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Headteacher's message

Whilst it has been very quiet in school with Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 in self-isolation, it has certainly not been quiet in terms of engagement in online learning - well done everyone!

Positive emails and phone calls from parents and carers regarding the quality of our online teaching and learning provision have been greatly received by the team and I. Many thanks for taking the time to pass on your praise.

A reminder, in line with our Home Learning Guidance, online learning resources and 'live' lessons continue to be available on Google Classrooms following students' daily timetables. So, should students be required to self-isolate, they are still in a position to continue with their learning.

Student engagement with online learning is monitored lesson by lesson by teachers and Year Leaders. As some students in Years 9 to 11 discovered this week,

engagement is also closely monitored by me!

Please be prepared - if students work is not being submitted and you have not advised either the class teacher or Year Leader about a potential problem, you will definitely get a knock at your door from either your child's Year Leader, Mrs Westcott (Director of Student Services), Mr Edwards (Assistant Head - Behaviour) or even me!

Another thank you. Thank you to all the parents and carers who completed our online survey early in the week in respect of our draft proposals for the end of the Autumn Term.

Thank you also to the parents and carers who followed up the survey with emails to myself to express your views.

In depth, constructive discussions are currently on-going with our colleagues at the Local Authority

and once we know more, we will, of course, be back in touch.

As we approach the final three weeks of term I will also write to parents and carers and outline the school's contact details for the Christmas and New Year period in the event of a positive COVID-19 case occurring within the school community.

Finally, as we have throughout 2020, we will continue to communicate with our students, parents and carers in an open and transparent way through the final days of this, most challenging of years.

Thank you once again for your support during these extraordinary times.

Stay safe and well.

Sarah Bone

Don't forget, next Tuesday (December 1st) is a training day and Headlands School will be closed to all year groups. There will be no online learning available on that day.

Free uniform

We have a large amount of unclaimed school uniform in our lost property collection.

Should parents and carers wish to obtain any of the items shown, please contact our main office either on 01262 676198 or admin@headlandsschool.co.uk and we can post the items home to you.





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£410.71

Team Headlands raised more money for Children in Need than we first realised.

A few late donations meant that the amount collected at our non-uniform day was £410.71.

Thank you to all students who brought in a donation, and to parents who used our Just Giving page online.



Mock exams timetable

GCSE and A Level PPE timetables are now available to view on the school website.

The exam period will run from Monday, 25th January to Friday, 5th February 2021.

Copies of the timetables have been placed on the Exams, Sixth

Form and Year 11 common room noticeboards.

Students will be issued with individual timetables, including room allocation, nearer the time.

You can see the timetables at <https://headlandsschool.co.uk/secondary-school/examinations/>

Bike safety posters

Thank you to Caitlin (Year 8) and well done for the hard work creating posters to encourage the Team Headlands community to display lights on their bikes during the winter months when it is dark.

This week's Bit Lit

This week's Bit Lit video features Miss Di Placido's dad, Mike, who is a published poet.

A video of him reading some of his work was played to tutor groups, but if you missed it, you can catch up on the Headlands School YouTube channel.

There are videos from other weeks on the channel, featuring staff, students and professional writers.

Reverse Advent

Tutor groups will be collecting items for Reverse Advent boxes during December.

Students are asked to bring in donations of non-perishable food (cans, cereal, biscuits, etc), toiletries items (toothpaste, shampoo, moisturiser, hair brush) or warm clothing (hat, scarf, gloves) to add to the group's box.

On the last day of term, we will be collecting all the boxes and donating them as a Headlands gift to local people less fortunate than us for Christmas.

Miss Peck is organising the project and said: "I feel like we will really be supporting our local community and showing the values of Headlands School."

Join Team Headlands

Team Headlands are seeking to recruit a diverse team of diligent, pragmatic and efficient exam invigilators.

You will work on a timetabled schedule, monitoring students during their examinations and assisting with distributing and collecting exam papers.

For more details, and an application form, see the Recruitment page of the school website.



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Mock Interview Day



Monday, 7th December is the annual Mock Interview Day for Year 11 students at Headlands School.

In previous years, this event has been very popular with students and it is an excellent way to talk to employers and representatives from a wide range of universities and colleges.

Student feedback tells us our careers events contribute to raising students' aspirations and ambitions.

Usually, up to 50 visitors from local businesses and organisations come into school, stage mock job interviews with Year 11 students and then give feedback about how they performed.

The current restrictions mean this year's Mock Interview Day will be held virtually.

A big thank you to all the organisations which are supporting this year's event. You can see a selection of those involved on this page.

School will be closed to all other year groups on Monday, 7th December.