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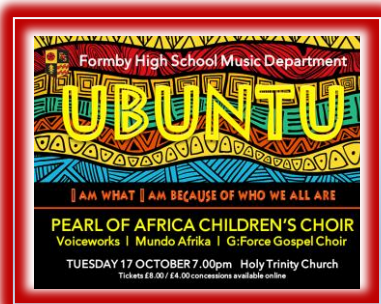
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Celebrating our school and community

...What's on at the Box Office?



With so much going on in our Creative Arts calendar, we have introduced a new [Box Office](#) page on the school website which will



keep everyone updated on upcoming events and shows on offer at FHS and beyond! Next up on the calendar is the return of the amazing [Pearl of Africa Children's Choir](#), visiting us once again from Uganda. The choir visits the UK regularly to raise funds for the charity which aims to break the cycle of poverty for Ugandan children by investing in education, health, water and sustainable food programmes. The choir will be in school all day on Tuesday 17 October sharing their fantastic music in student assemblies, practising with our very own Voiceworks and Mundo Afrika choirs, and fundraising through sale of unique Ugandan crafts. In the evening, the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir will be joined by G:Force Community Choir, Voiceworks and Mundo Afrika for the UBUNTU concert at Holy Trinity Church at 7pm. Limited tickets still available on [Eventbrite](#). On Thursday 19 October, our school rock bands will take to the stage in the Drama Studio for our first Band Night. Get your air guitars at the ready and join us for



what promises to be a great musical evening - tickets are limited, so please book early via [Eventbrite](#) to avoid disappointment!

... Meet the Professionals



Year 12 had the opportunity to talk to professionals from a wide range of career sectors during enrichment last Wednesday at the annual 'Meet the Professionals' event. From marine engineers and helicopter pilots to accountants and scriptwriters, the sixth formers were able to find out about a diverse collection of careers. This allowed students the chance to ask questions and gain insight into what each career path might involve. We would like to thank all the delegates very much for giving up their time and being so helpful in their discussions. The professionals commented on the maturity and curiosity that our students displayed and that, as always, they enjoyed attending the event. Well done Year 12 for engaging so well and representing FHS in such a positive way! Year 12s will be completing their Career Experience week in early Spring (11-15 March) 2024. Mrs MacDunne delivered an assembly on this important



week as students need to explore placement opportunities because they are required to self-place. Staying with Careers focus, students in Years 10-12 have the opportunity to attend the 'Alternatives to Medicine' talk which is taking place in the Library on Monday 16 October at 3:30pm. Our next Careers Breakfast (open to all year groups) will be delivered by a Police Officer on Wednesday 18 October (8am) in the Library.

...Meet the Chef!

At the end of September, we welcomed a new Chef to the dining rooms, Chef Manager Saju Thomas. Mr Thomas is from South India and moved to Dubai in 1999. Whilst in Dubai, he worked at Dubai Wafi Hospitality cooking meals for the guests, as well as training new chefs. During his time in Dubai Mr Thomas won the Best Starter Award in the annual Dubai Culinary Competition! Since moving to England he has worked as a senior chef at the M&S Bank Arena and was the Group Executive Chef at The Grand in Southport. A very warm welcome to Chef Thomas from everyone at FHS.



... Mathletes Club

Mental exercise and agility is equally important as physical exercise and our Mathematics department were excited to launch the 2023-24 Mathletes Clubs last week. The Intermediate group are investigating Factorials, using the symbol '!'. $3!$ means $3 \times 2 \times 1$ and $10!$ means $10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$. Factorials are really useful and can be used in real life if you work in a logistics role or work in an industry like finance or software. The Juniors participated in a Team Relay – try this question and let Mrs Bennett / Mr Duckworth know if you can solve it
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What is the four-digit number in which the first digit is one-third the second, the third is the sum of the first and second, and the last is three times the second?

Mathletes Junior (Years 7 and 8) takes place at 12:45pm on Thursday (week 1) in Room C2. Mathletes Intermediate (Year 9 and 10) takes place at 12:45pm on Thursdays in Room A11.

...Sixth Form Matters

As always, there has been lots happening in Sixth Form over the past fortnight. Wednesday was jam packed with different things going on – including Year 12 Meet the Professionals and a Year 13 visit to Weightmans Solicitors with Mrs Halton to learn about their Degree Apprenticeship programme. The visit was highly informative and allowed the students to gain valuable knowledge about this post-18 pathway. In addition, four Year 13 History students (Oscar, Beth, Sami and Kiera) took part in the Lessons from Auschwitz programme with the Holocaust Educational Trust. They travelled to Poland and visited the Auschwitz-Birkenau site as part of their training to become Holocaust Education Ambassadors. They will now complete a follow up seminar and then a 'Next Steps' programme back at school to share what they have learned with younger students.



...GOSH You did Well!



Last week students in Years 7/8 ran 5k in their PE lessons to raise money to help build the new Children's Cancer Centre at Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH), as part of the [RBC Race for the Kids campaign](#). A massive well done to all involved – you have raised an incredible £438.50!

...SENDing Key Messages

Today, Mrs Warwick is in London at the SEND Leadership Summit, joining influential leaders and national SEND experts. She has been invited to speak at the conference to share with others our inclusive ethos and success in being named TES Inclusive School of the Year. The aim is to inspire other schools around the country to follow our lead in their commitment to supporting students with additional needs and develop effective SEND support nationally.



...Library Corner

With Halloween fast approaching we are going 'old school scary' with Goosebumps series! R.L. Stine wrote hundreds of horror fiction novels just for children. The unpredictability, plot twists and cliff-hanger endings deliver what Stine called a "a safe scare" for children and the books are still popular today. Come up to the Library to see our selection of scary novels... if you dare!

...Attendance Matters

We have made a good start to the new year regarding attendance but at Formby High School it remains pertinent to remind students and parents about the importance of having good attendance and punctuality. Please remember that, in line with government guidance, you do not need to test your child for Covid-19. Similarly, if your child has cold like symptoms, we do not expect them to be absent unless, of course, they are too unwell to attend school. We would welcome the support of parents in encouraging their child to attend school every day they are able to. If you would like to discuss your child's attendance please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Harrison-Forsyth (Assistant Headteacher i/c of Attendance) or our Attendance Team (Mrs Johnson and Mrs Hesk) via the following email in the first instance: attendance@formbyhighschool.com.



...Flu Vaccinations

The Sefton Immunisations Team have asked us to remind parents that the nasal flu vaccination is being offered to all secondary school children, up to Year 11. The flu vaccination will be given to students with consent at FHS on Wednesday 22 November 2023. To ensure your child does not miss out on their flu spray you must opt in or opt out here <https://econsent.mersecare.nhs.uk/>. Please complete the consent form as soon as possible if you have not yet done so. If your child subsequently receives the flu vaccination at their GP or in the community, please ensure that you inform the Sefton Immunisations Team on 0151 247 6130.

...Sporting Matters

Our Staff Football Team is back in action (supported by some energetic sixth formers to bolster numbers) and recently played the Range High School staff team, with the final score of 3-3 reflecting the tight game.



We are delighted to hear that two of our students, Olivia (Y12) and Niamh (Y9), have been selected to represent Great Britain at the upcoming European Taekwondo Championships in Austria this November.

The girls fly out to Innsbruck with the team on 22 November and they leave with a big "Good Luck" wish from all here at FHS.



On the Horizon...

- ★ Y13 Geography Fieldwork – 16 Oct
- ★ Pearl of Africa Choir Visit – 17 Oct
- ★ Y12/13 Drama Residential London – 18-20 Oct
- ★ INSET (Staff Only) – 20 Oct
- ★ Half Term – 23 to 27 Oct
- ★ Return of Staff and Students – 30 Oct