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Celebrating our school and community

...SSAT Exceptional Student Outcomes



Formby High School is proud to announce that it has been recognised by SSAT (The Schools, Students and Teachers Network) in this year's *Educational Outcomes Awards*. This national award places the school among the highest-performing secondary schools in the country, based on the latest performance data. Formby High School was recognised for being in the top 20% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment in the 2025 end of KS4 exams. The awards are based on analysis from SSAT's *Educational Outcomes Database*, which combines data from DfE and Ofsted to compare performance across all state-funded schools in the country.

Receiving a SSAT *Educational Outcomes Award* is a significant achievement and reflects the dedication, expertise and commitment of the entire school community. Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT, commented: "Congratulations to Formby High School on winning an SSAT Educational Outcomes Award. This success is down to the superb learning and teaching, outstanding support and inspirational leadership of staff. You have made a huge difference to the lives of the young people in your school. Thank you."

...Musical Theatre Company

This year, our award-winning Musical Theatre Company bring Disney's High School Musical to life in the Drama Studio. This spectacular stage production will be spreading its magic in **Formby High School** on the **17 and 18 April**. Featuring all the hit songs from the original film, including *Breaking Free*, *We're All In This Together* and *Stick to the Status Quo*. Disney's High School Musical On Stage follows the much-loved story of the movie, featuring all your favourite characters and songs. So "get'cha head in the game" and go totally wild for Disney's High School Musical Jr. by joining us for an uplifting performance - tickets available now on



[Eventbrite](#) : [FHS Musical Theatre - Disney's High School Musical Jr Tickets, Friday, Apr 17 at 7 pm to Saturday, Apr 18 at 10 pm | Eventbrite](#). On Wednesday in preparation for our forthcoming High School Musical production our Musical Theatre company and our Year 5 friends from Freshfield Primary School performed a joint celebration of excerpts from the show to a delighted audience of friends and family!



...Sixth Form Matters

On Wednesday, our Year 12 students travelled to the University and Apprenticeship Fair at the University of Lancaster where they were able to meet representatives from a huge number of UK universities and degree level apprenticeship providers. They were also able to tour the campus and attend presentations on a number of useful topics like student finance, choosing a university and a course and how to write a personal statement. Despite the terrible weather, a very good day was had! We would like to send a shout out for Arran Cooper who secured a place on the Rotary Young Leaders Award scheme following a successful interview on Monday. Arran will be heading off to Wales for a week in August where he will be taking part in a variety of outdoor activities including abseiling, canoeing, raft building as well as taking part in team building activities.



...Pi Day – School Record Breaker

This year's Pi Day Competition at Formby High School was a fantastic celebration of mathematical talent, determination, and memory skills. Students from across Year 7 took on the challenge of reciting as many digits of pi as possible—and the results were truly impressive. The standout moment of the event came from **Isla D (7R)**, who delivered an extraordinary performance by correctly reciting **263 digits of pi**, setting a **new Formby High School record**. This remarkable achievement earned Isla a £10 Amazon voucher and a well-deserved place in the school's history.



Strong performances were also seen from **Rosie H (7R)** and **Joseph D (7M)**, who each reached the 100-digit milestone and received £5 Amazon vouchers. Other finalists, including **Toby H (7M)**, **Joanne F (7B)**, **Poppy P (7M)**, **Eric W (7M)**, **Albert A (7O)**, **Erin F (7Y)**, **Ellie H (7Y)**, **Lottie C (7B)**, and **Penny B (7M)**, should be congratulated for reaching the final and demonstrating excellent effort, focus, and commitment. In addition to individual success, there was also a strong sense of house pride. This year's house winners were **7M (Meols)**, who had the highest number of participants in the final—a testament to their enthusiasm and team spirit. Well done to all students who took part in this year's competition. With such high standards set, we are already looking forward to seeing who will rise to the challenge and perhaps break the record next Pi Day!

...Band Night



This week, the Music Department hosted its third Band Night, showcasing the incredible talent of students from Year 7 all the way up to Year 13. The event featured eight different ensembles, each bringing their own unique style and energy to the stage. With a wide range of genres and creative arrangements, there was truly something for everyone in the audience. From powerful rock performances to more intricate musical pieces, the evening

highlighted both the diversity and depth of musical talent within the school. The Music Department are extremely proud of all the students who took part. Their maturity, dedication, and professionalism were evident throughout the evening which made them excellent ambassadors for the school. Among the many standout moments, a few future "rock gods" may well have been revealed. Students interested in performing at the next Band Night are encouraged to form a group and speak to a member of the Music Department. Overall, it was an inspiring evening that celebrated music, teamwork, and student creativity.



...Comic Relief

A huge thank you to students and parents for your generosity and enthusiasm in supporting our Comic Relief cake sale. Thanks to your wonderful donations—both baked and bought—we raised an amazing **£170!** Your kindness helps make a real difference, and we are so grateful for your continued support. Thank you once again for helping us spread a little joy (and enjoy a lot of cake!) for a great cause.



As we approach the Easter break, we are preparing to recognise students with improved or sustained excellent attendance this term. This will be done through awarding merits on Arbor and sending out some positive communication to those students too. We will, this week, also be sending out the first of our new Personal Attendance Reports. We hope that these help provide parents, and students, with a sense of individual attendance comparatively to peers and the wider cohort. Please support us in ensuring a strong finish to the Spring Term. When we return, we will be running weekly prize draws each Friday to further celebrate and recognise students' efforts regarding attendance.

...Attendance Matters

...Library Corner

Greetings from Mrs Dearden in the Library! I am very excited to have set up a School Library Wishlist for Formby High School! We are always looking for innovative ways to get fresh and exciting books, so when I found about the [lovereadings4kids](https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk) wish lists, I knew I had to get one set up straight away! It is a wish list where I will add lots of both fiction and non-fiction books that I and the students would love to see in our school library, meaning that anyone can purchase off our wish list and the books will come straight to the Library door ready for reading! I will update the list whenever a request is made for a book that we can't meet straight away, meaning that a parent can purchase this book for the school library and plenty of students can have the benefit of this book for years to come. If you wish browse and/or make a donation, you can find the FHS wish list here: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/wishlists/d70d1a66bd0a94aeebc62758f10af3ff>.



Last Monday we kicked off our Carnegie FHS Shadows book club with a 'Judge a Book By Its Cover' activity, where the students looked into each book first using the front cover, then with more information from the blurb, then further details from reviews, and considered which one they would like to read first, leading to their first selections this week. There are some fantastic titles with diverse formats including a verse novel and an illustrated book, so everyone can find their favourite book to vote for when the polls open for the Shadows' Choice Vote in May! We still have some copies of shortlisted books available if you would like to come along and join our group of enthusiastic readers, making reading a more social, community activity! You will find us every Monday after school in the Library until 4pm.

...DofE Expeditions – Get Ready for Adventure!



Excitement is building as students prepare to take on their Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) expeditions. From local trails to the stunning landscapes of the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales, participants will soon be putting their training into action—developing teamwork, resilience, and independence along the way. Whether Bronze, Silver, or Gold, each expedition is a chance to challenge, build confidence, and create unforgettable memories in the great outdoors. Here are the key date reminders:

Bronze Key Dates

- **Training (in school):** 12 May (Periods 4 & 5)
- **Practice Expedition:** Friday 5 – Saturday 6 June (Scarisbrick Hall, Ormskirk)
- **Qualifying Expedition:** Friday 3 – Saturday 4 July (Charity Farm, Wigan)

Silver Key Dates

- **Training (in school):** 21 April (Periods 4 & 5)
- **Practice Expedition:** Thursday 7 – Saturday 9 May (Clitheroe)
- **Qualifying Expedition:** Friday 5 – Sunday 7 June (Lake District)

Gold Key Dates

- **Training (in school):** Complete
- **Practice Expedition:** Monday 27 – Thursday 30 April (Yorkshire Dales)
- **Qualifying Expedition:** Saturday 20 – Wednesday 24 June (Yorkshire Dales)

Mr Duckworth will be organising some training after Easter to help students collate Assessor Reports in order to finish off their physical, skills and volunteering elements. In addition, equipment lists will be provided at training. We look forward to seeing our students rise to the challenge and make the most of this incredible opportunity!



...Sporting Matters

Two of our talented young athletes, Sydney Senior Girl and Eddie Inter Boy, proudly represented the Merseyside Schools Cross Country Team on Saturday 14 March at Sefton Park. Despite the sunshine, the course proved as challenging as ever, with deep mud testing every runner's resilience. In a remarkable display of determination, Eddie completed most of the race wearing just one shoe after losing the other early on! Even so, he pushed through the demanding conditions with impressive grit helping the team to achieve a solid 17th place overall. Meanwhile, Sydney competed in the senior girls' race, contributing to the team's strong performance and helping secure an impressive 14th place finish out of 46 counties. Both athletes demonstrated exceptional commitment and sportsmanship, making Merseyside proud on the national stage.



Being selected to represent the Merseyside school cross country team is already a huge achievement. But then to go out on Monday as part of a 15-strong squad, race in West Cheshire, and help secure Merseyside's first victory in four years was fantastic. Well done to Harry in Year 7 who was part of this team. Our Y8 girls' footballers won at the Southport and Formby Football Tournament this week and Y7 had 2 teams- one winning the competition and one runners-up.

The Year 8 netball teams won the Southport and Formby Netball Champions and finished runners-up in the Merseyside Finals! Year 7 & 8 enjoyed a specialist shooting masterclass with Manchester Thunder and England GS Eleanor Cardwell, a really memorable experience! And finally, a big shout out to our intrepid Mr Tynan who has done it again – only bigger – he is now the HYROX European Champion after his race last weekend (with a time of 00:54:37). He is now known by the snappy title of: European, Middle East, Africa AG Champion! Well done Sir!



...Kevin Williams Memorial

As we return from the Easter holidays in April, we will be marking the memorial of the Hillsborough tragedy (15 April), with colleagues from the Liverpool FC Foundation in school speaking to students about 'The Real Truth Legacy' of Hillsborough. The LFC Foundation will be bringing raffle prizes which we will be using to raise funds for the MND Association. Of course, we will also be preparing for our annual **Kevin Williams Memorial**

Penalty Shoot-Out which is taking place on Friday 17 April. Kevin was a member of the FHS Year 11 Football team who sadly lost his life at Hillsborough. Every year since the tragedy, the school has come together for this shoot-out, bringing fun and friendly competition to our community, through a sport Kevin loved. Our Year 11 footballers are practising their penalty skills to try and secure a win against the staff (and guests) team. This year is promising to be a very special event, with some special guests and, as always attended by members of Kevin's family. We would like to send a special shout-out to Liverpool Headstones (www.liverpoolheadstonerepairs.com) who have, free of charge, cleaned and restored Kevin's memorial stone at the school. Such a lovely gesture!



...LFC Foundation

The LFC Foundation mental health team were in school this week to deliver **creative sessions addressing social media and toxic masculinity**, aiming to challenge and dismantle harmful stereotypes. During these sessions to Year 10 students, time was taken for group discussion and reflection, encouraging open dialogues about gender stereotypes, inclusivity, and the impacts of gender-based assumptions. This was a really important session for the students who engaged maturely during their workshop.



...Unlimited Talent!



Our Sixth Form enrichment **Gold Arts Award** Showcase took place on Friday 13 March in the School Hall. It was the culmination of 18 months of hard work on a project to make new art, study advanced arts practitioners, gain work experience in a chosen art form and discuss and debate arts issues. Students studied arts topics such as Sculpture, Art, Claymation, Animation, Dance, Choreography and Acting for Camera. Students showcased their creativity and presented their work to an audience of family, friends and staff, the production was entirely student led and is worth 16 UCAS

points. Our cohort became an 'artists collective' to showcase an impressive performance of their work in the Q and A session afterwards students discussed the necessity of the arts in education and the arts careers they are passionate to pursue.



...Careers Fair

This Wednesday saw the return of our annual Careers Fair, creating a hive of activity in our Sports Hall. With record numbers of supporting companies and professions coming in to speak with students from all year groups, the event was a huge success. This event, now a staple on our Careers Education calendar, is only possible through the time volunteered by so many, including (but certainly not limited to) Jaguar Landrover, the NHS, Kroll Corlett, E3 Cube, the Royal Navy, not to forget a whole host of colleges and universities, and we extend our sincere thanks to them all for their full support. This is a unique opportunity for our students to explore a wealth of careers, apprenticeships and higher education to help them shape their decision-making. Our thanks too to Mrs MacDunne, Mrs Haughey, Mrs Harding and all the staff who made this event possible.



On the Horizon...

- ★ Easter Holiday – Mon 30 Mar to Fri 10 Apr
- ★ Return of staff and students – 13 Apr
- ★ Year 8 Subject Consultation Eve – 16 Apr
- ★ Kevin Williams Memorial Shoot-Out – 17 Apr
- ★ High School Musical Jr – 17 & 19 Apr
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