



FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL

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1 September 2023

Dear Parents of Students in Years 8-13

It is my great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of Formby High School. I hope you and your family have enjoyed the summer break and that your child shares in my anticipation and excitement for the school year ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge my predecessor, Mr Mackenzie, for the significant contribution he made to Formby High School and thank him for his support in managing my transition to the school over recent months. Naturally, I understand that a change of leadership can be unsettling, so I would like to reassure you that my priority will be ensure that Formby High School remains the happy and thriving school it has always been. I am keen to get to know our students, staff and parents and work with them to further improve the school, but the fundamentals of Formby High School will remain unchanged: strong values, high standards and aspirations, and a determination to provide the best possible education for all.

As the new school year draws nearer, I am writing to confirm arrangements for the start of term and provide you with some other important dates.

Start of the New School year

A brief outlined of the start of the new school year is set out below:

- **Monday 4 September** – INSET day (school closed to students)
- **Tuesday 5 September** – induction for Year 7 and Sixth Form students only:
 - Year 7: arrival at 10:00am (students will be dismissed after lunch at 12:45pm)
 - Year 12: arrival at 11:00 for Welcome Assembly and Orientation
 - Year 13: arrival at 1:20pm for Welcome Assembly and Orientation
- **Wednesday 6 September** – all year groups normal timetable (week one). Students should report to their tutor room on arrival where they will be issued with their timetable for the new year. This is except for Year 12 who will arrive to school at 11:00am and report to the Sixth Form Centre Common Room to collect their timetable.

Attendance and Punctuality

It is very important that your child aspires to achieve 100% attendance at Formby High School and arrives to school on time and ready for learning each day. The link between attendance and achievement is clear. Good attendance and punctuality habits enable your child to establish a strong routine and optimise their learning and experience throughout high school. Please understand that I am unable to authorise holidays during term time (unless in exceptional circumstances) and the term dates for this school year can be found at the end of this letter for your information. If your child needs to attend medical or dental appointments, we ask that you try to book these outside of school hours wherever possible.

Standards, School Uniform and Equipment

Formby High School has high expectations regarding school uniform as we consider this to be a crucial part of our students' attitude to, and readiness for, learning. Our standards and expectations are non-

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negotiable, and I politely request your support in ensuring that our students respect and adhere to them. Information regarding uniform requirements is readily available in the [Key Information/Uniform](#) section of our website. The school has a selection of pre-loved school uniform – please contact Mrs Brooks (Pastoral Outreach Worker) at school if you would like to access this.

We have streamlined the equipment list (see below) and stocks of these items are available to purchase from the school stationery shop (in the General Office). Regular equipment checks will take place during morning tutor sessions.



Key Diary Dates for Autumn Term 1

- Wednesday 13 September (6pm) – Sixth Form Matters Evening (Years 12 and 13 students/parents)
- Thursday 21 September 2023 (5:30pm-7:45pm) – Open Evening. **Please note that only Year 11 students will attend school on this day for a workshop event.*

Contact Details

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that contact information held by the school is accurate – if you have had any changes to telephone/email/home address information and have not updated the school, please do so by emailing enquiries@formbyhighschool.com. For full information on how Formby High School manages personal data (how it is collected, stored and processed by the school) please refer to our [Privacy Notice on the school website](#).

I trust this information is helpful and I look forward to meeting all our students next week at the start of this new school year.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Wood
Headteacher

Enc: Term Dates 2023/24



TERM DATES 2023/24

Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4 September Tuesday 5 September	INSET Day 1 (staff only) Term commences for Years 7, 12 and 13 only Year 7 Welcome Assembly 10:00am Year 13 Induction Assembly 11:00am Year 12 Welcome Assembly 1:20pm
Wednesday 6 September Thursday 21 September Friday 20 October	Normal Timetable All Years School open to Year 11 only (am) / Open Evening INSET Day 2 (staff only)
Monday 23 – Friday 27 October	Half Term
Monday 30 October Friday 1 December Wednesday 20 December	Term resumes INSET Day 3 (staff only) Term ends

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4 January	Term commences
Monday 12 – Friday 16 February	Half Term
Monday 19 February Tuesday 20 February Thursday 28 March Friday 29 March	INSET 4 (staff only) Term resumes for students Term ends BANK HOLIDAY (Good Friday)

Summer Term 2024

Thursday 11 April Monday 6 May	Term commences School closed – May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 27 May – Friday 31 May	Half Term
Monday 3 June Friday 21 June Friday 19 July	Term resumes INSET Day 5 (staff only) Term ends