

FOCUSON...



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Celebrating our school and community

...Musical Theatre Company

Last Saturday, our award winning FHS Musical Theatre Company attended the Musical Theatre International Junior Festival at the International Conference Centre in Birmingham. Competing against youth groups from across the UK and Europe with a condensed version of Sister Act Jr., MTC came home with the Acting Prize, Elliott and Erin were named All Stars (performing on the main stage) and India

won the Outstanding Performer Award. As

well as the competing, our performers also had the opportunity to attend workshops by Disney and performances from West End Stars Charlotte Wakefield, Jordan Luke Gage and star of Six, Wicked and Legally Blonde, Lauren Drew. Congratulations to another outstanding achievement MTC!



...Learning with the Lords

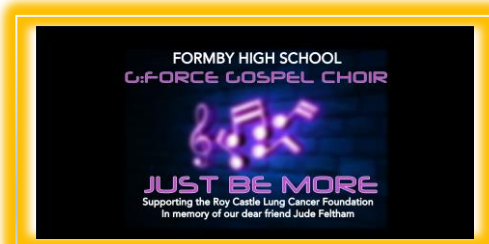
Last Friday, Year 12 Politics students were fortunate enough to have a virtual Q&A session with House of Lords Peer, Baroness Susan Hayman. She shared personal anecdotes with them as well as explaining her parliamentway work, giving students a unique insight into life in the House of Lords. Baroness Hayman also faced a grilling from the students, taking questions on areas such as reforming our second chamber, her thoughts on hereditary peers and their titles, and her opinion on key legislation like the recent Rwanda Bill.

...Just Be More

We are thrilled to release our brand-new community charity single recording 'Just Be More' by our G:Force Gospel Choir. This catchy, powerful and uplifting song has been composed especially for the project by Music Department staff and community members in memory of Jude Feltham, a local SEND teacher, colleague, parent (to the Ramoutar boys) and friend of our school, who sadly passed away in the Autumn. All

proceeds from the project will go to supporting the amazing work undertaken by the **Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation**, who

have been a huge strength to Jude's family and friends, as well as touching the lives of so many local families in time of need. The video is now available to watch & listen on our [school YouTube channel](#) and is also available to download and stream online via **Spotify, Apple**



Music/iTunes and other major platforms (just search for 'Formby High School' and look for the image above! If you enjoy the recording and appreciate the immense work undertaken by our community, we would welcome donations through the Just Giving page set up to support this project: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/formby-high-music-department-justbemore>.



...Attendance Matters

Our attendance during the summer term so far has been higher than the spring term which shows a positive trajectory. We hope to see this continue when we return from May half term and so want to remind you of the importance of ensuring your child attends school every day they are able to. This next, and final, half term will be busy with plenty of learning taking place alongside a wealth of extracurricular and additional opportunities for students to take part in. It is also timely to remind parents that Year 11 and 13 students will officially commence with study leave when we return and so will only be required to attend school for their examinations. Should they want to attend school to revise they should sign in and out as appropriate. We have been pleased by the response to our recent punctuality drive and thank parents and students for their support with this. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school on Monday 3 June.

...Maths

Some of our Year 7 and 8 students recently participated in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Junior Maths Challenge. They all tried their very best and lots of students were awarded Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates. The Maths Department (and indeed all of us) are very proud of their determination and hard work! Alan (Year 7), Amy and Toby (Year 8) were invited to take part in the follow-on round - the Junior Kangaroo. Special mention goes to James (Year 8) who was invited to sit the Junior Mathematical Olympiad



– both of these will take place on 11 June and they are all working hard to prepare.

...DofE Bronze

Well done to all the Year 9 students who went to Charity Farm last weekend for their DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition. DofE Coordinator, Mr Duckworth, said "The sun was shining which made it very challenging for everyone carrying the extra 10+ kilograms on their backs over six hours on both days. Nevertheless, all our students showed great resilience, teamwork and respect for each other and the environment. It was a pleasure taking the whole group, I was exceptionally proud of them all." Everyone who set off on the Sunday passed the expedition, so a big congratulations from all of us to:

Daniel A	Poppy C	Charlie G	Cara K	Luca M	Emma R	Morgan T
Andrew B	Darcey C	Callum G	Daniel K	Marianna M	Trixie R-J	Qamoos R
Scarlett B	Demi F	Connor H	Dylan M	Hayden M	Ben S	Ava W
Liam B	Joseph F	Cole H	Daniel M	Ellie-Rose M	Annie-May S	
Elin C	Joy G	Elsie H	Isaac M	Mimi M-J	James S	
Sophia C	Charlie G	Felix J	Hugo M	Thomas P	Lily S	
Lola C	Freddie G	Emmy J	Huxley M	William R	Daniel S	

...School Mile

More fabulous success at the Southport Waterloo School Mile in Victoria Park, Southport last Monday. Podium finishes in all four races... well done to all involved!



...Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators

A big shout out to Michael (80) who has been commended for his entry to the national Anthea Bell competition for translation through Queen's College, Oxford University. Over 16,000 students participated in the prize this year so this is a fantastic achievement. Congratulations, Michael and well done to everyone else who took part!

On the Horizon...

- ★ Half Term Holiday – 27 to 31 May
- ★ Year 10 Subject Consultation Eve – 6 Jun
- ★ Y12 Gold DofE Qualifying Expedition – 6 to 10 Jun
- ★ Y10 Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition – 14 to 16 Jun