



# FORMBY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

As we reach the end of the autumn term, I would like to extend my thanks to students, parents and staff for their support, effort and hard work over the last few months. The last term has been typically busy and action-packed, and I have very much enjoyed getting to know the school community during my first term as headteacher.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few important messages and updates with you in preparation for the end of term and start of the next half term.

## End of term arrangements

Term ends on Wednesday 20 December. Students should attend school as normal at 8:50am in full school uniform for an extended morning tutor period, followed by the end of term celebration assembly. Students will be dismissed from school at approximately 12:00 midday. They do not need to bring a bag to school and should ensure any possessions they keep in school are taken home prior to Wednesday.

## Christmas Events

These last few weeks in school have been very vibrant with lots of events and activities taking place as we approach the festive season. Well done to Year 7/8 students for an outstanding 'Wizard of Oz' panto on three sold-out nights. My thanks go to everyone involved, whether on stage or behind the scenes, for keeping this time-honoured Formby High tradition alive. Our festive calendar ends this evening with our Christmas Celebration Concert at Holy Trinity Church in Formby.

## Charitable Donations

We have once again seen the generosity of the Formby High community with our festive fundraising this year. From Save the Children, local foodbanks to the Whitechapel Centre for the homeless across the Liverpool area, your support will be warmly received and make a big difference to those who benefit from your contributions.

## Sixth Form Admissions

Following a very busy Sixth Form Open Evening last month, we are receiving a healthy number of applications for September 2024. If your son/daughter is in Year 11 and has not yet completed an application form, please encourage him/her to do so via our [online application form on the school website](#) as soon as possible.

## Uniform and Equipment

Throughout this term, students have responded very well to daily uniform and equipment checks by form tutors. If, however, there are any uniform issues that need to be addressed I would be grateful if this is done during the Christmas break. Please carefully check our uniform policy before buying replacement items. In terms of addressing any equipment needs, stationery items make for very good stocking fillers!

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### Adverse Weather Conditions

Whilst we have been very fortunate with unseasonably warm weather in recent days, I would like to remind you that any communication to parents about possible or partial closure in the event of adverse weather conditions will be via the school website and ParentMail. Students will also receive communications via Class Charts. If snow is forecast, I ask that you check the school website regularly for updates.

### Student Safety

I wish to appeal to all of our students to keep themselves safe over the Christmas period, both when out and about in the community and when online. To support parents in relation to internet safety, I would like to draw your attention to some excellent resources on the National Online Safety website which you can access by [clicking this link](#). The website features lots of good information parents may find useful.

### Start of Spring Term Arrangements

Term will begin for all students at **8:50am on Thursday 4 January 2024**. Students should arrive promptly and fully prepared for a full day of teaching – please note that this will be a Week 2 timetable.

### Key Diary Dates for Spring Term 1 2024

- Return of staff and students (Thursday 4 January)
- All Years HPV Catch-up Vaccinations (8 January)
- Years 12/13 Subject Consultation Evening (11 January)
- Year 11 PPEs (w/b 15 January)
- The Groove Dance Show (24 January)
- Year 11 Practice Interviews (25/26 January)
- Year 9 (FOR) Subject Consultation Evening (1 February)
- FoFHS Big Quiz Night (3 February)
- Year 9 (MBY) Subject Consultation Evening (8 February)
- Half Term Holiday (12-16 February)
- INSET Day (Staff Only) (19 February)
- Return of students (20 February) for Spring Term 2

Finally, on behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and the very best for a happy and successful New Year.

Yours sincerely

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

Mr A Wood  
Headteacher