

Headlands HEADLINES

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Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022



It is with great sadness we heard the news last night of Queen Elizabeth II passing. As a school community we will remember her life during our assemblies next week. May she rest in peace.



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Welcome Back!

We are thrilled to welcome back our students in year 7 through to year 13, hopefully recharged and raring to go after a restful break.

We have had a busy week as always at Headlands School meeting all of our students and ensuring our new students feel settled and welcomed into the Team Headlands Family.

Thank you to parents and carers for your support with our uniform policy, it was a real delight to see the vast majority of our students looking incredibly smart at the start of the new year. As always, if you need any financial support with uniform, please do contact us for help.

This year we have introduced some new rewards which we can't wait to share with our students.

The postcards home, positive postcards and Routine Stamps will still feature, as well as continuing with a vast array of other rewards such as trips, the character cards and rewards assemblies. In addition, we are adding a rewards raffle, tutor postcards and Super Stamps. Super Stamps are for those students who go above and beyond our expectations and really show themselves to be selfdisciplined and resilient in their attitudes to learning. The Super Stamps are higher in value than Routine Stamps which accumulates in a higher value of REDS for students to be able to gain access to their chosen rewards more quickly.

In the coming weeks, we have a packed agenda! The Flamingo Reward Trip is taking place on Monday 19th September. If your child is going on the trip we hope they have a great day and can't wait to see the photos!

On 15 September we will be holding our annual

Celebration Evening and then on Friday 23 September our Sports Awards Evening where we get to recognise the fantastic achievements made by some of our amazing students.

On the evening of Thursday 22 September and the morning of Saturday 24 September, we will also be holding our Year 5/6 Open events. We can't wait to showcase our school and give you the opportunity to see what fantastic work goes on here at Headlands School.

Myself and the team are really looking forward to working with you in what I hope to be a great year for all of us at Headlands School.

Mrs Stamford Head of School



Mrs Bone's Newsflash

Cashless Catering is finally coming to Headlands School! After a decade of requests (I am persistent!) we have eventually persuaded the PFI Company who run the catering provision at the school, to move with the times and invest in "modern" technology in the canteens. 1000's of schools across the country, primary and secondary, have been using Cashless Catering for a long time because the benefits are really clear:

- * Food service is far quicker and with our growing number of students (we are oversubscribed!) this is a key priority
- * Parents / carers can see what children are buying, and in turn eating, with their money
- * Students who are entitled to free school meals are not "highlighted" in the queue ensuring they can access their meals quickly and anonymously

We are really excited this technology is finally being installed.

In terms of the Academisation process, we have now completed our Consultation with stakeholders and our Frequently Asked Questions document can be found on the school website. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the process. Next steps are to start to formulate our draft Academy application and continue to liaise with the Department for Education and the Local Authority. We have a meeting with the Department for Education next week, once we know more I will update you.

Have a good weekend, Mrs Bone

Cashless System—Headlands School is a Cashless School

This means:

- ScoPay, the online payments system, is the default method by which payments are made by parents
 to the school. This includes school meals, trips and educational resources. ScoPay is used by
 thousands of schools across the UK and is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from your
 computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone.
- All parents/carers are issued with activation details for their ScoPay account when their child starts at
 the school. If you require these details to be sent to you again please contact us by telephone on
 01262 676198 or by e-mail to finance@headlandsschool.co.uk. If you've activated your ScoPay account
 but have forgotten your password, please contact ScoPay as the school is not able to reset ScoPay
 passwords.
- The school finance office is not able to receive cash payments from parents. However, we recognise
 that a very small number of parents/carers may not be able to use ScoPay, for example if they do not
 have a bank account or credit/debit card or cannot access to the internet. Parents/carers in this
 position must contact the finance office to discuss alternative payment options by emailing
 finance@headlandsschool.co.uk or by telephone on 01262 676198.