Police and Carpenters Group law firm.



## Year 11

- ★ 35% of all GCSEs were graded at 7 or above. This is nearly 10% above national results.
- ★ 39 students attained eight or more grade 7s, including two students (Alex and Matilda) who achieved grade 9s across the board!
- ★ Success extended way beyond GCSE.... in Catering & Hospitality, Creative iMedia and Engineering our students served up and manufactured some great results!
- ★ Every student who took an Entry Level qualification achieved at least a pass grade.



## Year 10

- ★ Congratulations to last year's Year 10 for their impressive Religious Studies results. They took the GCSE one year early and one third of students achieved a grade 7 or above. We have high hopes for next summer!

## Polyglots

- ★ Alicja took her Polish GCSE exam last summer when she was in Year 9 and achieved a grade 9. Bardzo dobrze!

## ... Oxford University Essay Commendation

A massive shout out to Lucy (Year 13) who penned an exceptional essay submission for the Oxford University St Hugh's College 'Julia Wood (History) Essay Competition 2022' for which she has received a commendation. To celebrate her commendation, Oxford University invited Lucy to visit St Hugh's College this weekend for afternoon tea, with the opportunity to meet with History and Classics Tutors and students, and meet the other essay entrants. Well done, Lucy, for this fantastic achievement!

## ...Attendance Matters

Our attendance and punctuality drive continues as we start this new academic year. Please make sure you have read our Attendance and Punctuality Policy or our Sixth Form Attendance and Punctuality Policy if your child is in Years 12 or 13. Students have attended well and punctually, making a great start to the school year. We would like to remind you though that if students in Years 7-9 are late at the gate, after 8:50 without mitigation, they will receive a behaviour point and those in Years 10-11 will receive a detention. If you would like to discuss attendance or punctuality then please contact Mrs Harrison-Forsyth (Assistant Headteacher i/c of Attendance) via email in the first instance: [a.harrison@formbyhighschool.com](mailto:a.harrison@formbyhighschool.com), Mrs Johnson (Attendance Administrator) or Mrs Hesk (Attendance Officer) via telephone or email: [attendance@formbyhighschool.com](mailto:attendance@formbyhighschool.com).

## ...Bake Off is Back!

The Great Formby Bake Off is back! We have a lot of excellent bakers in the school and we can't wait to see and try what the students will enter into the competition. It is open to all year groups and the star bakers will bake in the final during open evening. Good luck to all.



## ... National Teen Book Club



Students in Years 9-13 are being given the opportunity to reserve their place on the National Teen Book Club which our Library will begin to host later this term. The Club, taking place every Wednesday in the Library (starting 28 September) will enable our avid readers to join other online participants from schools across the country as well as professional writers and publishers to discuss the books selected. In the final session for each book, the club meets with the author and participate in an online Q&A session with them. The first book, which will be the feature of the club for the first five weeks is 'The Upper World' by Femi Fadugba.

## ...Years 7 & 8 Freshers' Fair

If the crowds at our Freshers' Fair earlier this week were anything to go by, our extra-curricular activities this year are going to be a bumper affair. The FHSXtra programme is packed with lunchtime and after school activities, with something for everyone. Whether you are an algebra nut or perhaps fancy trying out your skateboarding or Brazilian Portuguese language skills, we've got something for you! Check out our [FHSXtra 2022 Directory on our website for full details!](#)



## ...Open Evening 2022

We are just over a week away from our annual flagship Open Evening at FHS, taking place on Thursday 22 September 2022. This evening gives us the opportunity to celebrate and show off all the qualities that make FHS so unique. All our staff are on hand throughout the evening to give our prospective students and their families our trademark warm welcome and invite them to explore our departments and facilities. Our newest recruits, Year 7 students who themselves have only been here for mere days, will also proudly represent FHS as Ambassadors and Tour Guides for the evening. Team Formby High is really looking forward to another outstanding event. As we prepare for the event during the day, the school will be closed during the day on 22 September for all students, with the exception of Year 11 who will attend a special workshop during the morning.



## On the Horizon...

- ★ Y7 Family Welcome Night – 16 Sep
- ★ Y13 Geography Fieldwork – 19 Sep
- ★ School Closed (Open Evening) except Y11 – 22 Sep
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