

# Headlands HEADLINES

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### Message from Mrs Stamford

Welcome back to all of our students this week, I hope you have had a restful break and are ready for what this term brings in the run up to the Easter holidays.

Last night we held our Sixth Form parents evening. Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the evening, it's always a pleasure to discuss your child's progress.

Last night also saw our first evening performance of 'Matilda'! Our afternoon performances to the primary schools were fantastic and last night's show was no exception. A magnificent performance by each and

every cast member! (Not forgetting our awesome crew too!) There are still limited tickets available for the remaining performances, do not miss out!

Our Year 11s have enjoyed a theatre production of Macbeth in preparation for their GCSE Literature exam. The performance was well received and students appreciated the opportunity to watch the play as a performance to see it brought to life on stage.

In addition students studying Separate Science have also been to see 'Science Live' in **Bradford where they** 

experienced listening to **Scientific Research Pioneers** for the future of Science around the world.

A reminder that 9 March is an in person parent's evening for parents/carers of Year 9 students. This evening is related to Year 9 options and will give students the opportunity to explore the potential option subjects they want to study for their GCSEs in Year 10. We look forward to welcoming you to our pathways evening for this event.

Mrs Stamford Head of School.

#### **GCSE Science Live**

On Thursday 23 February, our Separate Science GCSE students attended GCSE 'Science Live' in Bradford with Mr Dearing, Mrs Gilbert and Miss Pashley.

Students left bright and early and managed to secure front row seats to listen to some scientists who are considered outstanding in their fields just to show our students how amazing science really is.

They listened to Prof. Robert Winston of BBC and human fertility fame, Prof. Dave Cliff from Bristol and found out about new developments in the world of computers and what we can expect next. **Prof. Steve Jones of UCL** 

explained in detail how humans evolved, Dr Helen Czerski again of UCL and the BBC discussed the physics of bubbles who knew how fascinating this could be especially the experimental explosives. Then we listened to Dr Anna Ploszajski from the royal institute and the BBC tell us about how we have harnessed materials over human history and where to next in terms of 'smart materials'.

All of these scientists are leading the way in research and this event gave students the opportunity to see where science is taking the world

and the routes they could follow in the future.

Students were also able to listen to a GCSF chief examiner tell them how to achieve the top grades. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the day and as always were exceptional ambassadors for our School.





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#### Mrs Bone's Newsflash

So this week has been super busy in School. We have welcomed over 500 Year 5 students to dress rehearsals for our latest School Production - 'Matilda'. The feedback from our visitors has been outstanding - they have absolutely loved watching our amazing students perform! I personally can not wait to see the show for myself on Saturday evening!

Year 11 have also had the opportunity this week to watch some live theatre, watching 'Macbeth' on Wednesday afternoon. The

students were super impressed with the performance and it will certainly help embed key themes and ideas for them in preparation for their forthcoming GCSE examinations.

The Local Authority has also visited this week and spent two days reviewing our School Leadership Development plans for this year with our Senior Leadership Team. Furthermore they have also already started to consider what our aims and objectives are for September and the next

academic year! It really does come around that quickly.

Finally I also wrote to you earlier in the week regarding next Tuesday's Strike Day. These are our plans at the time of writing. If the strike day is cancelled due to positive Government negotiations with the National Unions I will of course be back in touch straight away.

Best wishes

Mrs Bone

**Executive Headteacher** 

