

# FOCUSON...



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## Celebrating our school and community

### ...LFC Foundation

As Liverpool Football Club prepares to celebrate becoming Premier League Champions this weekend, we would like to give a special FHS shout out to the LFC Foundation who have championed so many important causes through fantastic events with our students this year. At the end of last week, there were two further trips to Anfield for special events and workshops. The first trip was for the 'Real Truth Legacy Project', spearheaded by Ian Byrne (MP for West Derby), who was at Hillsborough on the day of the tragedy with his father. Ian has always wanted to ensure the upcoming generations are made aware of not just the chronology of the day itself but of the years of smears and public campaigning for justice that took place for over 30 years after. The

students got to walk around a mini-museum with

artefacts from the time (shown in the pictures) and then take part in activities that taught them about the event and the importance of campaigning for social justice. Friday's trip was called 'Celebrating the Community' for Mental Health Awareness week, an event set up to inform young people about the importance of being aware of one's own mental health and how to manage it. Our students were incredibly mature and listened intently throughout the day, getting involved in the workshop task in which they had to collect information from a wide range of mental health charities and campaigns. There was also talks from a charity called 'Alfie's Squad' and a talk from a local man named Connor Doyle who bravely shared [his story](#) about the importance of talking and seeking help.

### ... DofE Gold Award

We are incredibly proud to share that Tom, a Year 13 student, was recently invited to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in recognition of his achievements in completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award. This special event celebrated the dedication and commitment of young people across the UK who have reached the highest level of the DofE programme. Tom was honoured alongside fellow Gold Award recipients from all over the country, representing the very best of resilience, service, and personal growth. Earning the Gold Award is a significant accomplishment. It involves sustained effort across several challenging areas: volunteering, physical activity, skill development, an expedition, and a residential experience. Tom contributed to his community by volunteering with local pensioners, coaching junior rugby, and completing his residential through the now-closed National Citizen Service (NCS) programme. His achievements reflect true determination, compassion, and a willingness to step outside his comfort zone. At the Palace event, attendees heard from Prince Edward and a range of inspiring guest speakers who shared their own stories and celebrated the impact of the DofE journey. It was a truly memorable experience and a well-deserved reward for Tom's hard work and perseverance. Mr Duckworth, Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator, said "We warmly congratulate Tom on this outstanding accomplishment and hope his journey inspires other students to embark on their own Duke of Edinburgh adventure."



## ... Good Luck MTC



Our Musical Theatre Company are heading off to the International Conference Centre in Birmingham on Saturday to compete with youth groups from the UK and Europe. The Junior Theatre Festival is a competition and the students also enjoy participating in theatre workshops and watching performances from West End Stars and new works which will be shows that are newly licensed for Youth groups to perform. The Festival is a highlight of the year for our performing arts students who will showcase a shortened 15 minute version of 'The Little Mermaid Jr' following last years success performing the full show!

## ...Trinity Champion Centre

Formby High School has been named as a Trinity Champion Centre 2025/26 for our successful delivery of Arts Award/Trinity qualifications in music/drama. Trinity College London is a leading international exam board and independent education charity that specialises in the assessment of communicative and performance skills covering music, drama, combined arts and English language. Trinity Champion Centres inspire other organisations by sharing their practice and advocating for accreditation in their communities and more widely. Well done to all the staff and students involved in re-gaining this fantastic accreditation for 2025/26!



## ...Nomination for Nancy

A big FHS 'shout out' to Nancy (Year 9) who was nominated for Allied Dance Association's Student of the Year in the Classical section last Saturday. The Classical section she was nominated for included dance genres of ballet, Greek, national, and character. Nancy was awarded runner up – a fantastic achievement! Well done, Nancy!

## ...Successful Track Record

A sunny Tuesday evening at Victoria Park saw 18 Formby High School athletes competing in the annual Southport Waterloo School Mile. For some, this was their debut in the running team, and an amazing seven of them making the podium. Mrs Hannaway said "We are incredibly impressed by all the athletes and delighted to see so many new faces in the team doing so well... it was a great evening!" A special mention to our medal winners: Claudia, Zac and Max (Year 7), Sam, Dan and Ava (Year 9) and Sydney (Year 11).



## ... Chocolate Creativity



Mrs Theron's popular Year 7 'Post Easter Treat' club was a huge success this year. Students joined her in the food room for some post Easter Treat making, challenged with using their left-over Easter goodies to make their own version of our basic Rocky Road recipe. We soon discovered there is definitely no such thing as 'left over' Easter treats, so they grabbed what they could from home and got creative. Mrs Theron commented "Each idea was different, and I was truly impressed with their masterpieces!"

## ...Poetic Success in Languages

Well done to James (Year 9) who has received a commendation for his translation in the national Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators from Queen's College, Oxford. Over 22,000 students from more than 400 schools across the UK took part in the competition this year. James' poem will feature in our Poem of the Week section of Daily Notes to share with students during tutor time. Well done to everyone else who took part and look out for the next translation competition coming soon!



## ... Drama Matters



The results from our April LAMDA exams are in and we are delighted that our students all did amazingly well... all achieving either a high merit grade or a distinction! Well done everyone. We also want to say a massive well done to our Year 10 students who have now completed their Devising exam for their GCSE Drama course. All students should be proud of themselves and the performances they created as many were above the level of a GCSE piece!

## ...Mastering Mathematics

Over 250,000 students from 3,000 schools took part in the UK Intermediate Maths Challenge this year. Participants are awarded certificates based on their performance, with the top scorers receiving Gold, Silver, or Bronze awards. All of the students below were awarded a Gold certificate in the initial Intermediate round. The top 4% nationally qualify to take the follow-on round, called the Kangaroo. Of these students the top 10% are awarded a Gold Certificate and the next 20% a Silver. This year, the Year 9 students listed below qualified for the prestigious follow-on round of the UKMT Intermediate Challenge. Mr Williams said, "Our congratulations go to these students and as a school we are very proud of their achievements."



- James and Amy earned Gold certificates
- Toby received a Silver certificate
- Daniel (Year 9) and Eric (Year 10) were awarded Qualification certificates

## ...Attendance Matters

Please remember that we are unable to authorise holiday requests during term time; if you do take a leave of absence of this type, you may receive a fine from the local authority for doing so. More information about this can be found in our Attendance and Punctuality Policy. Where planned absences are unavoidable or have unique set of circumstances, parents should complete the necessary Leave of Absence Request forms available from the Main Office and submit these two weeks before the absence is due to take place. This allows us to process requests appropriately. Similarly, where possible, students should have appointments arranged outside of the school day and, where this is unavoidable, parents should provide evidence of the appointment to the Attendance Team on Arbor by 8:30am the day of the absence. We expect students to attend school before and/or after any appointments.

*Have a lovely half term FHS!*

### On the Horizon...

- ★ Half Term Holiday – 26 to 30 May
- ★ Return of staff and students – 2 Jun
- ★ Y8 MBY Geography Fieldwork – 4 Jun
- ★ Y10 Subject Consultation Eve – 5 Jun
- ★ DofE Silver Expedition – 6-8 Jun
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