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Celebrating our school and community



...VE Day 80

Like old and young across the nation and the world, Formby High School took pause yesterday to reflect upon the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Joining the midday two minutes of silence, we gave thanks to the greatest generation for their service and sacrifice which ultimately led to this day 80 years ago. Two Formby High School students proudly

represented the school at the service at the Formby War Memorial. Nine Year 12 Ambassadors were at the Guild Hall at the VE Day event hosted by Formby Parish Council where they served tea, sandwiches and cakes to 120 veterans and taking the time to speak with them all. What a wonderful experience and thank you to our Ambassadors for helping to show these veterans just how cherished they are; we are so proud of those students making a difference to their local community. Each of the volunteers received a copy of the 'Our Formby Scrapbook of Memories of WWII', a fantastic capture of memories, stories and newspaper clippings all featuring Formby and its community.



...English Inspiration

A Level English students are gearing up for their examinations soon and the Department would like to wish them well after all their hard work and preparation. Supporting their classroom studies, A Level English Literature students recently spent a day at the Bronte Parsonage Museum in Haworth, enjoying an inspiring visit to where some of the most famous pieces of English literature were penned by the Bronte sisters. A Level English Language and Literature students travelled to Sheffield for a fabulous performance of 'A Streetcar Named Desire' at the Crucible Theatre.



... G:Force Pride of Sefton Award



Our very own intergenerational choir, made up of staff, parents, colleagues, friends and family from across the Formby community, has won the Sefton Arts Award (sponsored by Fitton Estates) at the 2025 Grand Pride of Sefton Awards. G:Force Gospel Choir is embedded within the Music Department at Formby High School, contributing to all facets of school life and increasingly drawing in new faces into its open arms. They have a strong professional following from their contributions to the UK Choir Festival. Across the past 12 months, they have contributed to over 18 concerts and events, which is real testament to the dedication, commitment and energy within the group –

from staff and participants. The magnetic pull from their performances is infectious and hooks in audiences wherever they go. This 'school year', they have already engaged in over 60 hours of joyous singing, performed at numerous events, supported local charities and recorded our debut 'original' single. G:Force has become more than just another choir – it's a family unit that laughs, jokes and cries together – that supports one another and shares a unique bond between school and community, students and adults. If you're interested in coming along on Tuesday nights, check out the details [here](#).

...Summer Reminders

As the lovely warmer weather arrives, we would like to remind all students to bring a water bottle to school each day – ideally a refillable one which they can fill using the water fountains at school. This helps to save our planet by reducing single use plastic water bottles, not to mention cost savings for parents! Keeping hydrated during the day is not only essential for health reasons but helps students to stay focussed. The summer season also sees an increase in some allergies, particularly hayfever. A reminder that your child should bring their own medication to school (we do not supply any medications such as antihistamines and epi pens) and the First Aid department is happy to store medication on their behalf as long as it is clearly labelled with their name and details. This would also be a timely reminder for parents to check whether epi-pens and medications they may have provided to school are still in date or need replenishing.



Our Year 9 Dance in PE students recently enjoyed performing a piece from the musical 'Dear Evan Hansen' at the Leap dance festival at The Capstone Theatre, Hope University. They performed with and watched Dance groups from schools from across the Liverpool region, under the theme of the evening 'A Night at the Musicals'. The standard of dance was high and the evening was a wonderful collaboration of youth talent from across our region.

... LEAP

...Polyglots

Good luck to our Polyglots students taking part in the North West's 'Mother Tongue Other Tongue' poetry competition. 'Mother Tongue Other Tongue' is a multi-lingual poetry project, created by Professor Carol Ann Duffy (UK Poet Laureate 2009-2019) to celebrate cultural diversity and the many languages spoken in UK schools. Good luck!



...Sixth Form Matters

Following the successful trip to Lancaster University last week to attend the UK University and Apprenticeship Fair, it has been another busy week for our Year 12 students with our Sixth Form Centre a hive of activity and buzzing with conversation about Post-18 pathways. On Wednesday, the Year 12 'Finding Your Future' event marked the launch of the post-18 support our Year 12 students receive and explored the possible routes that are available to students once their A-Level and Vocational studies are finished and, with the support of Newcastle University and Project Trust, the Sixth Form team delivered a number of talks to get students thinking about what comes next! The Sixth Form examination season is now upon us too, with Year 12 students starting their VTQ examinations this week, alongside exams in Further Maths and Core Maths too. Whilst Year 13 officially begin study leave today ahead of their examinations beginning next week. We hope they enjoyed the ice cream van over lunch time as a small token to mark their last day of official lessons. There will be many more celebrations to come but for now we wish both year groups all the best with the summer exam season; they have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of their efforts thus far.

...and last but not least

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to wish those students sitting their examinations this summer the very best of luck. You have shown hard work and determination in the run-up to the exams and we really look forward to celebrating your successes with you in August. Keep going, keep focussed, and keep smiling! Good luck everyone!



On the Horizon...

- ★ Y10 DofE Silver Training – 14 May
- ★ Y9 RSE Workshops – 19 May
- ★ Y12 DofE Gold Expedition – 15-19 May
- ★ All Years Vaccinations Catch-Ups – 21 May