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Celebrating our school and community

...Breaking News

After a very long planning and development phase, we are really pleased to finally see ground being broken for our new SEN unit. Works began in earnest this week as we said goodbye to the former caretaker's lodge which will make space for our new unit. The SEN unit will enable FHS to help support the local authority in meeting the significant demand for capacity across the borough. This cognition and learning specialist 'Reaching High' SEN unit will blend the best features of mainstream with the unique features of specialist provision, providing a low sensory and nurturing SEN unit where students thrive. The unit will enable the delivery of a personalised, needs led core curriculum, underpinned by specialist teaching approaches, and a 'life, living employability' skills curriculum complemented by therapeutic and holistic support. In future newsletters, we will keep you updated with this project as it moves towards the anticipated opening in mid-autumn 2024. Sticking with our Reaching High curriculum, students recently took a journey to experience interactive LU learning and had great time! The interactive software encourages active learning - literally! Students took part in a range of Maths and Science activities. We extend our thanks to Foundations For Life for hosting our visit.



...Community Connections through Charity

Last summer, you may recall we asked for donations of old-style FHS PE kit, with the intention of shipping it over to good causes in Kenya. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of FHS students and their parents, we collected rather a lot of PE kit...15 large boxes worth in fact! The kit was boxed up, shipped and has now landed at the Olmalaika Trust, a home for orphaned and abused children close to the Masai Mara. The uniforms are in regular use on the sports field as you can see from the photos! Indeed, there was so much kit donated and shipped that the Olmalaika Trust was able to share some of it with other local schools and churches. So if you are ever passing through Kenya, keep your eye out for the red and black of an FHS PE kit! Many thanks to all parents and students who donated the kit, and the FHS team for collecting it in. We would like to thank one of our governors for his support in bringing together this great community connection.



...A Taste of Languages and Culture

The Year 12 and 13 Modern Language groups enjoyed the annual Sixth Form visit to Lunya tapas restaurant in Liverpool. As true linguists, they chatted non-stop to each other about culture, travel, language and of course food! A true credit to themselves, their families and to our sixth form. Their 'sobremesa' chat was a delight and they enjoyed the range of tapas sampled with 'churros y chocolate' to finish!



... DofE Bronze



A huge 'well done' to 52 of our Year 9 students who took part in their practice expedition for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award at Scarisbrick Hall last weekend. Mr Duckworth said that the students showed lots of resilience on the walks, great teamwork when cooking and camping, and it was great to see them

respecting our environment. Their qualifying expedition is in Wigan at Charity Farm next weekend, lets wish them all the best of luck!



...Maths SUMS

On 26 March Year 12 students, Lola, Niamh and Sophia attended an event at Liverpool University, run by the Advanced Maths Support Programme, called SUMS (Steps to University Mathematics). It gave the girls a great insight into university life and Maths/Science courses, which they are all interested in. The day was full of problem-solving activities, which allowed our students to work with other like-minded peers in groups and as individuals. It also gave them the opportunity to speak to current students from the University, who are studying a range of STEM-based courses. Overall, the girls said this was a great experience, and they enjoyed spending time on a university campus and learning more about our future steps to university.



...Musical Theatre Company



Our Musical Theatre Company enjoyed a wonderful evening at the NODA (National Operatic and Dramatic Association) regional awards ceremony at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool after winning four trophies for our performance of Sister Act Jr. The company are also off to the ICC in Birmingham next week to compete at the International Musical Theatre Festival.

...LFC Onside

Year 8 students who completed the Onside programme in the Spring Term received their certificates this week. LFC came into school to hold a small awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of all involved. Holly from LFC highlighted several students who have really grown through the programme, showing progress in self-management, organisation, teamwork and self-belief. These are qualities and traits we strive for all our students at Formby High to develop, and it is fantastic to welcome the work the LFC Foundation is doing to support us with this. Once again, well done to all those involved!



...Library Corner



Our latest pick is *My Slime is Alive!* by Katie Schenkel, time for something different! *Jenna is supposed to be doing her chores, but she's secretly making slime instead. Her dads took away her normal slime ingredients, so she found a new recipe online. The instructions are a little weird, but the gooey blob she's created looks really cool. Until it starts growing and moving . . . and sucking things into its squishy mass!* In this scary graphics tale, easy-to-read text and eerie, full-colour art combine to deliver just-right scares for our students who crave chills and thrills! Pop up to the Library to take a look at our growing graphic collection.

On the Horizon...

- ★ Y9-11 MTC Trip Birmingham – 18 May
- ★ Half Term Holiday – 27-31 May
- ★ Y9 DoE Bronze Expedition – 18/19 May
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