

Headlands HEADLINES

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Headteacher's message

This week Mr Stamper (Assistant Head - Community) and Miss Massey (Year Leader 6 into 7) have been virtually meeting our 2021 Team Headlands Year 7 students in our feeder primary schools.

It has been wonderful to see so many children, hear about their excellent questions and share in their journey through Year 6 into Year 7 at Headlands School.



Please see our Facebook page and school website for more information on our Transition Programme for 2020 - 2021.

Could I remind students to think carefully about road safety as they walk to and from school each day.

We have had reports of students looking at their mobile phones while crossing busy roads near to Headlands.

Please stay safe.

Our Bit Lit initiative has also been re-launched over the last week - please take 10 minutes out of your day to encourage your child(ren) to listen and watch this week's story.

We know that reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another and in these challenging days, escaping in a book is certainly a welcome relief for many of us!

Indeed, I am currently reading Eddie Jones' "My Life and Rugby" - his leadership insights are certainly quite inspiring during these complex times.

We know the effects of reading on our children's development are vast. The benefits that reading can have on a young person's development include:

- Improved cognitive development
- Empathy development
- Gain deeper understanding of the world
- Improved literacy skills
- More extensive vocabulary
- Improved ability to concentrate
- Higher levels of creativity and imagination

Mrs Woodward (Assistant Head - Cultural Capital) is leading on our whole school initiatives in respect of reading and literacy. This is because we recognise for many of our students, their literacy and vocabulary skills upon entry to Headlands School are a potential barrier to their ability to unlock and succeed in their secondary curriculum studies.

Again, please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more updates on initiatives Mrs Woodward is leading, including our Headlands Project with North Bridlington Library.

You can also see some of the previous Bit Lit videos on the Headlands School YouTube channel.

Today is Mental Health Day at Headlands School and I am confident we can raise a significant amount of money to support the national charity Young Minds. Thank you to Miss Peck (Subject Leader - RS) for organising this event and to all our students and staff who have supported it.

For parents and carers a #TalkSuicide Campaign has been created by the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership to reduce the stigma around talking about suicide by raising awareness of a free suicide prevention training available from the Zero Suicide Alliance.

The training takes 20 minutes and can be accessed here at <https://talksuicide.co.uk/>

I would encourage you to please take a look - 20 minutes of your time could help you save a life.

Finally, thank you to the parents of students in Years 7 and 8 for your feedback to tutors, over the last two weeks. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive and tutors have passed on your positive comments to Year Leaders and teachers. Thank you.

One common query that has come back is on what platform is homework being set? Is it Google Classrooms or is it Show My Homework?

As a parent myself I do appreciate trying to keep track of what and where Homework is being set can be somewhat of a challenge! Prior to March 2020 all staff set homework on Show My Homework. However, over the last few months I am aware staff have also been utilising Google Classrooms.

I am in the process of consulting with staff and intend to arrive at a position on which platforms should be used by next Friday's Headlands Headlines.

In the meantime, stay safe and have a good week!

Sarah Bone



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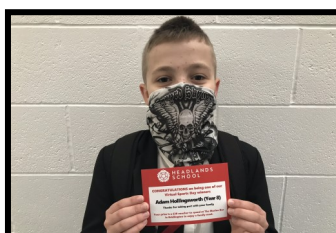
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Virtual Sports Day winners

The winners from the Team Headlands Virtual Sports Day event in the summer received their prizes in school this week.

Congratulations to Amelia, Suki-Rose, Lauren, Owen and Adam, who were presented with vouchers during tutor time.

Thanks again to Jolly Jumpers, Urban Kitchen, Seven Coffee Shop and the Marine Bar for donating prizes.



Team Headlands Reading Bingo

A brand new and exciting reading challenge begins at Headlands School this year for Key Stage 3. We would like to introduce to you our Headlands Reading Bingo!

If you are in Year 7, 8 or 9, at the back of your planner, you will find our Reading Bingo sheet.

You are given a termly goal to read all of the materials, with a plethora of prizes and stamps up for grabs, so you won't want to miss out!

If you are the first in your year group to complete you will win a HUGE £50 'Love To Shop' voucher.

Second to complete wins a £25 'Love To Shop' voucher and third to complete wins a £10 'Love To Shop' voucher.

Ask the English team for more information.

Eyes down for a full house!

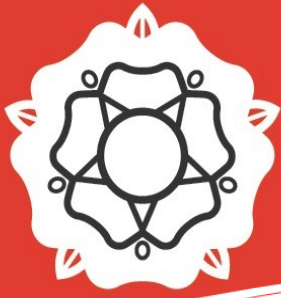
Sixth Former of the Week



Team Headlands' Sixth Former of the Week is back for the new school year.

Students can be nominated by staff for excellent work or effort.

The first winner of the new term was Scarlett Hirst, for confidently understanding and applying Planck's constant.



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Wearing yellow to mark World Mental Health Day



Tomorrow is World Mental Health Day and to mark the occasion, staff and students at Team Headlands were invited to wear an item of yellow clothing alongside their usual uniform and work clothes.

Collections were made in tutor groups to raise money for Young Minds, the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health.

Miss Peck, head of Religious Studies, said the idea was to 'flood the school with sunshine after a cloudy year'.



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