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Celebrating our school and community

...Beyond the Bell



We are delighted to introduce the first 'official' episode of the Sixth Form Podcast – 'Beyond the Bell'. Sixth Form student Amelie has put together the first episode of this new monthly podcast as she explores a career in media upon completion of her sixth form studies. The podcast will be released each month with a different focus and will provide updates about school life, as well as an insight into what school is like, beyond the bell. The first episode includes an interview with Mr Tynan as he explains his love of Hyrox! Keep an eye out for our newest episodes released monthly. Scan the QR code to listen.



...School Parliament returns from summer recess!

During the party conference season, our very own School Parliament had its first sitting since the summer. It was wonderful to see so many (seventy seven!) new and returning faces, following our rigorous selection process over the last couple of weeks. We are delighted to have appointed our very first Heads of each of our six Houses from our Year 13 applicants; they will be supported by Deputy Heads of Houses, Assistant Heads of Houses (Year 12), House Captains/Vice

Captains (Year 11), Senior Members of School Parliament (MSPs, Year 10) and

MSPs (Years 7-9). A huge congratulations to all students who were successful in obtaining a leadership position.



It was wonderful to see our sixth form leaders chair their House Committees with such warmth and confidence, helping our Year 7s to feel at ease, and hopefully inspiring them to want to be a Head of their House one day. We are incredibly proud of all of our student leaders and we are very excited to see the impact they will make during the course of this year.

	Y13 Head of House	Y11 House Captain		Y13 Head of House	Y11 House Captain
	Phoebe B	Sebastian D		Eve H	Theo A
	Clara-May V	Lewis O		Charlotte W-D	Oliver N
	Lily A	Hollie C		Esther K	Pip C

...Delicious Autumnal Delights

Our bakers have been busy again, creating delicious smells in P building! In this term's cake making workshop with Mrs Theron, a group of Year 8 students had the opportunity to make delicious Autumnal apple cinnamon cakes, filled with salted caramel and custard, and topped with a custard cream. These were decorated with their very own marshmallow 'monster heads on a stake'. Mrs Theron said "Each student made such a high-quality product, and I am so proud of them all."



... Celebrating Success - UKMT Maths Competition for Girls

We are delighted to congratulate Amy and Niamh on their outstanding achievements in this year's inaugural UKMT Maths Competition for Girls. Their participation alone reflects a commendable level of enthusiasm and commitment to mathematical excellence. Both students performed exceptionally well, with Amy being awarded a **Distinction**, placing her among the top scorers nationally, and Niamh earning a **Merit**, a testament to her strong problem-solving skills and mathematical insight. These results are a reflection of their hard work, resilience, and passion for mathematics. We are incredibly proud of their success and hope it inspires others to take on similar challenges in the future.



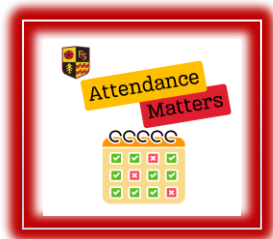
...Library Corner

Greetings from FHS Library! It's been another busy week welcoming lots of you at break and lunch times and into the Library to choose books. I'm starting to get to know the Library regulars and had some great chats with you about what you're reading. Last year I read Katherine Rundell's *Impossible Creatures*, a fantastic fantasy adventure set in The Archipelago, a world populated with many different mythical, 'impossible' creatures. Last month, the second book in this series (that will become five books) was released - *The Poisoned King* - which I am hoping to start this weekend. I know some of you have already read *Impossible Creatures* and loved it as much as I did, so I can't wait to let you know what I think of Rundell's latest addition to Christopher's adventures.



...Attendance Matters – Let's Raise the Bar

Our whole-school attendance currently sits at **93.9%**, just shy of our whole school target of **94%**. Whilst national and local averages remain lower than this, we are ambitious in our efforts to remain well above this throughout the academic year. A reminder that cold-like symptoms or feeling a little under the weather should not necessarily mean a day off. If unsure, please see the [NHS guidance](#) and / or contact our Attendance Team – we're happy to support and monitor your child during the school day if needed.



... Trustees Update

At our September meeting, Members appointed three new Trustees to Formby High School's Trust Board. We offer a very warm welcome to Mr Coventry, Mr Greenyer and Mrs Pringle who bring a wealth of additional skills and experience to the work of our dedicated Board and we look forward to working with them over coming years.

On the Horizon...

- ★ Y11 AB Geography Fieldwork – 14 Oct
- ★ Pearl of Africa Choir Visit – 16 Oct
- ★ Y11 CD Geography Fieldwork – 21 Oct
- ★ Y12 Meet the Professionals – 22 Oct
- ★ Y8 Talk the Talk Workshops – 23 Oct
- ★ Half Term – 27 to 31 Oct