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Headteacher's message

Our Year 10 students have been absolutely amazing this week - rising to the challenge of work experience during extraordinary times.

Students have sent in some great photos of them in the work place - please take two minutes to have a look further on in this edition of Headlands Headlines.

We know these experiences will help to shape our students' future employment and training decisions - and we are also confident, as previous years tell us, it will also lead to direct employment for many, which is an amazing result!

Then on to news about COVID-19. The team and I were hugely disappointed that, due to rising numbers of students and staff testing positive for COVID-19, or having to self-isolate because they were waiting for results or had been identified as a 'close contact' of someone who had, we had to make the decision to close the school this week.

Our experience this week does appear to be in line with other schools experiences across the country, with 1 in 20 students in secondary schools having to self-isolate due to COVID-19 last week.

To be completely transparent, at the time of writing, 35% of the teaching staff are in self-isolation and 10% of our students are - all due to following current Government guidance on COVID-19 in schools.

As a result, from Monday 5th July, we can re-open, following a deep clean of the school, for students in Years 7, 10 and 12 only.

This will enable us to ensure we have sufficient staff numbers to teach students in class and



maintain safety around the school site.

Year 10 students are midway through their GCSE syllabus and Year 12 are in their A-Level courses and we wanted to minimise further time out of the classroom for these students.

Years 8 and 9 will continue to learn via 'live' lessons at home from Monday. Any further changes will be communicated to parents and carers via email when we have updates.

As we have heard on the news this week, the Government's ambition from 19th July 2021 appears to do away with bubbles and the requirement to self-isolate for staff and students.

This seems straightforward enough and would certainly be a welcomed move for our school community and allow us to get on with the business of educating our brilliant students.

However, let's not get too carried away. We have yet to see the detail and from what we have read and heard, the removal of bubbles would come with some caveats including the need to undertake lateral flow tests, at

school, for students and staff who are identified as 'close contacts'.

At the time of writing, only 7% of our students are undertaking and reporting regular Lateral Flow Tests.

Therefore, for us as a school community, there may be no change come 19th July. Only time will tell - and we don't really have time on our side with two weeks until Monday 19th July!

Finally, to quote Gareth Southgate, England Manager: "Our country has been through difficult experiences in terms of unity. Sport - football in particular - has the power to help that. It is a special feeling."

Can we once again thank you for your unwavering support and messages of encouragement this week. We have yet again been inundated with positive emails and phone calls.

Headlands School community - we thank you for understanding during these exceptional times.

Stay safe and well,

PS: It's coming home!

Sarah Bone



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Careers Corner

- The Team Headlands Careers Google Classroom is suitable for all year groups and is updated every week with links to videos, motivational talks and toolkits to help students decide on the right career for them. We would encourage parents to take a look with their children at the resources. The code is auz5ijv.



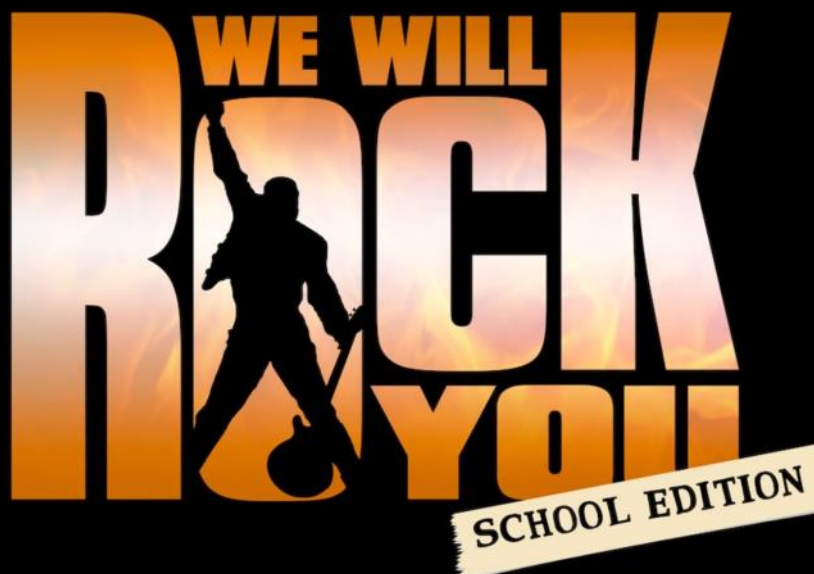
Mrs Bannister (Head of Art) is just one month away from running the London Landmarks Half Marathon in support of CALM, the Campaign Against Living Miserably, a charity leading a movement against suicide.

Every week 125 people in the UK take their own lives. And 75% of all UK suicides are male. CALM exists to change this and £8 can fund a potentially life-saving phone call.

Mrs Bannister said: "So far I have managed to raise £4,500 of my £5,000 target and would love to be able to hit my target before 1st August and be able to hand over my full amount.

"If anyone can spare some pennies, I would be grateful for any donations.

You can donate at www.justgiving.com/thiswiferunsforthisbeardrunsfor-pizza



Are you ready for the 2022 Headlands School production?

We are looking for actors, singers and dancers from all year groups to join our cast for this epic rock musical based on the music of Queen!

With a fun storyline and classic songs such as 'Radio Gaga', 'Killer Queen', 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and the title song 'We Will Rock You', we hope it will be our biggest and best Team Headlands production yet.

For students who are back in school, sign up day is Monday, 5th July.

Everyone who is interested in being in the show should go and sign up with Mrs Morgan in the dance studio at break, lunch or after school. Also, join the Google Classroom - code 4xbcc7w. This is especially important if you are not in school on Monday but want to register your interest.

Auditions will be held after school in the main hall (provisional dates)

Sixth Form main role auditions - Monday, 5th July

Year 9 and 10 main role auditions - Friday, 9th July

Year 7 and 8 main role auditions - Monday, 12th July

Dancers, chorus and smaller roles will be auditioned in September.

Change to email address

From 5th July 2021, our Management Information System (MIS) emails will no longer be sent by 8114064@capita-intouch.co.uk.

The new address for emails sent by the system will be 8114064@sims-communications.co.uk



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Year 10 work experience



This week our Year 10 students have been very busy engaging in the world of work.

Many of them secured work experience placements at local businesses, based on their interests and career paths, while some others spent time helping various departments around school.

Other students took part in a virtual work experience programme at home.

Mr Stamper, assistant head - community, who is in charge of careers at Headlands, said: "We have students working as curators, engineers, teachers, farm assistants, labourers, pharmacy assistants and estate agents to name but a few! Students have also sent in really impressive virtual work experience.

"Our Year 10s continue to make us proud during both the face to face and virtual work experience and are a real credit to our brilliant families.

"From working near Blackpool Tower to working on a farm - there have been wide ranging and exciting opportunities for our students

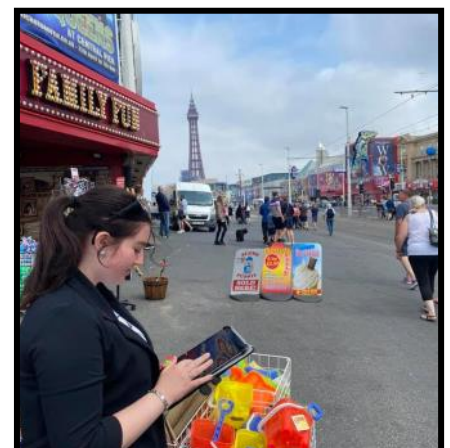


Comments from some of our students included:

- "It has helped me decide what I want to do when I leave school."
- "It is the best thing that I have ever done."
- "It has confirmed what I thought I wanted to do in the future."

What a great week it has been, and what a great opportunity to see what Team Headlands are capable of.

This report was written by Kira, who is looking at careers in marketing, and has spent her work experience looking at Headlands' marketing.





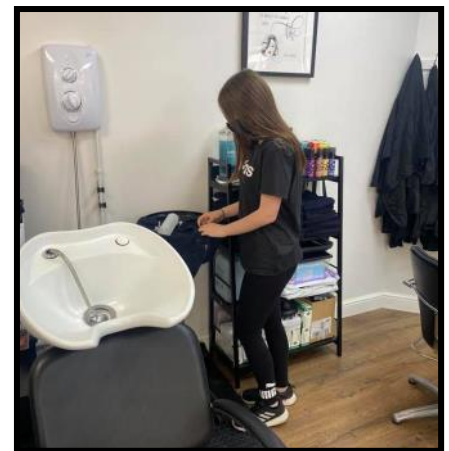
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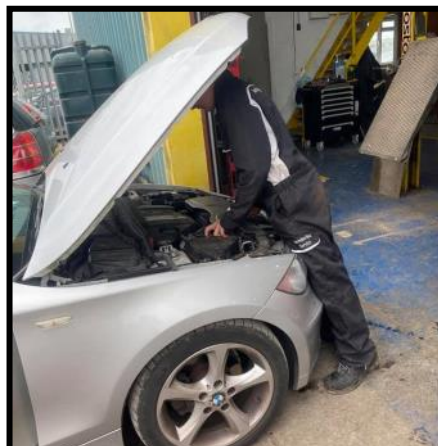
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