



# FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, typically a very busy period, I would like to provide some important updates:

## Industrial Action

You may have heard reported in the news over the last week or so that the National Education Union (NEU) has called two further days of strike action on 5 and 7 July 2023. We are in the process of risk assessing the impact of teachers striking and I will write to you later this week to outline arrangements for the two days.

## Uniform

During the warm weather we have allowed students to dress down by not wearing their blazer and removing their tie if they wish to do so. We will continue to monitor the temperature and will retain the same measures if it remains high. I would like to remind you that students are not permitted to wear trainers to school and, given we still have four weeks remaining this term, I ask for your support in purchasing school shoes for your child if they are currently wearing trainers.

## Equipment

A school bag forms part of the [equipment list](#) for school and all students should bring a bag to school containing their books and equipment. Currently this is not the case and I should be grateful if you would ensure your child is fully equipped for school with a suitable bag and all equipment on the equipment list.

## Public Examinations

I would like to pass on my thanks and congratulations to the students who sat public examinations this summer for the manner in which they conducted themselves over the last six weeks. Their conduct was exemplary and they can now enjoy the long and well-earned summer break.

## PE Kit 2023-24

You will recall that a new, more cost effective PE kit was introduced in September 2022 and this year has been a year of transition from old to new. From September 2023, all students are required to wear the new style PE kit. Information about the FHS PE kit for 2023-24 can be found [on the School Uniform page on the school website](#). The school is currently exploring ways in which we could use any donations of old-style PE kit for charitable or recycling purposes. We will provide more information about this shortly.

## Punctuality

Can I please remind you that the school day begins at 8:50am each morning when students are expected to be in their tutor rooms. There has been an increase in students who arrive late to school and, moving forward, those who do not arrive on time without good reason will miss their morning break and receive a behaviour point on Class Charts. I hope I can rely on your support to ensure your child leaves the house in good time each morning to ensure they arrive in school on time.

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### **Safety Net Online Safety**

With the summer holidays just around the corner, children are looking forward to having more free time. This will, though, mean that they spend more time on online and I am aware that this can often be a concern for parents. [This information document](#) from Safety Net contains helpful information around keeping children safe online over the summer holidays. I do hope you find it useful.

### **Recognition & Reward**

This half term the school's Senior Leadership Team has been focusing on recognising and rewarding students who are consistently producing excellent classwork and homework. Their teachers have been sending them to us with their exercise books and I have to say that the quality of work they have been producing is exceptional.

### **Tes Schools Awards**

Finally, and on a very positive note, on Friday, Mrs Blanchard, Mr Cook, Mrs Warwick and I attended the national Tes Schools Awards at the Grosvenor House Hotel in London. Formby High School won the award for Inclusive School of the Year. It was a really proud moment and much deserved recognition of the work done over the years to develop provision for children with SEND and to ensure our most vulnerable children are well supported, cared for and feel part of our warm and welcoming community. There are plenty of photos on the school's Twitter feed for you to view.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D A Mackenzie'.

**Mr D A Mackenzie**  
**Headteacher**