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Celebrating our school and community

...Year 11 Prom



Marking the end of a long examination season and a great deal of hard work leading up to them, our Year 11s were finally able to relax and celebrate together in both their end of school 'Celebration Assembly' and their Prom during the past week. Throughout their time at school, the Class of 2025 have been fantastic ambassadors of The Formby High School Way. They are a cohort who have aimed high, worked hard and shown respect throughout and we are confident this work ethic will lead to many smiling faces on results day in August. For now,

however, we want to send a big message of congratulations to Year 11 from everyone here at FHS. We hope you enjoy a fantastic summer and we look forward to seeing you on results day. We are delighted that many of you will be returning to us in Sixth Form and we can't wait to see your successes continue with your A Levels/BTEC.



... Celebrating DofE Award Success

Formby High School is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of its students who recently completed their Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) expeditions at Bronze and Silver levels. A remarkable **79 students** successfully completed their **Bronze expedition** in the picturesque countryside surrounding **Ormskirk**. Over the course of their journey, students demonstrated resilience, teamwork and determination as they navigated challenging routes, cooked in the outdoors and camped overnight — all key elements of the DofE programme. At the **Silver level**, **29 dedicated students** took on a more demanding expedition in the stunning **South Lakes**. Facing more complex navigation and longer routes, the group showed impressive commitment and maturity throughout the three-day challenge, all while embracing the spirit of adventure and cooperation. Mr Duckworth, FHS DofE Coordinator, said: *"We are incredibly proud of all our students who took part in the Bronze and Silver expeditions. Their dedication, positive attitudes and support for one another truly reflect the values of the Duke of Edinburgh Award. These experiences help*



develop essential life skills and lasting memories." The school extends its thanks to all staff, volunteers and parents who supported the students in their preparation and during the expeditions. With this year's success, Formby High continues to build on its strong tradition of outdoor education and personal development. An e-mail will be sent over the next few days to parents and students who took part with some key information to ensure all those who completed the expedition, go on to complete the relevant award.

...A Summer Celebration



Congratulations to those students who took part in our celebration concert on Saturday 21 June, a joint concert featuring Voiceworks Choir and Formby Choral Society. We had original poetry performed by Isabella, Molly, Megan, Aida, Annabel and Amelia all about what Summer means to them. The many highlights of the evening included collaborative choral pieces, the première of 'Song of the Summer', an original composition co-written by **Voiceworks Choir** and **Mr G Heatherington**. The Musical Theatre Company's 'Into the Woods', the Drama group's Midsummer Night's Dream scene and some beautiful artwork exhibited by our A Level students. A big thank you to the committee and Formby Choral Society and to the performers and staff.

...King's Honours List Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs Hannaway who has been awarded the Medal of the Order of the British Empire (BEM) for service to sport and the community in Sefton in the recent King's Honours List. A fabulous and well-deserved recognition of the work Mrs Hannaway does with our own FHS Cross Country Team, and a huge amount with other community groups and teams, including netball, a Ladies Run Club, a Disability Group and Junior Athletics Team. Mrs Hannaway will be presented with her medal by the Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, Mark Blundell, at a local ceremony, followed by an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace next year. Well done, Mrs Hannaway!



...Sefton Athletics

Our boys and girls athletics teams took part in the Southport and Formby competition and the Sefton Athletics Championships in recent weeks. At all of the events, the students gave a strong performance. The boys are in Division 1 and successfully remained in the Division with some excellent individual performances. The girls' team was relegated to Division 2 last year, but we are really pleased to say that they were the overall winners of Division 2 this year, and have been promoted back to Division 1 for next year. A huge well done to all athletes and the effort they showed when competing- they represented the school extremely well.



...Maths Maze

Over 100 eager Year 6 pupils from three local primary schools gathered at FHS this week for the much-anticipated Annual Maths Maze Competition — and what a day it was! Students from Freshfield Primary, Redgate Primary, and Trinity St Peter's Primary School took part in the event, which challenged teams to complete a carousel of 15 exciting mathematical challenges designed to stretch their problem-solving, logic, and reasoning skills. The atmosphere was buzzing with energy as pupils collaborated in teams, working through mind-bending tasks that required not just mathematical knowledge but also creativity and communication. The event highlighted the importance of teamwork, perseverance, and a positive attitude — values that shone through in every participant. After a fun-filled and competitive morning, Redgate Primary emerged victorious, taking home the title of 2025 Maths Maze Champions. Their team showed remarkable determination and teamwork throughout the challenges. Event organiser, KS3 Maths Coordinator, Mr Duckworth, praised all the participants: *"The enthusiasm and resilience shown by all the pupils was inspiring. It's fantastic to see young minds working together to solve complex problems — and enjoying it! A huge well done to everyone who took part."*



... Festival of Languages

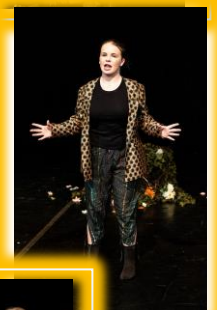


The Modern Languages Department has made a great start to the Routes into Languages 'Festival of Languages' with groups of students from Year 7 through to Year 12 having taken part in webinars in Italian, Japanese, and Catalan languages this week. Still to come next week are Galician Folklore, Spanish cuisine and the Terracotta Army! All delivered by universities of Liverpool, Lancaster, Manchester Metropolitan and Manchester. A Level Spanish students have also been working with Sofia, a bilingual Argentinian student of 'Politics and International Studies' from Warwick University, discussing A Level topics such as protests and dictatorships. Sofia was impressed with their breadth of knowledge and speaking skills. Well done!

...Drama Fest

On Wednesday 18 June, we held our annual Drama Fest show at FHS. This year, a selection of our Sixth Form students took the lead in writing and directing their own pieces based on the theme 'Pandora's Box'. The three performances that were involved in the competition were then judged by three of our ex-students who are all working successfully in the Performing Arts industry. The evening was finished off with a small production of A Midsummer Night's Dream which featured some of our talented Key Stage 3 students and had two of our Year 10's as special guests! A massive well done to all involved in the show and a huge congratulations to our awards winners:

- Best Script Writer: The Unravelling by Lillian Allen & Brooke Stoddart
- Best Director: Pandora's Box by Coco Heredia Moezer
- Best Tech: Pandora's Box, tech by Alan Wylie and Reece O'Hare
- Best Ensemble: The Card Game by Alex Kelly
- Best Individual Performer- Emma in Pandora's Box



...Working Hard, Aiming Hyrox...Respect!



We promised an update on Mr Tynan's Hyrox World Championships performance! After a difficult journey (plane cancellation and arriving 20 minutes before his race) he managed to compete in his second World Championship Finals in Chicago. Mr Tynan said "Although not the podium finish I was after, I still managed 10th overall in the world and 3rd fastest in the UK for my age category. Now for the off-season preparation to qualify for next year's Championships in Sweden." Respect to you Mr Tynan!

On the Horizon...

- ★ Y6 New Parents Info Evening – 30 Jun
- ★ Y10 Work Experience Week – 30 Jun to 4 Jul
- ★ Y6 Music Transition Day – 1 Jul
- ★ Hong Kong Marching Band Visit – 2 Jul
- ★ DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition – 3 to 7 Jul
- ★ Solar for Schools Event – 4 Jul
- ★ Y10 Geography Field Visit – 8 Jul
- ★ Y12 Gold Arts Award Trip - 9 Jul
- ★ Reaching High Trip Shakespeare Nth – 9 Jul
- ★ SPORTS DAY – 10 Jul