

Celebrating our school and community

...Little Red Riding Hood

This year, our Year 7 and 8 Panto was 'Little Red Riding Hood'. Our Drama Department took us on a journey to Barking Wood and met the colourful characters who live in Barking Town! For those brave enough, our audience joined Red, Peter and Barney on their daring adventure. Along the woodland path to Granny Hood's cottage, they meet the Prince, the Three Little Pigs, a villainous property tycoon and, of course, the Big Bad Wolf! This year's panto production was a fantastic experience for all involved and a real testament to the talent and determination shown by the cast and Tech Crew.



On behalf of the Drama Department, Miss Donlevy said "We would like to say a huge well done to the cast and crew of Little Red Riding Hood. The students have worked hard since September to create a fun and engaging production for all to enjoy. We hope everyone has a fabulous Christmas and we look forward to seeing you for next year's production." Thank you very much to parents and local businesses who donated raffle prizes and to everyone who joined us for another festive favourite from FHS!

...Christmas Jumper & Accessory Day

On Tuesday 17 December students across the school are invited to wear a festive jumper, or simply add a bit of festive sparkle to their uniform, for a small donation of £1 (via ParentPay) towards our chosen charity which is the Queenscourt Hospice.

... Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Mr Duckworth would like to offer congratulations to our Year 10 and Year 11 students who have completed all sections of their Duke of Edinburgh's Award in 2024 and will be collecting their certificates next week.

Silver Award

- Zoe
- Charlotte
- Alanas
- Olivia
- Kitty
- Sophia



Bronze Award

- Lily
- Benjamin
- Ellie-Rose
- Huxley
- Hugo
- Charlie
- Poppy
- Liam
- Darcey
- Luca
- Andrew
- Morgan
- James
- Daniel
- Emmy
- Freddie
- Elin



Students have worked very well, both independently and as a team – even Sophia, Ava, Olivia and Izzy who didn't show much sympathy when Libby sprained her ankle on day two and had to hitch a ride off the local farmer! It is going to be an action packed 2025!

... Library Festive Competitions



Accelerated Reader – well done to Aida O (Year 7) and Joseph S (Year 8) who successfully completed the most 'correct' Accelerated Reader Book Quizzes. Fantastic Reading!

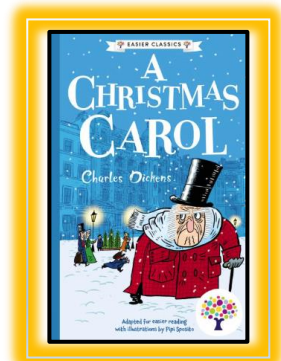
Library Festive Competition – well done to Hanna H and Bella A (Year 7) for winning the library Christmas Tree and Christmas Stocking competition. The standard was outstanding and there could have been many, many winners, but after much deliberation, the final winners were chosen. Christmas chocolates will be given out to all the winners on Monday.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FHS LIBRARY.

...Library Corner

The Librarian's pick for the festive season is '*A Christmas Carol*' by Charles Dickens, adapted by Philip Gooden. We all know the tale, which remains a firm Christmas favourite by book, film or The Muppets. *This story follows the infamous Ebenezer Scrooge on a cold, and spooky, Christmas Eve night. Scrooge doesn't care about anyone. All he cares about is money. But when Scrooge is visited by three ghosts who show him his past, present and future, he starts to think that maybe there is more to life than being rich. Can Scrooge become a good and kind person before it's too late?* This adaptation of *A Christmas Carol* brings a range of features to this story to appeal to as many people as possible. Pop up to the library if you fancy a read over the Christmas Holidays!





...Christmas Hampers

We would like to thank all our parents and students for their incredibly kind donations to our Christmas Hampers this year... your generosity is appreciated and will warm the spirits of families in need this Christmas.

...Sporting Matters

Our Level 2 and 3 Sports Leaders have been brilliant ambassadors for the school this term. They have supported primary school futsal and dodgeball events, and they have assisted at numerous FHS after school and lunchtime clubs and fixtures. Recently, the Level 3 Sports Leaders delivered sessions to students from Years 3-6 at Redgate Primary School; the teachers there were really complimentary about the professionalism and enthusiasm the leaders showed. This week, the Year 9 leaders delivered sessions to our own Year 7s;



considering it was their first time leading by themselves, they did an amazing job! The New Year promises to be equally busy for them and we will keep you posted in the newsletter!



This week all Year 7 and Year 8 tutor groups took part in the annual FHS Santa Dash, raising money and awareness for the Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool. Each form group took on 15 laps in their Santa hats - photos available on the FHS PE Instagram account: team.formbyhighpe.



Finally, Mr Conchie would like to extend a massive congratulations to the Year 7 students he took to a ten-pin bowling competition this week - they finished in 1st place against six other local schools - well done!

...Attendance Matters



We are now coming to the end of our Autumn Attendance Challenge and we are pleased to say that 658 students last week had over 97% attendance. All of these students have been entered into prize draws, with vouchers to be won in each year group. We have also been recognising tutor groups with the highest attendance in each year. Well done to 7Y who received early lunch passes this week, whilst 8Y, 9Y and 10Y all received some

chocolatey tutor group prizes, and 11Y who used tokens in the school canteen for a free 'treat'. Look out for postcards which will be sent to students who have managed to achieve 97% over the last two weeks! As we enter our final week of the Autumn term, we look forward to welcoming our students each day at 8:45am. There will be a few Christmas treats along the way, including a festive lunch as well as our end of term assembly!

...GCHQ National Language Competition

Well done to the two Year 9 teams who took part in the national GCHQ language competition giving up lunches and breaktimes to try and crack the codes. James' team (9O) finished in 245 position out of nearly 2000 teams which is a fantastic score given the tough tasks based on a variety of real and invented languages!



On the Horizon...

- ★ Christmas Jumper / Accessory Day – 17 Dec
- ★ Christmas Lunch – 17 Dec
- ★ Winter Solstice Concert – 18 Dec
- ★ Y12 A Level PE Trip Edge Hill – 18 Dec
- ★ End of Autumn Term – Friday 20 Dec
- ★ Start of Spring Term – Monday 6 Jan