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Headteacher's message

Whilst it's been an incredibly busy week in the Houses of Parliament this week, and as I write this week's Headlines we currently have no Secretary of State for Education, I am pleased to report we have had another very productive and positive week here at Headlands School!

On Tuesday night Mr Cooke (Assistant Headteacher 6th Form) attended East Riding College Awards Evening to celebrate Alfie Grimshaw winning "Academy Engagement Award" for Headlands School as part of the Health Academy. This is a very prestigious Award and we wish Alfie every success in his future studies at Imperial College, London studying Medicine in September.

Looking forward to September, this week we have welcomed back over 60 students from Year 11 for our 6th Form "Taster" week. It has been great to see them back in School and when they start in September they will have the opportunity to apply for places in our Health Academy. A reminder for those that don't know, "The Health Academy" is a Sixth Form partnership between East Riding College, Headlands School, Bridlington School, The Hull York Medical School and the Practice Two Doctors Surgery in Bridlington.

Our Year 6 Transition Days were a great success on Thursday and Friday. This is the first time we have been able to 'properly' undertake Transition Days and it certainly feels like we are more "back to normal" in the day to day running of the School. As a parent of a child in Year 6 transitioning to secondary School I completely appreciate what an exciting and nerve wracking time this is and trust the team here at Headlands School have made our new cohort

feel very welcome and less worried about the "big" move in September.

Mrs Stamford (Deputy Head - Quality of Education) has met with all year groups this week to share with them a clear insight into the detail contained in their Summer Term Academic Reports. The Senior Team and I have then had the opportunity this week to meet with individual students and talk through their progress, attitude towards their studies and most importantly their emotional well-being. As I have mentioned previously this is always a highlight of my term and so far I have had lots of very happy children and even some "fist pumps" in the air celebrating the real joy of a great report! Brilliant!

We have also used these assemblies as an opportunity to share with students our re-shaping of our Rewards activities, in light of feedback from the students themselves. In particular students have been keen to vocalise that if we are calling an event or activity a "Reward" why should they, or rather parents/ carers, have to pay for it? We agree. So moving forward we are making a distinction between a "Cultural Experience" (which students will be asked to pay for) and "Rewards Experiences" (which the School will pay for). As such students are aware the planned Rewards Event to Flamingo Land in September 2022 will be 'invitation only' and we are inviting all the students who have met specific criteria which includes zero comments. This is approximately 150 students across Years 7 - 10. As you can imagine communicating this to the students has then led to some "feedback" in terms of is this "fair?" The reality is, experience tells us, whatever criteria we set, some children will feel they are

being unfairly treated. This is hard to get away from however, as I am sure you will appreciate, we have to set criteria to allow us to determine which students should be Rewarded. In the Summer Term of 2023 we plan to run a "Cultural Experience" day to Flamingo Land which will be open to a wider set of criteria, which students will need to again meet, and students will also be required to pay for this "Experience" themselves, rather than the School. Finally the team and I would like to emphasise here, we are super keen to Reward as many students as we can who are getting it "right" and have totally revamped our Reward's Policy for September 2022 in consultation with the students. However please remember in times of austerity, which is having a significant impact on us all, School budgets really are stretched and we are all having to do more, with less available funds.

To end, this week the interviews for our Headlands Scholarships were held. As always the decision to award two of our students a Scholarship of £30,000, which is a life changing amount, is always incredibly difficult. After much debate and deliberation two of our amazing students - Courtney Beasley and Lexie Dimitri - have been awarded the Scholarship. This is an amazing achievement as the field was incredibly strong. Courtney is going to Coventry University, Scarborough in September to study to be a Primary School Teacher and Lexie is going to study Biomedical Science at Newcastle University. It is Lexie's intention to transfer this degree to a Medicine Degree after her 1st year. Congratulations to them both and wishing them every success for the future.

Best wishes, Mrs Bone



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Year 8 Food Technology

Year 8 focused on making pasta from scratch this week. They made farfalle pasta and enjoyed trying their creations - Miss Spiers



Battle of the Bands

Congratulations to latest rock band from Headlands 'Landslide' for their appearance at this year's Battle of the Bands on 1st July 2022 at Bridlington Spa! The group took the stage by storm, performing the hits 'Crazy Little Thing Called Love' and 'Living on a Prayer' with an overwhelming reaction and support from the audience. The judges praised the group for their slick and professional performances, emphasising the vocal talents of lead singer Emelia Hughes. The group further comprises of Theo Moore (piano and guitar), Max Murray-Jackson (lead guitar), Archie Murton (bass guitar), and Mia Walbyoff (drums) who performed to the highest level with energy and style! Fantastic work from the group who are now looking forward to preparing for new projects and future performances.



Work Experience 2022

Our students yet again showed how fantastic they are and that they have a very bright future.

Over the last couple of weeks, students have been working in a range of industries both locally and nationally and the feedback has been phenomenal. Here are a few of the references that employers have given students which sum up the whole experience, along with the great photos. Thank you so much to all the employers for working with our students,

'Edward did exceptionally well during his placement at JFN. Edward was placed within several departments during the placement ranging from design to machining/assembly and welding. Each task that was assigned to Edward was completed with enthusiasm and with an exceptional attitude. One example comes to mind when Edward had modelled a component in our design software and unprompted, Edward went down into our production area to get feedback on what he had produced. I can see a very bright future for Edward in Engineering if he decided to undertake this path in future.'

'Josh has been the best student we have had in the 15 years I have been working here. He was an absolute pleasure to be around, Very engaged and willing to learn. Used his initiative and certainly showed us that he is hard working. Every member of staff that worked with him last week were singing his praises and I have personally been so impressed by his work ethics I reached out to a friend who is willing to give him a job on a weekend working at the Ship Inn Sewerby. Hard workers are hard to come by these days and if I could have employed him now I would do. (But his age restricts him)'

'Charlie was punctual, polite and very well presented. He was very eager to learn and picked up skills throughout the week very quickly and showed this during tasks. He was a pleasure to have for the week and wish him all the best in the future, I'm sure he will make a very good Property Lawyer'

