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Celebrating our school and community

...House Assemblies



This week's house assemblies were a fantastic celebration of the many students who have taken part in house competitions this spring. The term saw 10 Academic & Creative Trophy competitions, four Sports Trophy competitions, and our popular *Wellbeing Wednesdays* initiative. From a STEM egg drop challenge to debate club, pickleball to the Pi Challenge, there have been diverse opportunities to suit all interests.

Hundreds of students earned points for their house, with every house winning at least one competition. We were delighted to share the current standings across all trophies, shown in the image opposite.

It's great to see all six houses represented across the top three places in each trophy. With overall house points sitting between 6,000 and 7,000 for each house, the competition is incredibly close and there is still everything to play for as we head towards the summer term.



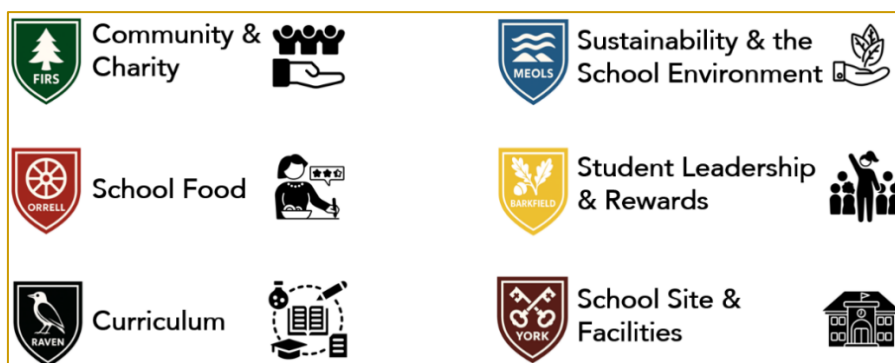
...School Parliament

School Parliament has been busy throughout the spring term, meeting in January, February and March. In the first two meetings, students worked in their house committees to share ideas and create action plans focused on making our school an even better place to learn and belong.



March's meeting had one exciting focus: Community Day 2026. Students were full of ideas about what they would like the day to include, from activities to ways of bringing the school community together. These suggestions were gathered by the staff leading the event and

shared with the team responsible for planning the day. We're excited to keep working alongside students as plans develop, making sure their voices shape Community Day, while also building in plenty of opportunities to celebrate our houses and everything that makes them special.



...High School Musical Jr



A massive congratulations to our award-winning Musical Theatre Company who staged yet another amazing production last weekend. The MTC brought Disney's High School Musical to life in the Drama Studio to the delight of the audiences across three performances.



The outstanding quality of musical theatre talent in MTC was spectacular and it was clear to see just how much hard work and practice they put into their craft. These productions are not possible without the support of everyone involved, behind the scenes, on the stage and in the audience – thank you to all!

...Kevin Williams Penalty Shoot-Out

Our annual penalty shoot-out in memory of former Year 11 student, Kevin Williams who sadly lost his life at Hillsborough, took place last Friday. Thanks to Mr Quayle and his support from LFC Foundation, this event was particularly special this year. Not only did we have some special guests and activities to mark the Hillsborough anniversary, Mr Quayle wanted to support the school community in doing some good in Kevin's memory, undertaking fundraising for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MND). Despite a grey and wet morning, the sun and blue skies appeared just in time for the event on the school fields, supported by a huge audience of students, staff and VIPs from MND, LFC Foundation, and some ex LFC players, including the legendary Sammy Lee. As always, the event was attended by Kevin's family – with nephew Finn taking a penalty himself. As Kevin was himself a member of the FHS Y11 football team, the tradition for this event is for our current Year 11 Football team to take on staff members for the annual shoot-out competition. This is all designed to keep Kevin and all those who did not return from the Hillsborough match that day, and their loved ones, firmly in our hearts and minds. Competition was fierce and friendly, with some amazing penalty skills on display and some heroic goalkeeping. The Year 11 team players finally took this year's glory with a 11-10 win over the staff team... well done boys!



Following the event at lunchtime, a small group of students were invited to a special workshop in the afternoon delivered by the LFC Foundation, as part of the *Hillsborough: The Real Truth Legacy* project. The moving, interactive session was a privilege for the students to attend and we are grateful to the foundation for the opportunity.

Throughout the week, charity fundraising took place for MND Association, with some absolutely amazing raffle prizes, thanks to support from LFC Foundation and others. From signed LFC memorabilia to kit and sportswear, the raffle was a huge buzz around the school all week and raised an amazing **£738.77** for this fantastic cause. On receiving the funds from us, the Association wrote '*Thank you so much for your donation to the Motor Neurone Disease Association. Today, six people will be told they have MND. The MND Association will be here for them, to make every day matter - thanks to you. Every day we support people affected by MND. We fund ground-breaking research. We campaign for better care. We're here for everyone who needs us.*'



Thank you to everyone involved in these fantastic events, with a huge shout-out to Mr Quayle for making it all happen!



The LFC Onside programme continues to support our students developing confidence, team-building and citizenship skills through its fantastic in-school workshops and visits. On the Friday before the Easter break the Onside group had a fantastic day in Liverpool, involving activities led by the foundation staff such as Dodgeball, Jenga, Drama/Ice Breakers, Over and Under, Egg Parachute Building and some Coding of little race cars too! Mr Quayle said "The students were superb and embodied the Formby High School Way. They were really respectful to the highly esteemed guests. They

deserved this after all their hard work on the LFC Onside Programme!" On the day, they got to meet Jamie Webster, Florent Sinama Pongolle and the one and only Jurgen Klopp!

Last week 'The Literature Society' students visited Crosby Plaza Cinema for a viewing of *The Faraway Tree* based on the much-loved book by Enid Blyton. The students had a lovely morning, with free popcorn and a drink and even got a copy of the book to keep. Our thanks go to the Liverpool FC Foundation for their support in making this trip such a memorable experience. The Literature Society are shaping up to be wonderful ambassadors for FHS. We look forward to their poetry performances of 'My First Day at Formby High School' for our Year 6 transition students. Formby High's very own Poet Laureate will be revealed after the spring half term holiday.



...Sixth Form Matters

A huge congratulations to Amber (Y13) who raced in the recent Manchester marathon hitting her target of raising over £500 for her chosen charity, Mind. Amber managed to push through extraordinary pain to complete the Manchester Marathon in an impressive 4 hours and 6 minutes, despite fracturing her foot in two places midway through the race! We're all very proud of her achievement!



On Wednesday, 15 A Level Chemistry students visited Liverpool John Moores University to take part in a Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Science degree taster day. During the visit, students enjoyed a series of hands-on activities, including formulating a medicated skin ointment, producing aspirin tablets, and carrying out quality control tests on their own products. The university staff were extremely welcoming and

supportive, taking the time to guide students through each activity and share their expertise. Working in a large university laboratory provided a valuable insight into life at university and the practical nature of studying science at degree level. The day was an engaging and inspiring experience for all involved.



As our Year 12 and Year 13 students begin their exams, or prepare to do so in the coming weeks, we would like to wish them every success. This is an important time, and we are proud of the hard work and commitment they have shown throughout the year. We wish all the students the best of luck.

... VAWG Roadshow



We were delighted to welcome officers from **Merseyside Police** into school, who delivered a series of engaging and informative assemblies to students in **Years 7–11** focused on **Violence Against Women and Girls**. Students found it particularly interesting to learn about the wide range of roles within the police force, with officers sharing their own career journeys from areas such as **CID to CSI**. The assemblies prompted thoughtful discussion and helped students better understand both personal safety and the varied pathways into policing careers.

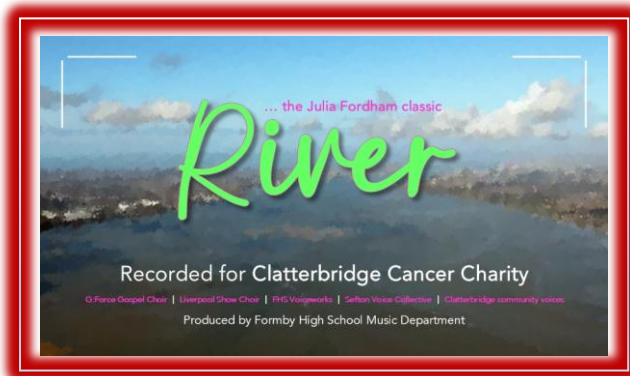
...Attendance Matters

As we move into Summer term it is important to stress that this is a crucial, and busy, period for all students with exams, assessments, and enrichment opportunities abound. We are asking all students to aim for 100% attendance this half term. Mrs Harrison-Forsyth has delivered attendance and punctuality focused assemblies to students this week. During which we shared our summer incentive: we will be running prize draws each Friday with takeaway vouchers, fast passes and other freebies up for grabs.



...Concert for Clatterbridge

In March 2026, our talented Music Department team headed to the Arch Recording Studio in Southport for another mega-project. To support to magnificent work of the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity, we assembled the combined voices of four fantastic local pop choirs and also lots of guest voices from across the Clatterbridge community. We hope you will love the result of this amazing weekend. The choirs involved are G:Force Gospel Choir, Voiceworks, the Sefton Voice Collective and the Liverpool Show Choir. The song 'River' was originally



recorded in 1994 by British singer songwriter Julia Fordham, who has had a close connection with the Music Department & G:Force for a number of years. Julia's beautiful song really supports the message of hope, resilience, love and care offered by the Clatterbridge community. Please watch right to the end of the video for something really special - all the way from California!

If you love the recording, we really encourage you to head to the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity website and make a donation! 1 in 2 local people will be affected by cancer in the Merseyside region - please support this amazing charity to move forward into a brighter future. <https://clatterbridgecharity.org/>. The song 'premieres' from 7.00pm Saturday 25 April on our YouTube channel: ['River' charity recording for Clatterbridge](#)



On the Horizon...

- ★ Y12 DoE Gold Expedition – 27 to 30 Apr
- ★ MSP Peer Mentoring – 1 and 18 May
- ★ Bank Holiday – 4 May
- ★ Y7 Subject Consultation Evening – 7 May
- ★ Y10 DoE Silver Practice Expedition – 7to9 May
- ★ Summer Examination Series begins – 8 May