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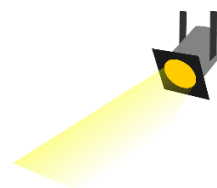
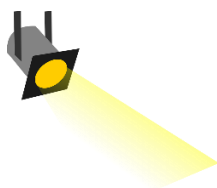


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Celebrating our school and community

...What a Spectacular!

The annual dance showcase, The Groove, took place on 24 January 2024 at The Atkinson Theatre, Southport. Involving students from across Years 7 to 13, performances took the audiences through a journey of dance expression worthy of the professional stage. Mr Wood, for whom this was his first experience of the event, said "I cannot overstate how proud I was to witness the exceptional talent of our dancers of all ages at this incredible show. The quality of choreography and production was outstanding. I knew that Formby High School was renowned for its prowess in the creative arts but this simply blew me away! Everyone involved should be very, very proud of themselves, as am I."



...Sixth Form Matters

The UCAS deadline for our Year 13 students passed on Wednesday, with 96 students submitting applications to universities up and down the country for a range of courses. We have already had lots of positive news, with many receiving offers back and now working towards achieving the grades required to gain their places. Apprenticeship opportunities continue to be released and we look forward to sharing news of students gaining places here too. Sixth Form students in both Year 12 and Year 13 have upcoming PPEs after the half term

break. Year 12 will sit examinations during the week of the 26 February, whereas Year 13 students will sit examinations on 26 February and 4 March **ONLY**. Earlier this week, Year 12 and 13 Languages students took part in a campus tour at the University of Liverpool, a lecture on the Conquest of the Americas, followed by a question and answer session with degree students to pick up some top tips. To finish there was a taster Catalan session led by a confident multilingual final year degree student who was an excellent French/Spanish/Catalan speaking role model for our own linguists.



...Attendance Matters

You will have seen in our recent correspondence that we have noticed an increase in lateness to school since returning from the Christmas break. Students should be at their tutor room, or assembly, for 8:50 not arriving at the gate then. We would welcome your support in discussing punctuality with your child and encouraging them to follow good morning and evening routines to help with this. Persistent lateness to school can have a huge impact on a child's educational journey due to time lost with their tutor group. More than that, though, it all adds up; students who are five minutes late every day would have lost approximately three days from school or the equivalent of 16 lessons lost! Being punctual is a skill our young people will need when they move beyond school and developing it now will make a difference in the future.



Nine members of the the FHS Cross Country team were selected to represent Sefton Schools at the Merseyside County Championships and competed at a very muddy Arrowe Park on the Wirral. All finished well, some wearing just one running shoe which was later recovered! Two of our Athletes, Sydney (Year 10) and Eddie (Year 9) have qualified to represent Merseyside Schools at the County Championships to be held in Pontefract on 16 March. Well done to all. Also, we have a number of students

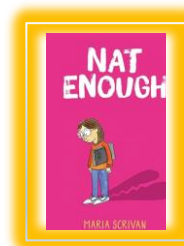
representing the school in regional competitions this week: Naomi, Jess and Chloe (Northern Trampolining Competition in Wakefield), Elizabeth, Lucie, Erin, Charlotte (representing North West schools in the National Schools Team Cup competition in Blackburn). Good luck to all of you!

...Sporting Matters

...Library Corner

Nat Enough by Maria Scrivan has made it onto the Sefton Super Reads Long List (more SSR 24 information coming soon). This comic style book will appeal to Dork Diary or Wimpy Kid readers. It's the story of Natalie, who has never felt good enough at home, school, talent or her style. Nat soon discovers she is not even good enough for her best friend anymore. As she tries to get her friend back, she learns more about herself and her talents! A heartfelt story about friendship. But will it make the SSR

24 Short list? After half term, up in the library, we are going a bit retro! We have a collection of DVDs for staff and students to borrow. From old funnies such as Ghostbusters to FHS Film Studies essentials...pop up to find out more! (*All DVDs loaned following age-appropriate guidelines*).



On the Horizon...

- ★ Y9 (MBY) Subject Consultation Eve – 8 Feb
- ★ Half Term Holiday – 12 to 16 Feb
- ★ INSET (staff only) – 19 Feb
- ★ Y9 Options Interviews – w/c 20 Feb
- ★ Y11 GCSE Drama Exam – 22/23 Feb
- ★ Y12 PPEs – w/c 26 Feb