

## Headteacher's message

nother extraordinary week for our school community so much has happened in such a short space of time.

To start with a positive, at the start of the new term we received a lovely thank you card from The Hinge Centre for our Reverse Advent food boxes before Christmas - they were very much appreciated. Thank you to all parents and carers who provided gifts and food for these boxes.

Students, parents and carers, thank you again this week for your flexibility, constructive feedback and, most importantly, patience. Parents and carers have completed several surveys - your feedback has been greatly appreciated.

We thought 2020 was challenging, I am pretty confident 2021 is also going to be interesting for us all.

Engagement with our Virtual School live lessons has been superb in the first few days. Mr Edwards (Assistant Head -Behaviour) is relaunching our Online Student Rewards System. Students will be nominated every week by class teachers and then Mr Edwards will announce winners on Google Classrooms every Friday. Students attending school this week have also worked incredibly hard. As such we will also operate an in-school rewards system for those in school.

This leads me on to wanting to say a very big public thank you to our amazing Year Leaders and Student Services team who, this week, have made over 500 calls each to parents and carers and continued to conduct socially-distanced home visits when needed.

would also like to formally welcome five new additions to our brilliant staffing team. Joining our teaching team, we have:

Miss Brown - Lead Practitioner Student Welfare (Teacher of ICT, Business and Science)

Mrs Walton - Lead Practitioner Student Welfare (Teacher of English)

Mrs Oxtoby - Teacher of Maths

And in our associate team we have:

Miss Pearson - Cover Supervisor

Mr Leggatt - Cover Supervisor

They have certainly hit the ground running and have had to adapt extraordinarily quickly to both a new school and a totally new way of working - so another thank you.

ou may well have heard this week that GCSE and A Level examinations have been cancelled for the Summer of 2021 and replaced with Teacher Assessed Grades.

Once we know more about what this might look like we will write to parents and carers and students in these respective year groups.

Needless to say it is imperative Year 11 and Year 13, more than ever, positively engage with our online learning offer.

Applications for our Sixth Form our now available online at www.headlandsschool.co.uk/sixthform-2/apply-now/

Please make sure you get your application in early to secure your place. Find out more about our Sixth Form offer at www.headlandsschool.co.uk/sixthform-2/

Finally, stay safe, well and stay in touch via our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ HeadlandsSchool





I can report 207 students have received Parental Consent for selfadministered COVID-19 tests.

For those students attending school, the first tests will begin today, Friday, 8th January.

Another thank you - this time for Mrs McCann (Director of HR) who has made this happen in an amazingly short space of time.





## Christmas meal bags



Headlands School teamed up with Morrisons supermarket in Bridlington to provide Christmas dinner meal bags to almost 200 families during the holidays. The bags contained a roast chicken, pigs in blankets, Yorkshire puddings, vegetables and mince pies. Mr Fairlamb and Miss Peck went along to Morrisons before Christmas to help staff to distribute and deliver the meal packs.



A brand new and exciting reading challenge begins at Headlands this year for Key Stage 3! Keep reading at home during lockdown for Headlands Reading BINGO!

The new Headlands Reading Bingo is up and running with some great Love To Shop vouchers up for grabs for each year group. At the end of the year, all of the children who completed all of the Term 1, Term 2 and Term 3 reading tasks will be put into a draw, and the winners will be picked out of a hat.

Students will still receive the stamps each term when they complete a reading task, so they should keep their English teacher posted once they complete one and will need to show evidence to receive the stamps.

Join the Headlands Reading BINGO Google Classroom by using the code gcpdpf4



The weekly Team Headlands Question of Sport quizzes are making a comeback during the latest lockdown.

Every Friday at 1.15pm, Mr Fairlamb will be hosting a live sports general knowledge quiz on Kahoot!

You can find the link for the Google meet here - https:// meet.google.com/lookup/ cqo33s32sr or by making sure you are a member of the extracurricular Google Classroom (the code to join is 5fkomis)

There will be prizes each week for the students coming first, second and third. You can even challenge your family on their sporting knowledge.

## Covid-19 vaccine petition

Headlands School would like to make parents and carers aware of a petition to prioritise teachers, school and childcare staff for Covid-19 vaccination?

Advice from the JCVI on the priority groups for Covid-19 does not include school and childcare workers.

This petition calls for workers who cannot distance or use PPE, to be kept safe at work by being put on the vaccine priority list when such a list is adopted by Government Policy.

Please take five minutes to complete this survey and show your support: https:// petition.parliament.uk/ petitions/554316