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Headteacher's message

The Senior Team, Governors and I do not underestimate the great efforts our teachers are going to under extraordinary circumstances.

Furthermore, their work is also complemented by the superb dedication of our associate staff, including Year Leaders, the Support for Learning Team, and our Cover Supervisors.

As a result, the feedback we have received from parents and carers in our Parental Survey has been really welcomed.

On this page are some of the comments received:

Absolutely fantastic. This style of learning is actually encouraging my son to focus more, complete work and is engaging. The teachers are very much in control of the classrooms and very quick to keep people on target.

This is a fantastic offer and from speaking with other parents it is a lot better than what other schools are providing. It keeps my child engaged and busy all day and, although it doesn't fully replicate what it is like when school life is 'normal' and I know how hard your staff must be working, we are very appreciative of it.

Teachers are quick to respond when asked a question via message. My daughter still feels part of a class and the teachers are very clear with their instructions or feedback and teaching when in class.

My child is in sixth form and has been receiving the lessons she would have had in school. This is excellent and is essential, especially in these critical years.

All the teachers have continued to be professional and timely with regards to feedback. They have given clear guidance on what is expected.

"Great feedback is being left. Clear and constructive points given and praise where it is due being given in a timescale and manner that is easy for pupils to be able to relate to and access."

The children are very well supported, and having this daily contact with teachers, ensures the work is done, help is there if needed and the importance of keeping up with everything, this is something they struggled with last time and having to independently work through Powerpoints.



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Online engagement with our Virtual School offer has been superb and we know this doesn't happen by chance - it is because of your support, our parents and carers, that students understand taking part in "live" lessons is vitally important to their long-term academic progress.

So parents and carers - a huge 'thank you' and please keep up the great work!

As a result of feedback from the survey, parents / carers will now receive a weekly Attendance Report and a fortnightly Virtual School Engagement Report.

The Attendance Report will allow you to see what lessons your child has, or perhaps hasn't, attended! The Virtual School Engagement Report will flag for you any concerns regarding the submission of work.

The team and I hope you will find this information useful.

Some parents and carers raised queries over communication and held the view that 'communication' only meant a telephone call from school.

This is just a reminder that communication from Headlands School can take the form of an email, Headlands Headlines, social media or a socially-distanced Student Welfare home visit by a member of the Senior Team.

At the time of writing, the Senior Team and I are undertaking 30+ Student Welfare home visits per day.

The Chair of the Government's Education Select Committee, Robert Halfon MP, has asked the Department for Education for a 'Road Map' out of lockdown for schools.

Furthermore, many parents and carers of students in Years 11 and 13 have asked us what our plans are for these year groups this Summer.

Unfortunately, no such 'Road Map' appears to exist from the Department for Education, and even if it did, history tells us it is very likely to change.

We must also wait for the outcome of the Ofqual consultation on this Summer's assessments. Once we know more, which is likely to be at the same time as parents, carers and students find out, we will of course let you know what is going to happen next.

Therefore, with so much uncertainty, it is imperative we continue to work together, communicate and live in hope, that Spring will bring not only brighter, lighter, longer and warmer days, but also an opportunity for all our children to once again return to school, see their friends, and enjoy the rich curriculum offer we continue to have here at Headlands School.

Stay safe and well.

Sarah Bone

Headlands School Care Packages

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Headlands School Care Package scheme.

So far, £1,625 has been donated via our Just Giving page

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/headlandscarepackages

Co-Op and Morrisons have both donated a huge amount of food again this week and a number of other businesses which are making generous donations.

We also believe that there are many families eligible for free school meals - but who have not applied.



Your child(ren) will be entitled to free school meals if you, as the parent, are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Job Seeker's Allowance (income-based)
- Income Support
- Universal Credit - Your annual income assessed by the Department for Work and

Pension must be less than £7,400.

- Child Tax Credit (but NOT receiving Working Tax Credit)
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Find out more at www.eastriding.gov.uk/learning/schools-colleges-and-academies/school-meals/free-school-meals/

If families require support completing forms- please contact the school for assistance. To request a Care Package, contact your child's Year Leader.



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Pathways Evening

We were scheduled to hold our Pathways Evening for Year 9 students on Thursday 28th January.

Unfortunately, owing to Covid restrictions, it was no longer possible to host the evening we had planned.

However, we know how important this evening is in helping our students, their parents and carers, to understand how to make the best choice of subjects to study in Years 10 and 11.

On the Pathways Evening page on the Headlands School website, you will find videos and course information on every subject we offer for study.

This will give you and your child an opportunity to see what each subject entails, consider which are of interest to them and help you support them in making an informed choice.

These videos will also be posted on our Facebook page over the next week or so, along with a video by Mrs Stamford, deputy headteacher, explaining the Options process.

If you have any questions, there is a form on the website which you can fill in and a member of staff will reply.

Thursday should also have been Open Evening for Year 11 students, to allow them to find out more about the tremendous range of subjects offered in the Sixth Form here at Headlands.

As with Pathways Evening, a series of videos have been produced with staff talking about the courses available and what to expect from Sixth Form life.

The videos are all on the Open Evening 2021 page of the Sixth Form section of the Headlands School website.

Laptop Appeal

There has already been a great response to our appeal to raise money to buy laptops for around 40 students who we have identified who still do not have access to an appropriate learning device.

We have also been able to secure a massive contribution of £3,000 towards our target from the Ernest Cook Trust and are now in a position to fund the purchase of 16 laptops for some of our students.

Thank you to everybody who has made a donation to our Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/headlandsitsupport>

Any help you can provide in supporting our students during these extraordinary times would be greatly appreciated.

Please help to spread the word by sharing our social media posts about the laptop appeal.

Book launch

Cassandra Parkin, Headlands School's Writer in Residence, was hoping to get back into school this year, but with this being unlikely she has started a virtual workshop.

A group of 11 really talented Team Headlands writers in Years 10 and 11 are now preparing for their very own book launch in the Summer.

These workshops will continue for the next six weeks.

Miss West said it is a very exciting project and the students had made a brilliant start.

"They have made me incredibly proud so far and Cassandra has been blown away with their talent and commitment to the programme during such challenging times," she said.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

THIS WEEK'S WINNERS

Year 7: Summer Petch	Year 8: Jack Lee
Year 9: Connie Melles	Year 10: Kira Farkas
Year 11: Kelsea Lindsay	

All winners will receive a £5 Amazon voucher.
Join the Google Classroom (code 6mg2ifg) to take part next week

Congratulations to this week's winners of the Words of the Week challenge.

Don't forget to check the Google Classroom on Monday for next week's words and see if you can win a prize.



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Here are some more examples of the brilliant work our Team Headlands students are doing at home.

LEFT: Miss Dench was impressed that Bethany (Year 9) made this brilliant quote bank in her own time for her Macbeth studies.

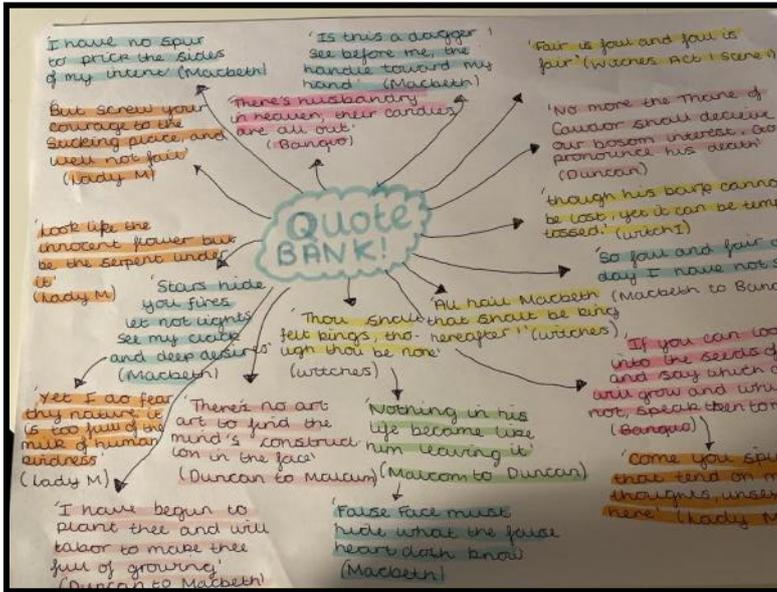
BELOW LEFT: This week's Artist of the Week saw a lot of truly wonderful work being submitted online. A special mention to the runners-up Lucy (Year 9), Oliver (Year 9), Scarlett (Year 9) and Jessica (Year 13), who were all nominated by their teachers. This week's winner is Emalee (Year 9) who produced some fabulous studies on the human eye.

BELOW: Miss Dench said: "Thanoja (Year 8) has been working so hard in lessons, and even produces EXTRA work. I thought I'd share some of her amazing extra work she did for her Dystopian Fiction writing."

BOTTOM: Mrs McKean highlighted work 7Y3 students have done making cells at home.

• Mrs Malarkey said: "I loved reading some of your PSHE work this week. It is fantastic that so many of you have great goals and aspirations. Work hard and aim high Team 7EML you are capable of amazing things!"

She was especially impressed by Thomas' quote: 'I think aspiration means hope.'



Artist of the Week **Emalee Woodmansey**
year 9

In the Artist of the Week Classroom this week, Emalee has shared with us some Acrylic paint studies she has been doing in her spare time. Absolutely meticulous use of fine brush strokes and a fantastic interpretation of the human eye Emalee.

Mrs Bannister said that Emalee is showing real promise as a student. She consistently submits her work online and is showing great commitment by furthering her artistic skills outside the lessons. WOW!

Congratulations Emalee.
An Amazon Voucher is on its way to you!

