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Celebrating our school and community

...A Very Warm Welcome

This is my first newsletter at Formby High and I really look forward to all the future issues of this fortnightly newsletter which is designed to celebrate all the fantastic things taking place at FHS, in the classroom and beyond. I know it will be action packed! I just want to say a big welcome to all our new students and parents and thank you to everyone who has given me such a warm welcome. The strength of this school community is palpable and I firmly believe that it is this connection and sense of belonging that forms the foundation of a happy and successful secondary education for every child at FHS. I look forward to continuing to develop and build on this, with you, over the years to come.



Mr Wood, Headteacher

...Year 7 Welcome

What a start Year 7! Can't quite believe you have almost been here two weeks already. Many Year 7s had a sneak preview of FHS by attending our fabulous Summer School in August. From developing theme parks for our Dragon's Den panel, to art, dance, sports and even an open top bus tour of Liverpool you worked really well as a team and built new friendships along the way. In September, you arrived looking like shiny new pennies with a wonderfully positive attitude. Mrs Edey said "Our Year 7 students have settled in very quickly and are making a great impression around school with

their enthusiasm and excellent manners. They will be excellent ambassadors at Open Evening next week!". On Monday afternoon many Year 7 and 8 students attended the Freshers Fair, a vibrant market place of extra-curricular offers, enabling students to sign up from clubs ranging from Coding Club to skateboarding.

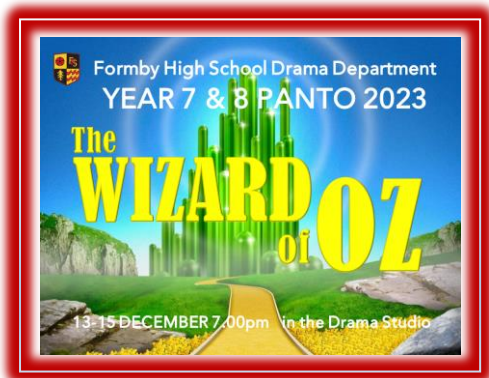


... Year 12 Welcome

We are delighted to welcome so many of our former Year 11 students as well as a number of students who have joined us from other schools. The Sixth Form Team have been so impressed by how well students have settled in. The feedback from their teachers has been fantastic and it is evident in the Common Room that they have established firm friendships already! Several students have expressed an interest in becoming ambassadors and helping out on Open Evening and we are delighted that they are establishing themselves as firm members Team Formby High. Our Sixth Form Team would like to thank all the parents of Year 12 who attended the information session on Wednesday evening which was offered to give them the guidance and information they need to be able to fully support their son/daughter throughout their time in Sixth Form. Things are off to a very positive start!



...Follow the Yellow Brick Road!



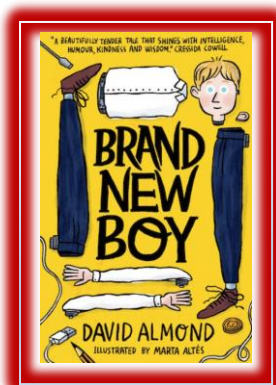
One of our favourite events of the Autumn term is our famous Christmas Pantomime. The Drama Department are delighted to confirm that this year's production will be *The Wizard of Oz*. The panto is open to Year 7 and 8 students, and the Drama Department would love to see as many of you audition as possible. Auditions take place at lunchtime on Monday 25 September in the Drama Studio. Students who turn up to audition will automatically be involved in the show. So follow the yellow brick road to the Drama Studio and you never know, you could be the next Dorothy!

...Polyglots

Our popular Polyglots Club got off to a great start in its 10th anniversary year! Since 2013 we have seen 51 additional GCSE grades and 17 AS/A levels from our bilingual students in languages such as Turkish, Greek, Russian, Arabic, Portuguese, Dutch, Italian, French, Spanish and Polish. With ex-students at university studying Spanish, French, Portuguese, Catalan and International Relations plus those who are heading off or just back from a year abroad in Paris, Seville, Barcelona, Lisbon and more, we are really putting Formby High School on the map! Welcome to our new Year 7 members of Polyglots Club who are just starting on their language journeys. German and Japanese are the two most popular languages students have chosen to learn this year. Remember: "It begins with a few words and phrases and that small investment can grow into a lifetime of interest, employment and opportunity." (John Worne: British Council). New members always welcome!

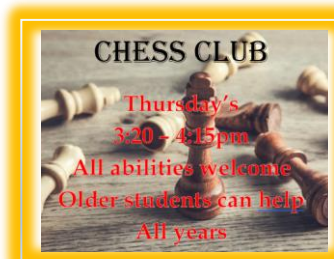


...Library Corner



With a new Headteacher, new school year and lots of new books in the Library, we just had to choose this book as our first book recommendation of the year didn't we? *Brand New Boy* introduces us to George, super clever and plays a mean game of football, but when his ear falls off in a lesson, his fellow pupils start to get suspicious! This is a story that will make readers think about what it is to be human, about how to live life to the fullest, and about the importance of love. Whilst this is a funny and easy to read book, it's also sad and rather profound in places,

but ending on a beautiful uplifting note. Come up to the Library A6 for this book and many more! The Library will also be the usual hive of activity with lots happening throughout the year – from Chess Club (open to all years after school on Thursdays) to Film Night (Years 7/8 after school on Mondays). Film night starts on Monday *Despicable Me!*



On the Horizon...

- ★ Y11 Human Geog Fieldwork – 19/26 Sep
- ★ Y7,9,11 and Sixth Form Student Photos – 27 Sep
- ★ OPEN EVENING 2023! – 21 Sep
- ★ Y7 Curriculum Info Evening – 2 Oct
- ★ Y13 Geog Fieldwork – 25 Sep
- ★ Y12 Meet the Professionals – 11 Oct