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Celebrating our school and community

...FHS Sports Awards

Last night our PE department hosted the annual FHS Sports Awards, held at The Waterfront in Southport for the first time. This fantastic evening celebrated all the amazing achievements in Sport across the school and beyond. Awards were presented for lots of categories, including Player of the Year, Most Improved Player, Outstanding Commitment Award, Sports Leader Award, Team of the Year and Moment of the Year. Professional football coach and former professional goalkeeper, Chris Kirkland, attended to deliver a speech at the event which ended with pizza and a disco.



...Strong Support for Zoe's Place

Zoe's Place, based in Liverpool, supports babies and young children who have complex illnesses or disabilities from birth to age five. As many readers will have seen on the news, the lease on the charity's current site is up next year and it said it had run out of time to raise the necessary funds for a new home. Thousands of people and organisations across our city are coming together to fundraise and generate as much money as possible to try and save this incredible local charity. One of our PE teachers, Mr Strong, decided to 'rally the troops' at FHS to add our support to this local charity and play our part in the efforts to save it. Mr Strong led on the fundraising activities, with the full support of colleagues and students, which included staff karaoke, sponge the teacher, a cake sale and guess the number of sweets in the jar. As we go to print, an amazing £1,333 has been raised – congratulations to Mr Strong for pulling this support together and thank you to each and every person who rallied behind the cause.



...Maths Breakfasts

Over the past three weeks, the traditional Year 11 Maths Breakfast Revision sessions have begun and have been brilliantly attended so far. Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, up to 90 students have been attending to prepare for their Pre-Public Examinations in November, with the long term goal of being fully ready for their GCSEs next summer. Mr Symes commented "The whole Maths department have been extremely impressed by their attitude and work ethic in these sessions. Keep it up, Year 11!"

...Cross Country Club



Cross country season started again on what was very wet Wednesday last week. The team headed out to Camp Hill, Woolton to compete in the Liverpool Schools League. The course was hilly and wet but this didn't deter their enthusiasm. All finished very muddy but with smiles on their faces. A big shout out to our Year 11 girls, Syndey and Isla, who came 3rd and 5th respectively.

...The Little Mermaid Jr.

Just a reminder that this year's award-winning Musical Theatre Company production is coming up and promises to take audiences on a magical journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.* Our talented company will perform two evening shows on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 November at 7.00pm, in the School Hall. Tickets are now available via Eventbrite: <https://fhslittlemermaidjr2024.eventbrite.co.uk>. Please book early to avoid disappointment!



... Sixth Form Matters

This week saw the launch of the Year 12 High Flyers programme. The programme is intended to prepare students for applications to the most prestigious universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, and for competitive courses such as medicine, dentistry and veterinary medicine. 27 Year 12 students came along to the introductory session to learn more about being part of High Flyers and we look forward to working closely with them over the next year as they prepare for their post 18 pathways. If any Year 12 students did not attend last week but are interested in being part of High Flyers, they should speak with Mrs Fitzgibbon or Mrs Halton. Our Sixth Form team is gearing up to welcome September 2025's cohort at this year's Sixth Form Open Evening. We are really looking forward to meeting our Year 11 students/parents at the event and to a growing number of external applicants. Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 14 November (6:00-8:00pm).

...Cake Decorating Club

This half term, Cake Decorating Club followed a Halloween theme. A few year 7 & 8 students had the opportunity to make spooky meringue ghosts and used them to decorate their beautifully baked chocolate cupcakes, filled with caramel and topped with Mars Bar frosting. The talent and skill were impressive! Roll on next term where we will be making more exciting treats in Christmas Decorating Club.



...Library Corner



As we break up for half term it's a good chance to remind students that 'DANGER IS EVERYWHERE!' One for our younger students, this is a brilliantly funny handbook for avoiding danger of *all* kinds that will have everyone from reluctant readers to bookworms laughing out loud (very safely) from start to finish. This book helps with all the unexpected dangers we might encounter whilst we are off – what to do if a volcano erupts underneath your house, or if your bus is ambushed by pirates! To discover more ways of avoiding danger, pop up to the Library for your copy of this survival guide.

...Attendance Matters

As we close this half term, we have a natural opportunity to reflect on students' attendance and punctuality so far. Consequently, we will be shortly sending out letters and issuing merits to recognise attendance over the course of the year. This also provides students the ability to reflect on how their start to the year has been and to give them a renewed focus on improving or sustaining their attendance in the build up to the Christmas holidays. We would like students to aim for 100% attendance during this time and will be running a series of year group incentives to encourage this. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 4 November, promptly at 8:45am ready for tutor at 8:50am.

On the Horizon...

- ★ Half term – 28 Oct to 1 Nov
- ★ Return of staff and students – 4 Nov
- ★ Y11 RAP Information Eve – 4 Nov
- ★ Sixth Form Open Evening – 14 Nov (6-8pm)
- ★ Presentation Evening – 19 Nov
- ★ The Little Mermaid Jr. – 22 and 23 Nov