



Headlands HEADLINES

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Headteacher's message

This week started off with our Year 11 students representing themselves amazingly well during our first online, virtual Mock Interview day. Many of our students came "suited and booted" for the experience and feedback indicates 98% of students found the day to be beneficial.

Employer feedback was also overwhelmingly positive about our students and our school. Despite some initial technical difficulties, they were very impressed.

A few students stood out as top performers in their interviews. They were: Josh Sanderson, Kyle Robinson, Kyra Tetley, Jobey Cawkill, Sam Powell, Kelly Biggs and Rowan McKendry. Amazing! Well done!

It was a great day all round, and from a staffing perspective it was wonderful to be able to listen to students and to see what their dreams and aspirations are.

On Tuesday afternoon, the whole school took part in a Virtual Careers Fair. Students had the opportunity to hear from a range of employers, local and regional colleges, students from our own Sixth Form, apprenticeship providers and universities. Once again, this quality careers session was really positively received by our students.

During the last week, the Senior Team have been meeting with students in Years 7 to 13 to discuss their emotional wellbeing, academic reports and also chat about their career aspirations. As such, when students' academic reports are emailed home next week, parents and carers will also see a comment from a member of the Senior Team briefly documenting for you a summary of these meetings.

End of Term

This week, the Government announced schools could take Friday, 18 December, as a training day, if they moved one from the rest of the academic year.

This suggestion was discussed at the Headlands Full Governors meeting on Thursday, 10 December. All were in agreement that moving our remaining training day of Monday, 26 July, 2021 to next Friday, at such short notice, would no doubt inconvenience families who have provisionally booked summer holidays in 2021.

As a result, we will continue to be open on Friday, 18 December. As in previous years, we do allow students on this day to leave at lunchtime as a reward for all their hard work during the Autumn Term. Certainly this year, more than most, this has been hard earned by our students.

The Government have also informed us this week of school's role in the Public Health England Contact Track and Trace process over the holiday period. To summarise, they have said:

- Schools will be asked to help trace contacts of students and staff who test positive for the first six days of the Christmas holidays. Dates for Headlands School are Saturday, 19 December until and including Thursday, 24 December.
- Schools should only be contacted about positive cases where symptoms developed within 48 hours of the student or member of staff being in school.
- Schools can designate a limited period each day when they can be contactable. Our Facebook page will therefore be "silenced" from 3pm on

Friday, 18 December, until 8.30am on Monday, 4 January 2021, so do not attempt to contact us via Facebook.

Instead, we have set up a designated COVID-19 email address: **Covid19@headlandsschool.co.uk** which will be looked at daily at 10am between Saturday, 19 December and Thursday, 24 December. Please only email us at this address if:

- Your child developed symptoms within 48 hours of them being in school **AND...**
- They have tested positive for COVID-19

Any other queries sent to this email address will not be responded to.

Should you have any other matters you wish to contact the school about during the Christmas holiday period, please continue to email admin@headlandsschool.co.uk noting this account will not be looked at until our return on Monday, 4 January, 2021.

Your support in helping us managing this period is very much appreciated. The team and I, like many other key workers, have continued to work every weekend throughout the pandemic and during the Easter break, May and October half-term holidays, and the Summer holidays.

We absolutely recognise the importance of our role in Track and Trace and remain hopeful that because of the operational procedures we have put in place, and the wider community support, we can all have a safe and peaceful Christmas holiday.

Have a safe and peaceful weekend and look out online for our annual Carol Service next week.

Sarah Bone



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Staying safe while cycling



In the Autumn term, we hold our bike library day with sustainable travel charity R-evolution.

Unfortunately this year, we were unable to offer free bicycle loans

but could offer free servicing.

On Tuesday, students were able to receive a free, professional service of their bicycle on this day.

R-evolution also take donations of

any old, unused or unwanted bicycles which they service and refurbish before handing out to members of the East Yorkshire community in need of a mode of sustainable transport.

THE HUGE HEADLANDS CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW

Monday: Local business prizes and £100 Amazon voucher finalists

Tuesday: All raffle prizes

Wednesday: All £5, £10 and £20 Amazon vouchers

Thursday: £100 Amazon voucher winner



Will you be a winner?

This year's Christmas rewards trip has been replaced by a big prize draw. Throughout the year, students have been getting tickets into the draw, by recording a week with no comments in their planner or when they receive a postcard home.

The winners, including the student who will receive a £100 Amazon voucher, will be announced next week.

Reverse Advent

There is still time to donate to the Reverse Advent boxes. 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 their tutor group. Next Tuesday, the boxes will be collected and donated to The Hinge Centre.



Save the Children

**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Thank you to all staff and students who took part in Christmas Jumper Day today and raised money for Save The Children.

We'll count up the money and announce how much was raised in next week's Headlands Headlines.

If you would still like to make a donation, you can give online at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cjd200006602



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Mock Interview Day

Mock Interview Day is one of the highlights of the school year at Headlands School and part of our excellent careers package for students.

Usually, around 50 representatives from local business, colleges, universities and other organisations visit the school and carry out mock job interviews with our Year 11 students, to prepare them for the world of work.

The Covid-19 restrictions meant the day couldn't be held in its usual format this year, but a lot of hard work went into making sure the students still had the chance

to enjoy the best experience they could.

Virtual job interviews were carried out through video calls and the Year 11s also spent time writing a CV and researching careers which interested them.

Mr Stamper (Assistant Head - Community) said it had been an amazing day and the feedback from students and employers had been overwhelmingly positive.

Thanks to all the local businesses and organisations which supported the day and gave Headlands students some valuable advice and a day to remember.

On this page, there are some of the comments we received from students and on the next page is some of the feedback from the employers.

Also as part of the Headlands career offer, all year groups joined in with the online careers fair organised by HOP and the Careers Enterprise Company on Tuesday. Find out more at www.humbercareers.co.uk

This replaced the annual Headlands Careers Fair which cannot be held as usual because of the ongoing restrictions.



"I got a better understanding of the pathway to reach my desired job and the grades and subjects needed to get into the university I want."

"This was good because it gives us an idea of what interviews will be like in the future and they give us feedback of what to improve on for real interviews."

"It helped me plan my ideas and understand my future."

"I was able to learn more about the jobs I want to do and understand what courses I need to do in college."

"I got offered an apprenticeship!"



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Mock Interview Day

Comments from employers

"It was nice to listen to students and to see what their dreams and aspirations are. A real buzz was when the student started talking about a career that genuinely makes them happy, you could see their face light up when they spoke about their dream role. That was a nice part of the virtual session."

"The students were really friendly and personable and I could tell they'd practiced."

"The best part was seeing students say positive things about themselves and smiling."

"I enjoyed having conversations with engaging students and offering advice and guidance."

"The best part was listening to all the answers! Some students had such interesting answers and experiences they spoke about."

