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## ...Eurovision



On Saturday 6 May, our Music Department joined the Eurovision festivities in Liverpool, as part of the 'Museum Sessions' performance series. Members of Voiceworks, Mundo Afrika and G:Force Gospel Choir took to the stage at the Museum of Liverpool on the waterfront performing a programme of their recent 'virtual' recordings. They sang to a large crowd of supporters, passers-by and Eurovision fans, and received rave reviews from everyone – particularly after their Liverpool anthem 'Above Us Only Sky', composed by the staff and students to celebrate our amazing city region. The afternoon was a fantastic opportunity to showcase our creative work and soak up the atmosphere around the Eurovision village afterwards – including performances by contestants and stars such as Jake Shears (Scissor Sisters). You can check out our ['FHS Music YouTube playlist'](#) [here](#).



Today, we hosted a Eurovision Singalong in the Drama Studio at lunchtime with a charity collection for the Ukraine on the door! We hope everyone who is watching the big event



tomorrow, whether in person in our wonderful city of Liverpool or on television, has a fantastic evening!

## ...Shooting for the Moon



Throughout the Summer, GCSE Astronomers will be using telescopes to study the features of the Moon. This is an image taken by Beth in Year 9. Tycho crater can be seen near the bottom of the image. The crater only formed relatively recently in astronomical terms (108 million year ago) so its ejecta rays, material ejected during the impact event, are still visible as bright streaks. Students will measure the shadow length inside the crater, calculate the scale and estimate the angle of the sun. This will allow them



to estimate the depth of the crater using trigonometry.

## ...Talking Tapas

Year 13 Spanish students enjoyed a great end of course meal at Lunya in Liverpool city centre this week. They tucked in Spanish style to a selection of traditional dishes finished off with churros and chocolate! Ms Lonsdale said that the 'sobremesa' chat with students showed what great company they all are and is testament to how both social and language skills grow in Spanish A Level!



## ...Musical Theatre Club

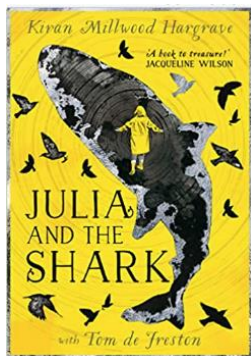


Our Year 9 and 10 Musical Theatre Company recently performed 'Legally Blonde Junior' The Musical to three sell out audiences in our School Drama Studio. Following this performance, we recreated a short version of the show to compete at the MTI Junior Theatre Festival at the ICC in Birmingham. 40 Youth groups, including children from the UK, USA and Europe, competed with a ten-minute snapshot of various musicals. Our FHS MT Company came home with the Dance Prize and Libby from Year 9 and Lana from Year 10 were chosen as our All Stars to perform on the main stage in the closing ceremony. Miss Donlevy featured in the teacher dance, delighting students with her robotic moves! The company enjoyed fantastic theatrical workshops run by Disney, learning original choreography from 'Aladdin'. A performance by Cassidy Janson, Olivier Award Winner, completed the evening. Many congratulations to all cast and crew on very successful show and competition.



## ...A Level Drama

On Friday 5 May, our Year 12 Drama A Level students completed their devised examination performances which is worth 30% of their overall grade. We had two groups showcase their ability both in performance, devising and technical theatre. Each group performed in the style of Stanislavski which allowed them to explore realistic characters, situations and leave the audience thinking. Well done to our Year 12 students – you all demonstrated professionalism, commitment and hard work during this exam and the process.



This week marks a break away from our Sefton Super Reads finalists as we have a fantastic new batch of books in the Library to get through. First up, *Julia and the Shark* by Kiran Hargrave. This book is beautifully illustrated and tells the mesmerising story of a family and its quest to find the elusive Greenland shark from the lighthouse Julia's father is to fix. This book has many themes including love and the importance of science and the environment. *Julia has followed her mum and dad to live on a remote island for the summer - her dad, for work; her mother, on a determined mission to find the elusive Greenland shark. But when her mother's obsession threatens to submerge them all, Julia*

*finds herself on an adventure with dark depths and a lighthouse full of hope.* The Sefton Super Reads is still ongoing with students across all Sefton High Schools reading and judging the six finalists. All six books are available in the Library.



## ... Pre-Loved Uniform

Our pre-loved uniform store has proven to be a really useful resource at Formby High School and as we draw close to the end of the term we wanted to ask that if possible any good quality items of uniform and PE kit that you no longer have a use for are donated to the store. We would welcome blazers, skirts, ties and any new style PE kit please. We have sufficient shirts, pinafores and trousers at this point but all of the other items would be gratefully received. Thank you!



## ...Sixth Form Matters

Year 13 will begin their study leave when the external examinations commence on Monday. The Sixth Form team has been impressed with all of their effort and hard work so far, and we wish them well for the next few weeks. The Sixth Form Centre will continue to be available for students to use the facilities for study and will be open each weekday from 7.30am-6pm. External BTEC Examinations have also started this week for our Year 12 students and continue over the next few weeks across a number of different subjects. Students have been working hard to prepare for these exams and we wish them all the best. After half term, Year 12 students will begin to prepare for life after Sixth Form and they, along with their parents, will be invited to a number of events that will be happening to support them with their next steps. We will also be providing opportunities to visit universities and have pencilled in trips to both Glasgow and Cambridge before we break for Summer. Please keep an eye on Class Charts and ParentMail for further information about all our upcoming events.

## ...Attendance Matters

Students should attend school every day they are able to. This is especially important as we seek to improve our attendance figures; by doing so we can ensure students achieve well, develop good social skills, and feel a greater sense of belonging at school. However, if there is an instance where your child is absent from school, please report this to the attendance line by 8:30am. We would ask that parents are clear and specific about the reason for absence and state a possible date of return. Our Attendance Officer may contact you if these details are not left to ensure the absence has been properly addressed. We thank parents for their continued support in trying to improve attendance at Formby High School.



## ...Progressive Masculinity

This week we were fortunate to have Mike from The Progressive Masculinity Programme at school to deliver workshops to twelve of our Year 9 boys. The workshop is designed to challenge existing misconceptions of masculinity (exploring socio-cultural influences) and to begin to reconstruct a more progressive model of masculinity. Working on key areas such as raising self-esteem, emotional intelligence and encouraging aspirational goals, the sessions aimed to tap in to the students' leadership potential and empower them to be the drivers for positive change at FHS. Mike described the boys as a 'credit to the school. They brought into the programme, approaching sensitive topics with open minds and honesty. On the feedback form one student stated 'men can be loyal, loving, resilient and respectful' – what an amazing thing for a young man to say.' The boys' leadership skills were developed and we are delighted that already one student who participated in the programme has spoken out to staff about sexism they have witnessed amongst peers. Both the workshop content and the engagement from the boys were exemplary.

## ... Sporting Matters

Well done to all our Year 11 girls who have successfully completed the Youth Sports Trust Stage 3 Life Skills Award, accredited by Sports Leaders UK. The girls worked very hard on the skills involved to achieve their awards, including resilience, collaboration, leadership, independence and confidence.



Well done to Charlotte, Ciaran, Rob, Charlie, Joe and Mr Hunt for officiating at the English Schools Football Association U16 boys and girls cup finals last week! Staying with refereeing, a shout out to ex-student Dan Hughes who has just been promoted to Level 5 as a grass roots football ref and to Rob (Year 12) for clinching the LCFA Grassroots Official of the Year award – amazing stuff!



Congrats too to Niamh (Year 8) who recently competed in the European Taekwondo Poomsae Club competition in Sofia, Bulgaria; she finished third in Individual category and won bronze medal!

## On the Horizon...

- ★ Dance / Musical Theatre Trip 'Sister Act' – 18 May
- ★ Tech Crew Eurovision Workshop – 23 May
- ★ Year 9 ESFA Cup Final (West Brom) – 24 May
- ★ Y10 Drama Devised Exam Performances – 25/26 May
- ★ DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition – 27/29 May
- ★ Half Term Holiday – 29 May to 2 Jun