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Headteacher's message

Our amazing students only went and got through to the National Finals on Sunday in Sheffield! Brilliant individual and team performances from our gymnastics team ensured their place in the National Finals later this year. Please see further on in this edition for a write-up by Mrs Hoult. A big "thank you" to Mrs Hoult for making this happen, to Mrs Morgan for supporting on the day, to all our ex-students and current students who have coached the team and finally to Harry Shearer, our Gymnastics coach!

We are just in the process of collating all your feedback from our recent Parental Survey. Thank you so much to everyone for sharing your views, we trust you will be pleased to see the actions we are taking in response.

A summary so far in respect of the students Academic Reports tells us:

- 80% + of parents / carers find the target grade range useful on the reports
- 99% of parents / carers really like the personalised comments

from members of the Senior Team

- 70% + of parents / carers would like a predicted grade in Year 11 and Year 13
- 50% + of parents / carers would like an "Attitude to Learning" grade on the Reports

In terms of providing a predicted grade in Years 11 and Year 13 this is something we will now trial for the Easter Reports. However, please note, in the event of the Summer exam series being cancelled (which is highly unlikely) these predicted grades will be based on the latest assessments completed in the Spring Term and would not necessarily equate to a Teacher Assessed Grade or TAG in the Summer.

Attitude to Learning Grades will also now be trialled and featured in the Easter Reports. We will provide teachers with appropriate training to ensure these grades are as "fair" as possible for our students and reflect their work ethic and application to their studies.

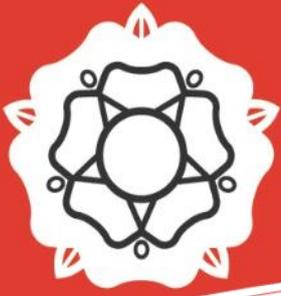
Nearly 70% of parents / carers reported they would

like to see a predicted, or working at grade, also issued at Key Stage 3. This is really difficult. Since 2014 the Department for Education has abolished "grading" students at Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3. Instead the terminology that was recommended by the Department for Education at Key Stage 2 was emerging, developing, secure and excelling. Our decision to therefore use this terminology with our Key Stage 3 reports was that these descriptors were familiar to students and parents. On reflection, we will ensure our explanations of these descriptors are made clearer on the Academic Reports moving forward.

I will update you further on the outcomes of the Parent Survey next week. In the meantime,

Stay safe and well,

Mrs Bone



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Careers Corner

Mr Stamper had a really good evening talking to students and parents in the Careers Advice Drop In Session. Positive discussions were had around Option choices, Work Experience and Year 11 Destinations. Due to the popularity of this event, there will be another evening planned soon where parents can discuss their child's future plans 1:1 with Mr Stamper.



This week has been National Apprenticeship Week and staff and students have been exploring the apprenticeship options in their subject areas. From recent experience, more and more students are thinking about this route for their future and places are limited locally so it is very competitive. Here is the link to the subject videos https://amazingapprenticeships.com/think-apprenticeships-films/?fbclid=IwAR27cVoj7GO4EqCcDtUfHoYyE2bqLd_eeF41_cUJSJFIxAYGf-cCGr3Td8A and we have put a whole host of information on our Careers Google Classroom (code: auz5jv).

At Headlands School, we follow the six principles of nurture.

NURTURE

- We know that all behaviour is communication
- Headlands classrooms offer a safe base
- We understand the importance of transition in our lives
- We know that language is a vital means of communication
- We know nurture is important for our well-being
- Our learning is understood developmentally

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Milano Team Gymnastics Regional Round

After two years away from competitive school gymnastics due to COVID we were back with 6 teams including 21 gymnasts. Each gymnast has choreographed their own floor routine which included 6 individual moves and dance linking each skill together, a vault, and a group routine which must include 2 group balances. We took three under 13 girls teams, 1 under 13 mixed team and 2 under 16 girls teams.

The under 13 girls A team came second overall qualifying them for a spot at the British Schools Gymnastics National Finals in Stoke on Friday 11th March (the top two teams in each category go through). A big well done to Imogen who scored the highest floor and vault score. All three girls worked so hard on their routines, especially the group routine in which the judges commented on how well timed it was.

The under 13 girls B and C team came 4th and 5th respectively, some of these girls competing in a gym competition for the first time ever and some for the first time since they were little!

In the B team, Chloe was commended for her Vault scoring a high 14.8 and the group routine had the second highest score in the under 13 competition. This was something the girls showed volumes of resilience in and the hard work has paid off. The C team worked really well with Emmie scoring a 14.9 on vault, dropping just 1.1 marks in total. Their group routine was the best they have ever performed it - including their smiles to the judges! We look forward to seeing what these girls can do in the next competition.

The under 13 mixed team (which must have at least one boy) came together to show exactly what happens when hard work pays off! They came first in their category and also qualify to go to the National finals. Phoebe had a smashing vault score with 14.7 and Amelia with 13.9 on floor. With their combined floor and vault scores, Scarlett came first place and Bailey came in second as the highest scoring individuals.

Moving on to the older age group, the under 16 girls; we had two talented teams that were absolutely faultless. Combining their ability of both gymnastics and dance made for a winning combination. Facing stiff competition from both Sheffield High School for Girls and King Egberts they went in ready to do battle. Lexie took the highest vault score of 15.1 whilst she then took the same accolade for floor, joint with Connie at 14.8. This also then gave the girls, along with Alexis, the highest scoring girls in the under 16 category placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively. The under 16 B team (Lexie, Sienna, Sian and Alexis) came in 1st place with the A team in second (Kelsie, Lucy, Lily and Connie) with both teams being able to qualify for Nationals in their own right. A special mention must go to Lexie, Sian and Alexis when Sienna suffered an injury 30 minutes before the group routine and they change their entire routine from a 4 person to a 3 person - including changing both their group balances. When you've worked 12 weeks towards the routine, changing it 30 minutes before and then still manage to take first place shows the determination of these girls. This is especially true for Sian and Sienna - the last time they competed they got a place at National Finals but were robbed of performing there by COVID. They didn't know if they would have the chance to represent Yorkshire and Headlands again before finishing for the final time in summer. Thankfully the fire, drive and determination not to be beaten hasn't disappeared!

Lastly, it cannot go unnoticed the help we have had this year from current and past students helping to coach, choreograph and judge our routines for us. A big thankyou to Leah Colman in sixth form for helping develop their individual routines, Emily Wilkinson in year 11 for working with the group routines, Toby Gee for being our male coach, and ex student gymnasts, Ellie Binnington, Lily Voase and Jessie Hoggart for answering the calls of help when needed! Thankyou to Jo Ward from Martongate for all your guidance and judging, Harry Sheader our superstar coach and Michaela Blackford for being our judge on the day in Sheffield. We look forward to seeing how we do at the Yorkshire Floor and Vault competition in 2 weeks time! Well done and good luck !

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