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Celebrating our school and community

...Time to Get into 'The Groove'

Our dance students from across Years 7 to 13 are working hard in their final preparations for Formby High School's annual dance showcase 'The Groove'. The show will take place at The Atkinson theatre in Southport next Wednesday 24 January at 7pm. This showcase never fails to amaze the audience with the quality, creativity and collaboration between students involved. Tickets are still available from The Atkinson using this link: [Formby High School: The Groove Dance Show - The Atkinson](#)



...Careering Ahead



Year 11 have completed their latest round of Pre-Public Examinations last week and approached them with great maturity. We are confident that if they continue with this tremendous work ethic through to the finish line in summer, they will have much to celebrate on results day! Next week, every student in Year 11 will have the opportunity to have a practice interview with a visiting professional who will provide advice and guidance on their application, interview performance and pointers for success! These practice interviews, taking place over two days on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 January, would not be possible without the

time donated by our volunteers from a vast array of professions. This event is part of our Careers Education that helps to prepare students for life beyond school. The next date on the calendar will be our Careers Fair in March – open to all years. If you are a professional and would like to offer your support to these important activities to benefit our students, please contact careers@formbyhighschool.com. In March Year 10 and Year 12 students will also spend a week at work placements as part of their work experience / career experience week to give them valuable experience in the world of work and a first hand insight into potential future careers.

... Languages and Culture

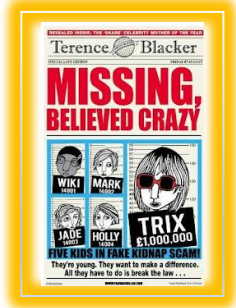
On Wednesday, Year 12/13 students had the opportunity to attend a webinar with Lancaster University on understanding Spain's past. It was great to see answers in the chat from History and Politics students as well as the Spanish A Level group on topics such as the second republic, the transition to democracy and the role that culture had to play in the opposition to the Franco regime. The Year 13 Spanish group had a second webinar today; it was impressive to see the students following a university-level webinar all in Spanish and asking questions related to the politically controversial monument 'el valle de los caídos'.

...Attendance Matters

Over the coming week we will be sharing some updates about your child's attendance last term with a view to encouraging them to see spring term as a fresh start and an opportunity to be in school every day they are able. We thought this would be a timely point to remind parents of the NHS guidance [is my child too ill for school](#). It is never too late to benefit from periods of improved attendance; research shows not only obvious links between academic performance and attendance but also that regular school attendance facilitates positive peer relationships. From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child; attendance counts.

...Library Corner

The Librarian's latest pick is a laugh out loud book by Terence Blacker. *Missing, Believed Crazy!* introduces us to an unlikely gang of supercrims. Brainy scholarship-boy Wiki, glam American superbrat Jade, too-cool-for-school Mark, everyone's best friend Holly. Then there was Trix. It was her brilliant idea in the first place - a very different way of helping children in need. A bit like Robin Hood, only more illegal and with round-the-clock coverage by the world's media. A kidnap. A rural hideaway. Some celebs. A load of money. What could possibly go wrong? Come up to the library to find out!



...The Great Big Quiz Night



Our Friends of Formby High School (FoFHS) PTA extend a big welcome to members of our school community to join us for The Great Big Quiz Night on Saturday 3 February. Fundraising forms a major part of the work of FoFHS and over recent years this has included funding the school minibuses, the redevelopment of the School Library and creation of an 'activities quad' with outdoor table tennis tables and games. This entertaining event is always one of the highlights of our year and will take place in the School Hall, here at Formby High School, starting at 7.00pm. Tickets for the 'The Great Big Quiz Night' are now available priced at £10.00 and will include a light supper halfway through the evening. Guests are welcome to

bring their own drinks and nibbles. Seating will be at tables in teams of up to 10. Smaller groups will be accommodated. Tickets are on sale via Eventbrite using this web link:

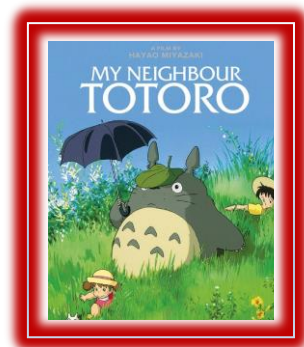
<https://fofhsquiznight2024.eventbrite.co.uk>

...TS Champion 2024

A big congratulations Maya in Year 11 who has been named a TS Champion 2024! The Tourettes Action **TS Champion programme** brings together young people to advocate for and talk about TS and Tic Disorders in their local community and before their peers at school and clubs. Maya underwent a thorough application process, including creating a short video explaining why she wanted to become a TS Champion, and was chosen as one of the five new ambassadors for 2024. Throughout her one year in this role, she has been tasked with a number of activities including writing a blog for the TA website, distributing awareness leaflets in her local area, presentations to school, fundraising and promoting Tourette's Awareness Month. Good luck and a massive well done to Maya!



...Monday Night is Film Night!



Every Monday is Film Night in the Library at FHS and is becoming increasingly popular. Recently, students have been enjoying anime films and this continues on Monday 22 January with *My Neighbour Totoro* (U). *My Neighbour Totoro* is an enchanting coming-of-age story exploring the magical fantasy world of childhood and the transformative power of imagination, as it follows one extraordinary summer in the lives of sisters Satsuki and Mei. The film will start after school with an approximate finish time of 4.50pm.

On the Horizon...

- ★ Y9 Options Info Eve for Parents – 22 Jan
- ★ Dance Show – 24 Jan
- ★ Y11 Practice Interviews – 25/26 Jan
- ★ Y9 (FOR) Subject Consultation Eve – 1 Feb
- ★ Y12 University & Apprenticeship Fair – 2 Feb
- ★ FoFHS Quiz Night – 3 Feb