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Headteacher's message

So another incredibly busy week! It was amazing to see so many members of our future school community coming together last week on Thursday evening and Saturday morning.

The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to welcoming the Year 7 class of 2022 back to Headlands very soon!

Friday last week saw the Headlands ARC team expertly host a MacMillian Coffee Morning. The range of games and activities was brilliant and the food stall was incredible.

Thank you to everyone who supported the event and donated cakes and gifts for the raffle.

The students were expert hosts and as a result they raised over £307 for this very important charity - smashing last year's total of £270! Well done to everyone involved but in particular our amazing ARC students.

This week, we welcomed Guest Speakers from the Cancer Charity Oddballs. They led information sessions for students about the charity and the work they do to raise awareness of testicular cancer and other causes associated with mental and physical health.

The OddBalls Foundation was founded in 2016, to raise awareness of Testicular Cancer. Through the Foundation they hope to make a difference to male health around the world.

One of the main ways they deliver their message is through their

University Ambassador scheme. The Ambassadors visit schools, universities and workplaces, delivering talks on Testicular Cancer – reminding boys and men to check their balls - and remove any stigma and embarrassment about it!

Some statistics as to why this message is so important - Testicular Cancer is around 95% curable so early diagnosis and regular checking is important.

The aim of the Foundation is to fit as many 'check yourself' guides into male toilets and changing rooms across the country.

Feedback from our students (and our staff) was they found these sessions really insightful and will, we are confident, help to save lives.

Stay safe and well,

European Bake Off creations



There were some brilliant creations made for the Team Headlands European Bake Off today.

Star Baker went to Madison (Year 8), most detailed was Alex (Year 10) and most creative was Belle (Year 9).

The wonderful Eiffel Tower cake was made by Hope (Year 7) who was off school.





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Rugby team are 'an absolute credit to Headlands School'



Here is Mr Cullen's match report from the Headlands Year 10 rugby team's match at Ampleforth this week...

The Year 10 boys rugby team travelled along the winding country roads of North Yorkshire in pursuit of their first fixture of the year.

As the treeline opened and we approached the grand, old school and former monestary, wonderment spread through the bus.

As the last few jaws were picked up from the floor, I could hear a few quiet murmurs bounce around the bus. "Sir, we're going to get smashed, aren't we?"

Once we had eventually found our way to the rugby pitches, our kind guests showed us to our changing room, a grand wooden cricket pavilion with stained glass windows.

The boys chucked on their kit with a nervy angst, many of them preparing for their first ever game.

A quick 10 minute warm up was followed by a rather long chat by the

referee who had to explain to Mr Gheorghe how to score points, tackle, stay outside and what a scrum is.

The team, now looking more confused than ever, agreed that the best course of action was trial by fire.

What ensued has filled me with pride; an absolutely inspiring performance from each and every one of the 18 players.

Despite a losing scoreline of 44-5, I saw a group of lads get around each other and show a great deal of grit and determination.

Our heart and desire to play grew as the game progressed and this was summed up perfectly by the fact that not a single player wanted to be subbed off in the final portion of the game.

Despite the outstanding team effort, a few individual shout-outs must be made.

- Louis Harrison put his body on the line for the full 50 minutes,

showing a huge level of bravery when coming up against some players much bigger than him.

- Szymon Smaczarz for leading by example as captain and scoring our only try of the day.
- George Gheorghe for having absolutely no idea what he was doing and yet making a number of barnstorming runs down the pitch. George received a special mention from the referee who said he has the potential to be a great player if he sticks at it.
- Alfie Ruddock - For sticking his head where nobody else would and for *nearly* felling the Ampleforth beast who dwarfed even me.

Rugby aside, I'm incredibly proud of the way every single student handled themselves throughout the afternoon.

They were polite, courteous, grateful and above all an absolute credit to Headlands School.



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Latest sports results



There was a successful return to football action for the Team Headlands boys Year 8 and 10 teams against Longcroft School in round one of the East Riding Schools Cup last week.



The Year 9 boys and Year 13 girls football teams hosted Malet Lambert in the National Cup. The results didn't go Headlands' way so the teams can now concentrate on other trophies and competitions.



Team Headlands had five runners at the Beverley 10k race last Sunday. Mr Fairlamb and Mrs Hault (PE), Mrs Bannister (head of art) and Mr Edwards (communications officer) all took part but they were all beaten by Ben (Year 11) who was the sixth fastest under 18, in a time of 45 minutes and 11 seconds.

Next Friday (October 8th), Team Headlands will be acknowledging Mental Health Awareness Day and a range of events and activities will be organised throughout the day by Mrs Fairlamb (Subject Leader - RS and Mental Health Awareness Co-ordinator).



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Curriculum Chronicle

This week we are delighted to welcome 10 trainee teachers across a variety of subjects.

They will all be supervised by very experienced members of our staff and we are excited for them to join Team Headlands and become a part of our excellent teaching team.

We hope they enjoy their time with us.

Over the course of the last week I have spent a lot of my time in and around the English department conducting a subject review.

Being an English teacher myself, I'm maybe slightly biased but I do love nothing more than spending time in English lessons and often being transported into other imaginary worlds through the amazing talent

and skills of our students across all year groups.

I have been thoroughly impressed by the analytical skills demonstrated by our students this week.

Year 7 have been studying 'Trash' by Andy Mulligan, a novel about solidarity and loyalty. Year 8 continue on their 'Treasure Island' pirate adventure.

I have seen some lovely work from the year 9 personalised pathway group who are studying 'Of Mice and Men' by John Steinbeck.

Year 10 have begun their GCSE study by grappling with social inequality through Charles Dickens's 'A Christmas Carol' whilst Year 11 have begun to unravel Shakespeare's 'Macbeth' plot.

Years 12 and 13 have been analysing Carol Ann Duffy poetry and finding it quite a challenge to be judicious in their analysis- there is just too much to write about!

I have loved my week in the English department, the students tell me how much they are enjoying their texts - even Shakespeare is getting the Year 11 seal of approval!

A huge thank you and well done to all of the students I have seen this week, I'm looking forward to seeing much more of the fantastic English work our students are capable of producing over the rest of this half term.

Mrs Stamford

Sixth Form taster lessons

Headlands School Year 11 students will be experiencing taster sessions of Sixth Form lessons on Thursday 14th October.

This is a great opportunity to see what their favourite subjects (and some new ones!) are like in Year 12.

The Headlands Sixth Form open event takes place on Thursday 14th October 6pm to 8pm for students to get a feel for life in the Sixth Form, speak with local and national employers and subject leaders to really help figure out the future path to success.

Next Thursday, October 7th, is the virtual Year 8 Parents' Evening.



A few photos from our second Open Event for Year 5 and Year 6 students, which was held last Saturday morning.

A big thank you to our Team Headlands Student Leaders for helping out.



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Bike repairs

On Monday we have Dr Bike on site for the full day. Students (and staff!) can bring any bicycle in and it will receive a free safety check and a minor service.

All bikes will be returned with any further repair advice and will be ready to collect once checked, either at break, lunch or after school.

Fitness suite

Key Stage 4 and 5 students are allowed in the fitness suite when they pay £50 membership.

They are allowed in the fitness suite after school, from 2:45pm until 4:30pm.

Students who wish to buy a membership can do so using the Scopay app and must complete the student membership Google form before attending an induction on a Friday evening

Careers Corner

The Headlands Careers Google Classroom has details of a variety of virtual work experience opportunities at major national companies, in careers from law to media, health to technology.

There are also details of a virtual event on 6th October which is a great opportunity to have a look at life in the RAF.

Log on to the classroom using the code auz5ijv.

Oliver tackles the London Marathon

Former #TeamHeadlands student Oliver is running the London Marathon this weekend.

On his fund-raising webpage, he explains:

My name is Oliver, I'm 21 years old and I was born with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) at birth and Cystic Fibrosis Related Diabetes (CFRD) in November 2019. CF is a genetic condition affecting more than 10,600 people in the UK. It is a condition that causes a build up of thick, sticky mucus in the lungs, digestive system and other organs, affecting the whole body.

Due to the thick, sticky mucus bacteria can easily become trapped causing infections. In terms of treatment I take

numerous medications and undergo physiotherapy every day as well as needing to exercise regularly in order to loosen the mucus, allowing air to pass through the lungs easier and to stay fit and healthy.

I'm running the London Marathon in hope to raise more awareness for CF and raise as much money as possible that could lead to more ground-breaking treatments for individuals like myself who live with the condition. To keep fighting for a life unlimited.

You can read more about Oliver's story and make a donation to his fund-raising at <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/OliverBrown39/1>

Essay success for Bethany

The organisers of a major essay writing competition have said that the work produced by Bethany (Year 10) was 'of the highest calibre'.

The Immerse Education Essay Competition attracted a record number of entries from around the world and the judges praised the extremely high quality of essays, saying it was clear 'significant effort' had gone into the work.

Only a small percentage of candidates are offered a scholarship, but because of the standard of her work, Bethany has been offered the chance to attend a Law programme at either Oxford or Cambridge University next year.

Bridlington Sports Awards

The Bridlington Sports and Community Awards are returning later this year.

There are a number of categories you can nominate people for, including Teacher of the Year, Junior Sports Person of the Year, Coach of the Year and Unsung Hero.

It would be great to see Team Headlands students and staff make the shortlists.

You can make a nomination by visiting www.eastridingcollege.ac.uk/sportsawards and filling in the online form. The deadline is Tuesday, 12th October.

An awards ceremony will be held at Bridlington Club for Young People on Friday, 19th November.