

FOCUSON...



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Celebrating our school and community

...National Youth Monologues Winner NW

We are delighted to let you know that Formby High School was selected as the Schools and Groups **Regional Winner for the North West** in the **National Youth Monologues 2025**. This is a fantastic achievement, with only one school in each region being selected, and only eight regions considered. This is a reflection of the high standard of work that was submitted by the school, which included a student represented in the National Final, five students making the Regional Shortlist and a further fourteen students having their monologues commended. Congratulations to Pip, Trixie, Hollie, Joe, Ethan, Cole, Bella, Alice, Heidi, Alexander, James, Ava, James, Ruby, Michael, Maisie, Emma, Alice and Toby – an outstanding achievement!



...Goldilocks

Congratulations to everyone involved in the *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* panto performances this week – they were outstanding! In addition to the traditional Year 7/8 performances, this year also saw Years 9 and above get involved with their own performance on Wednesday. Audiences were, once again, sold out for the performances and were thoroughly enjoyed by all attending. What a way to get into the festive spirit. Well done to all the performers for their fantastic individual and team efforts and to all the staff supporting this year's production.



...Sunday Times Best Secondary Schools

The Sunday Times Parent Power Best Secondary Schools 2026 list was published last week, with Formby High School entering the **Top 250 state secondary schools** in the country based on academic outcomes 2025! Our position at 246 sees us climb 28 places based on last year's ranking. The school places at **No.22 in the North West** state secondary / grammar schools!

Northwest - state secondary schools

● Male ▲ Female ■ Mixed sixth form

▲ Up ▼ Down ■ No change ★ New entry

Regional rank	National rank	School	Location	Type	A-level (% A*)	A-level (% A*/A)	A-level (% A*/B)	A-level rank	GSCE (% 9/8/7)	GCSE rank	Entry gender
22	246= +28 ▲	Formby High School	Liverpool	Comprehensive	9.4	31.4	67.5	179=	27	351=	● ▲

...Sixth Form Matters

It has been another very busy week in Sixth Form. On Wednesday, ex-student Tom came to deliver a talk to students about his experience as an Engineering Apprentice, having taken up a degree apprenticeship with Balfour Beatty last year. We're grateful that Tom came in to speak to students about the application process, life as an apprentice and to give our Year 12 and 13 students some help and advice on what to do when applying. This is the last of our short talks for the half term, having had Keira, Charlie, Jess, Lucy, Sophie, Ava and Holly in too. Thanks to our lovely alumni for offering their time to us!

The Sixth Form elves were busy on Thursday having spread some Christmas joy in the local community. In the



morning, our Sixth Form students held a Christmas Disco at Trinity St Peters Primary for Reception and Year 1 students. The students were fully involved in the dancing and games that were played, helping to spread some early Christmas joy to the youngest in the community. To support those most in need at this time of year, donations that had been



collected over the last three weeks were delivered to the Sefton Community Pantry, including food, toiletries and gifts. A huge thank you to everyone that donated!

...Tree Collection: St Joseph's Hospice



St. Joseph's Hospice rely on generous donations to keep their doors open each year and to provide care for more than 150 patients and their families. Each year, they run a *Real Christmas Tree Collection* in return for a donation, which last year raised nearly £10,000. This year, they need to raise at least £15,000 and we really hope the FHS community can help them towards this goal. You can book for them to collect your tree using this link: <https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/ChristmasTreeCollection-andRecycling> in return for a small donation (details on the booking form). Thank you very much for your support!

...House of Cards

Miss Hargan, Academic & Creative House Coordinator is absolutely delighted with the incredible engagement with the house competitions this term. She was really proud with the excitement and enthusiasm students showed during a competition to design Christmas cards, commenting "It's a joy to see their creativity shine through!". The winning cards have now been produced to raise funds for Kind Liverpool's Christmas Appeal, which supports local children and families experiencing hardship by providing gifts, food hampers and essential items to make their Christmas a little brighter.



Cards will be on sale at the Poetry by Heart Christmas Recital on Monday 15 December and at the Christmas Celebration Concert on Wednesday 17 December.

Sticking with House news, this week all students and members of staff received their shiny new house badges, which were handed out by our Sixth Form House Leaders. It has been wonderful to see students wearing them on their left lapels with pride, they really do look smart! The badges include the emblem and colours for each house, so it is clear which house every student and member of staff is in, which helping to foster a



sense of belonging within each house. The whole school community is eager to find out the current standings in each of the three house trophies, which will be revealed in our Christmas assembly on Friday.



...Attendance Matters

We are incredibly proud of the students who have maintained excellent attendance this term alongside those who have sought to improve theirs. It has been enjoyable to recognise and celebrate this with students through our recent **9 Days of Christmas** initiative. However, we will also be sending out emails and issuing merits to further highlight students effort in ensuring their attendance is something to be proud of.

Please remember that the final few days of term still count – teaching and learning continues right up until the final day. Please avoid early holidays or unnecessary absences.

...Sporting Matters

A shout out to Chloe (Y11) who came 2nd in the North West Schools Trampolining competition at the weekend! As part of their Level 2 Sports Leaders programme, nine of the leaders ran sport sessions for Year 7 this week, including netball, basketball and badminton. Mrs Melia said they were “absolutely brilliant and did themselves proud.” Other teachers who observed the Y9s running the sessions described them as caring, friendly, confident, organised, encouraging and working well as a team. This was their first full session leading activities independently and they absolutely flourished, well done Rosa, Georgia, K'Trell, Christo, Lucas, George, Dennis, Henry and William!



...GCHQ

Well done to all the Year 9 students who took part in the GCHQ National Year 9 Language Challenge this year. Christo's team 'Tall Tapir' came an impressive 10th in the region and Callum's team 'Dapper Hydra' came 11th out of over 200 teams that took part from the region. Our best ever FHS score... congratulations!



...And Finally

Whilst we still have an action-packed week of school to go next week, this is the final newsletter for 2025... and what a bumper year it has been, celebrating all the achievements of our fantastic school community. Thank you to everyone for supporting and reading the newsletter this year and we cannot wait to continue celebrations into 2026. Don't forget, that all our past issues are available on our website here: [Newsletter – Formby High School](#).

We hope to see many of you at our Christmas Celebration Concert for an evening of festive music from our school and community bands and choirs at Holy Trinity Church on Wednesday 17 December. Tickets are on sale vial <https://fhschristmascelebration2025.eventbrite.co.uk>

In the meantime, however, from the Newsroom and everyone at FHS, we wish everyone in our community a very Happy Christmas and all the very best of health and happiness in 2026!



On the Horizon...

- ★ Poetry Recital – 15 Dec
- ★ End of Autumn Term - 19 Dec
- ★ Christmas Celebration Concert – 17 Dec
- ★ Start of Spring Term – 5 Jan 2026