

Headteacher's message

hank you for your continued support over the course of this week, it has certainly been an interesting one in terms of national, and indeed international politics.

Our students have returned to school eager to learn, keen to make progress and have reported the following, as part of our Student Council feedback:

- The overwhelming majority of students are really pleased with our recovery curriculum and felt it was addressing their learning gaps well.
- The overwhelming majority felt the 'challenges' that teachers were providing in lessons were stretching their knowledge and understanding.
- Verbal stamps students reported that the vast majority of staff are issuing them in line with the school Feedback and Assessment Policy.
- All students understand they will receive a comment for not wearing a face covering whilst in corridors and communal areas. It is really clear our students understand their individual actions and behaviours play a crucial role in keeping others as safe as possible in terms of Covid-19.
- All students reported they are 'happy' with our Covid-19 procedures and feel we are

working hard to keep them safe.

 All said they had access to hand sanitiser and wipes in class and around the school site and understood it was an effective daily routine. Thank you to all our students for being consistent with this.

ndeed, if anyone has looked at the Schools Covid-19 Map www.schoolcovidmap.org.uk you will note Headlands School's Covid-19 rate has gone down in the last week and is, compared to other areas, significantly lower. So, a big thank you to everyone in the Headlands School community for fulfilling our responsibilities in respect of Covid-19.

However, at the time of writing, unfortunately, our Sixth Form students are starting a period of 14 days' self-isolation following a positive Covid-19 test. The transmission occurred during the half-term break.

It is imperative we all continue to remain alert to the risk of Covid-19 transmission and remember the guidance, no matter where we are - work, home, school, shopping.

s I have previously reported, I continue to remain in regular contact with Mrs Parker-Randall, headteacher at Bridlington School.

Over the coming days and weeks, we are both acutely aware Government advice and decisions

will change, with little or no notice. Furthermore, we are also aware that families, including those represented by our staffing teams, will continue to be affected by Covid-19.

As such please be reassured we will continue to work together to ensure we are keeping the community of Bridlington as Covid-19 safe as we can.

It is very likely difficult decisions lie ahead. Whatever decisions we make, please know they will not have been made lightly and they will be in the best interests of our students, staff and the wider community of Bridlington.

inally, a moment to pause.

Next week, we will hold our annual whole school
Remembrance Day Service to remember those who "gave their todays for our tomorrows."

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 we will not be able to come together as a whole school community, instead the fabulous team here at Headlands School have produced a video recording of our Remembrance Service, led by Reverend Pollard, which will be uploaded onto our Facebook page at 11am on Wednesday.

It lasts around 10 minutes. If you can, please take 10 minutes out of your day to watch the video and Remember.

Stay safe and stay well,

Sarah Bone

Next Friday is Children In Need Day and Team Headlands will be holding a non-uniform day to support the BBC appeal.

Students are asked to bring a donation if they can on Friday and we have also set up a donations web page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cin2020-0280959 if you would prefer to make a donation online.



Parents' survey

We have set up a short survey for parents to give feedback on issues regarding Headlands School and Covid-19. It should only take a couple of minutes to complete and you can find the form at https://forms.gle/QvU7UQqatkXci6vS6



PPE exam details

The January PPE exams for GCSE and A Level students begin on Monday, 25th January, 2021, for approximately two weeks.

Individual timetables will be given out to students during tutor sessions nearer the time and further information and full exam timetables will be found on the school's Exams Notice Board.

Morning sessions will start at 8.30am for both Year 11 and Year 13.

Afternoon sessions will start at 12.45pm for year 11. Afternoon sessions will start at 1.45pm for Year 13.

Careers Corner

This week is Occupational Therapy Week and tutors may have shown this video to students - https://vimeo.com/472558529/86dfdf3a63.

The organisers of the week, the Royal College of Occupational Therapists has a website with more information at www.chooseot.co.uk

Students have been thinking of questions they would like to ask and these will be answered in the coming weeks.



Community help

Last week, staff from Morrisons in Bridlington visited Headlands to distribute lunchboxes and family bags of food to help local people during half-term.

The supermarket is now offering a doorstep delivery scheme for people who are isolating, vulnerable or unable to get to the shops.

Oddballs bobble hats





In school, we have a large number of #TeamHeadlands Oddballs bobble hats. Oddballs is a label in the sports industry that draws attention towards Testicular Cancer through their range of sportswear.

At Headlands School, we take great pride in helping to spread awareness of cancer with both male and female students.

By purchasing a Headlands-branded Oddballs bobble hat for £10, your child will not only support the school, but also promote the company further. See the PE team for more details.

Extracurricular clubs and activities

Due to the current Government restrictions, it is with regret that we are now unable to offer our normal amount of extra-curricular activities.

We will continue to offer our morning takeaway breakfast club and homework club will continue to run after school.

Students must sign up for homework club with their Year Leader, on the morning of their year group's day to ensure there will be space for them.

We may be in a position to offer some lunchtime activities and will advertise these to students when we can.

We are planning to offer extra curricular opportunities to students once more as soon as we are able and will advertise these opportunities to students when we can.

In the meantime, we have an ever-growing amount of fantastic virtual opportunities on our extra-curricular Google Classroom.

Students can still receive stamp rewards for completing virtual extracurricular work and can sign up using the code 5fkomis.



Halloween fun at Art club





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