



FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL

Determined to Achieve

DMA/LFO

July 2023

For the attention of all parents

Dear Parent

As the end of the school year approaches, I am writing to provide you with information about arrangements for the end of term and other important updates.

End of Term Arrangements

The last week of term will be a busy one as usual, please note the arrangements below:

Monday 17 July (Sports Day)

There will be an INSET session between 8:45am-11:00am for staff only and students should arrive promptly to school at 11:10am, ready for a tutor period at 11:15am in their form room. All students should arrive in school in their PE kit for Sports Day which will take place in the afternoon (with some field events in late morning). Please ensure your son/daughter brings a refillable water bottle in the event of warmer weather. You may wish to advise your child to bring along some spare change as there will be a tuck shop to raise funds for the Borneo trip in operation on Sports Day.

Tuesday 18 July

Tuesday is a normal school day for Years 7-10 and 12 with lessons as usual.

Wednesday 19 July (Rewards Trips Day)

After a year of hard work, rewards trips will be taking place on Wednesday for those students who have signed up and separate communications have been sent with arrangements for the day. Students remaining in school should attend in PE kit and will be required to arrive for 8:50am and report to the Dining Room where they will be registered.

Thursday 20 July

For the last day of term, students should arrive at the usual time in full school uniform. They will have an extended session with their tutor group before morning break. This will be followed by the end of year celebration assembly in the Sports Hall after which students will be dismissed from school (at approximately midday).

Lockers

Any students who are currently using a school locker must ensure that it is empty and the padlock removed by the end of the school day on Tuesday 18 July 2023. Any contents/padlocks remaining will be removed during the summer holiday to enable lockers to be cleaned.

Merseyrail

We have been asked by Merseyrail to share with students and their parents that, as a result of changes across the national rail network, they will be increasing fines for those travel on their trains without a ticket from 17 July 2023. More information can be found at this [link](#).

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Uniform and PE Kit

I would like to remind parents that the school's uniform expectations can be found in the [School Uniform](#) section of the school website and would ask that any purchases made for the new school year comply with these expectations. 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](#). As mentioned in our recent newsletter, we would welcome any donations of pre-loved uniform or old-style PE kit to a special charity project – supporting the [Olmalaika Trust](#) based in the Masai Mara area of Kenya and other Kenyan primary and secondary schools (with a combined intake of 1500 children) for boys and girls in the same region. Donations can be made at our main Reception on Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 July (we respectfully ask that all items are washed!).

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As we approach the final stages of another very busy academic year, I wanted to congratulate all members of the school community, including students, staff, parents, governors and all our supporting organisations, for living up to our school motto to the fullest. Achievement is not only academic, it spans all the extra-curricular clubs and activities and captures the time students give in support of others, their resilience in the face of challenge and ambition to push boundaries and succeed in all areas of school life. The final edition of 'FocusOn...', the school's fortnightly newsletter, will be published before the end of term. It is always an enjoyable and uplifting read, recording our students' achievement in the rich and varied opportunities that they have at Formby High School. I am very grateful to the staff who give up their time to allow this to happen and to the students for their participation.

Summer Showcase

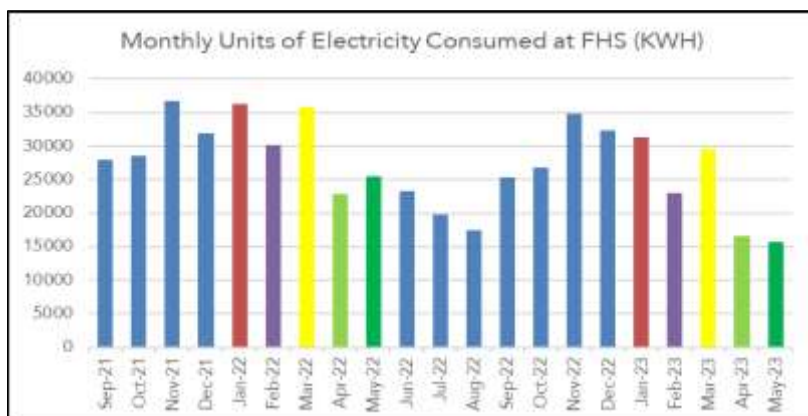
I had the pleasure of attending the annual summer showcase at The Atkinson theatre on Wednesday evening. As always, I was bowled over by the quality of the dance, drama and music performances, and would like to congratulate everybody involved.

ICT

During the summer break, 270 new computers will be installed across the school. This is the first stage in an ambitious programme of investment in ICT which will unfold over the next two years and will include upgrading of the ICT network infrastructure and Wi-Fi enablement across the site.

Positive Energy

You will be aware from earlier communications that the school recently installed solar panels throughout the school to support our collective efforts to improve our carbon footprint by seeking 'greener energy' sources. Along with efforts across the school to be more energy efficient (including switching off lights computers and other devices at the end of the school day), the solar panels are really helping us to make excellent progress in reducing our electricity consumption and costs. The graph below illustrates this perfectly and you can clearly see the impact of the solar panels that were installed in April 2023. Well done Team FHS!



A Level and GCSE Examination Results

We look forward to celebrating the success of our Year 13 and Year 11 students as they receive their GCSE and A Level results. Collection arrangements are as follows:

- Thursday 17 August (from 8:00am) – A Level and BTEC results
- Thursday 24 August (from 8:00am) – GCSE results

Start of Term Arrangements

Please note the arrangements for the start of the new academic year 2023-24.

Monday 4 September

INSET Day (staff only)

Tuesday 5 September

The following year groups should attend at the designated time.

Year Group	Time	Activity
Year 7	10:00am – 12:45pm	Welcome Assembly and Orientation
Year 12	11:00am – 12:30pm	Welcome Assembly and Orientation
Year 13	1:20pm – 2:00pm	Welcome Assembly

Wednesday 6 September

Term will commence fully for all students on Wednesday with all students required to report to their tutor room on arrival at 8:50am. This is with the exception of students in Year 12 who are asked to arrive at 11:00am, with their timetable commencing from Period 3. This will be a Week One.

Staff Leavers

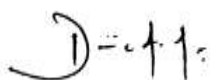
The following members of staff will be leaving Formby High School at end of this school year. They leave with our thanks and very best wishes for whatever the future may bring.

- Mrs Baker (Pastoral Support Worker)
- Miss Belford (Teaching Assistant)
- Mr Collins (Subject Leader for Art)
- Mr Hughes (Teacher of English)
- Mr Martin (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Mrs Maxwell (Teaching Assistant)
- Miss McDonald (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Miss Moffatt (Teaching Assistant)
- Mrs Salters (Teaching Assistant)

...and finally

After 11 very fulfilling years as Headteacher of Formby High School, I am moving on to pastures new and would like to offer you and your children my very best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher