

# FOCUSON...



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## Celebrating our school and community

### ...Red Nose Day



Once again, our huge thanks to the generosity of the FHS community who pulled together on Red Nose Day last Friday, raising **£1,298** for this amazing cause. It is really heartwarming to witness our strength of community during such fundraising activities, particularly seeing so many students energised and working together to support others in need.



### ...Maths Marvels

We are very proud of our Year 9 and 10 mathematicians, who achieved certificates in the UKMT Maths Challenge. Special mention goes to Eric (Y9) who achieved a Gold certificate and automatic entry into the follow-on round, known as the Grey Kangaroo. Watch this space for news on how it goes! Here's a question from the paper for you to try (one of 25 questions on the paper, for which one hour is allowed).

5. The ages of Grannie's seven grandchildren are consecutive positive integers. The youngest three grandchildren have a mean age of 6. What is the mean age of the oldest three grandchildren?

A 8

B 9

C 10

D 11

E 12

Also, a big shout out to 26 Year 11 Maths students who gained pass grades in their National Level 3 Algebra assessment, sat in January. Students needed to score 66% or higher to gain the pass grade. The students had studied for this qualification on top of their regular Maths GCSE, gaining valuable UCAS points already to help them with university applications in the coming years. All the students worked incredibly hard and this will stand them in good stead to push on for high grades in their Maths GCSE's this summer. Congratulations Imogen, Lana, Reece and James who all scored over 80 out of 90, and especially Oscar, who top scored with a staggering 87!



### ...Modern Languages

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the school round of the Anthea Bell translation competition through Queen's College Oxford. School winners to be announced soon for those who have been selected for the national competition. We had a regional winner last year so fingers crossed for another this year! Good luck also to all our GCSE and A level linguists who are sitting their speaking exams after Easter. Keep checking Class Charts for support materials.



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## ...FHS Rocks the Socks!



Thursday 21 March was the World Down Syndrome Day 2024, a world event which aims to raise awareness about Down Syndrome and inform members of the public about this often misunderstood disability, and about the prejudices people with Down Syndrome face each day. The FHS community gets behind this awareness raising day every year by inviting everyone to 'rock their socks', wearing bright odd socks to school on this day. Mrs Hannaway, who coordinates this awareness day at FHS, sent us this wonderful 'photo from Southport Waterloo Athletics Club T20 to say thank you for the support!



## ...Easter Decorating Club



Following the success of the Year 8 Christmas Cake Decorating Club, some Year 7s had the opportunity to join the Easter Decorating Club. Over the last few weeks they have made, filled and decorated their own Easter eggs, and made batches of Rocky Road as Easter gifts. This talented bunch have outdone themselves!



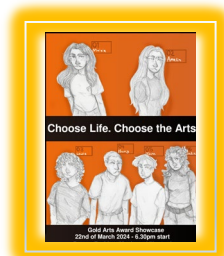
## ...Attendance Matters



As you will be aware, we are continuing with our focus around sustaining and improving attendance here at school. This week all students have received an assembly around the benefits of good school attendance with a particular focus on why 90% might be good in a test but maybe not so good for attendance. Parents can access the presentation in the [Attendance](#) section of our website. We will also be shortly sending out Personal Attendance Reports which will help you, and your child, understand their attendance so far this year in comparison to their peers and the wider school community. We hope this helps with generating conversation about school attendance, especially as we begin to move towards our final term of this academic year.

## ...Gold Arts Award

Good luck to our Gold Arts Award students who are delivering their showcase portfolios of all their hard work this evening (6.30-8pm in the Drama Studio). Their portfolios cover many different arts genres including, music, dance choreography, illustration and fashion. Tickets are free – they would love to see you there!



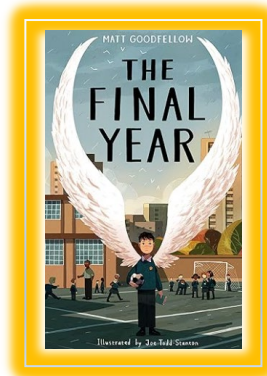
## ...Sefton Super Reads



Sefton High Schools and Crosby Library all take part in an annual book competition called Sefton Super Reads. The final six books have been chosen by local high school librarians (including our very own) and now it's over to the students to decide which book is the best! We have already started reading at FHS and if any students are interested in taking part, please call into the Library to speak to Mrs Ambrose. Let the 2024 competition begin!

## ...Library Corner

Our book recommendation is *The Final Year* by Matt Goodfellow. This book is one of our Sefton Super Read 2024 finalists, and just may win it! (It is Mrs Ambrose's favourite up in the Library). It is a powerful novel written in verse and packs a punch! *The tale of ten-year-old Nate who lives with his mum and two younger brothers, Jax aged eight and Dylan, who's four and thinks he's Spiderman. The brothers are a tight little unit and, as the eldest, Nate takes care of the younger brothers. Readers will connect with Nate's intense feelings of pain, sadness, anger and love.* Our school copies are already popular and on loan but come and add your name to the waiting list – it is well worth the wait!



## ...Sporting Matters



Last Saturday two of Formby High School's athletes represented *Merseyside County Schools* at the English School Championships in Pontefract. Sydney finished 154<sup>th</sup> in the Inter Girls race and the team finished overall in 8<sup>th</sup> position out of 44 counties, Eddy finished 80<sup>th</sup> overall in the Junior Boys race, the team finished overall 7<sup>th</sup> out of 44 counties. Huge well done to both. Well done to all those involved in the Southport and Formby Y7/8 Girls Football this week – Year



8 securing a third place spot! Our Year 7 boys football team also won their Merseyside Cup fixture (1-0) this week, well done! Thanks to all the girls who took part in the Southport and Formby Netball Tournament and a massive congrats to Year 10 who finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place! Finally, wishing everyone preparing to depart to Marbella on the Sports Tour during the Easter break a ¡buen viaje!



## ...DoE Volunteers and Animal Lovers

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, our students do a minimum of three months volunteering and many have volunteered to work with animals. A popular voluntary activity with our Bronze cohort is supporting the vulnerable (elderly) by walking their dogs, whilst others have found other interesting activities. Felix Johnson (Y9 - Bronze) regularly helps out feeding the livestock at a local farm. Sophia Ashcroft (Y10 - Silver) grooms and tacks the horses at Bowlers Riding School on a weekly basis. Charlotte McGeoch (Y10 - Silver) volunteers on a weekly basis at an animal rescue centre. Well done to all of our students volunteering in the local community in whatever capacity. You are making a difference, and we are extremely proud of you all.



## On the Horizon...

- ★ DofE Gold Training Day – 23 Mar
- ★ Spring Concert – 25 Mar
- ★ Walk for Autism – 26 Mar
- ★ All Years Careers Fair – 27 Mar
- ★ Easter Holidays – Fri 29 Mar to Wed 10 Apr
- ★ Y9/10 Marbella Tour – 31 Mar
- ★ Return of staff and students – Thu 11 Apr