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Message from Mrs Stamford

Last week we held our first Rewards Breakfast of 2023 for the top 30 students in Year 7 who had gained the most Super Stamps from last half term. This was a lovely event hosted by the members of our Student Council and we are looking forward to the subsequent year groups' Reward Breakfasts too! Congratulations to all of those students whose hard work, commitment and enthusiasm has been recognised and rewarded.

Also whilst the thought of bacon sandwiches is in my head, a huge congratulations goes to Josh Jobson who competed in the Future Chef's Competition at Sheffield

Hallam University after winning the Hull University heat. Having tasted Josh's food, his flavours are absolutely stunning and we are all very proud of Josh to have reached the final of such a prestigious competition!

Next week is National Apprenticeship Week and we have lots of activities taking place throughout the week. The aim of the NAW is to provide an opportunity to showcase the benefits that apprentices can bring to local communities, businesses and the wider economy. The theme for 2023 is "Skills for life."

Currently all of Year 9 are involved in 1-1 careers

meeting with our Level 6 trained careers guidance counsellor. We also have workshops taking place in assemblies and HETA - an engineering training provider - coming in to deliver workshops with our students who are interested in a career in that particular field.

As we approach the last week of a shorter, but no less busy half term, just a reminder that School closes on Friday 10 February at 2:45pm and reopens on Monday 20 February at 8:20am.

Mrs Stamford
Head of School

Above and Beyond Awards

Brand new for 2023 we have launched the Headlands 'Above and Beyond' awards. These awards celebrate the amazing commitment our students place on educational opportunities outside of their timetabled lessons. Students can earn and work towards a bronze, silver gold or platinum award by attending at least one enrichment activity, at lunch or after School, every week. Bronze awards are given for this commitment over one half term, silver for two half terms, gold four and platinum a whole School year. As we are now two terms into this School year it is brilliant to see students displaying their above and beyond silver and bronze badges with pride and it has really given students to motivation to continue their attendance to progress onto gold and platinum awards this year.





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Mrs Bone's Newsflash

This week was the first national teachers strike in over a decade. Teachers are striking for fairer pay that is fully funded by the Government. Whilst all education staff received a pay rise in the Autumn Term of 2022, it is important to note it was not funded by the Government.

You will also be aware the Government did announce additional funding for schools in the Autumn Budget, however this money will not come into school budgets until the next financial year. Furthermore in the case of Headlands School the funding will only cover a 1/3 of the increase in salaries. So essentially you are in a deficit before you even start trying to plan your school budget.

So, I am pleased to report that on Wednesday well over 100 of our Year 11's attended school and took part in their first "Walking, Talking, Mocks." This style of Mock Examination proved very successful for our students in 2018 and 2019 and we trust this approach will help support our students in 2023 as they approach the final weeks of exam

preparation.

Understandably some students and parents / carers have asked why the decision was made to change from actual Mocks to this style of Mocks for Year 11? The answer is teachers who are on strike can not be asked to mark any work set. As a result we have moved the Mock Exams that were due to be sat on Wednesday 1 February.

Another question I have been asked is how do I not know how many staff will not be in on strike days to plan provision in advance? Legislation stipulates striking education staff do not have to let School Leaders know they are striking. Even on the day of the strike they do not have to contact their school to let them know of their intention to strike.

This has been reported in the media this week and I do believe the Government is saying they are looking into changing this legislation to allow School Leaders to know this information in advance to ensure they can fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities for staff (i.e.

make sure they haven't set off for work and had an accident on the way or had an accident at home) and also ensure they can fulfil their safeguarding responsibilities to students more effectively in the future.

On a completely different note, with this week's Headlands Headlines we have attached a Powerpoint on Vaping. Like many secondary schools across the country we are growing increasingly concerned about our students' physical health in respect of this "trend."

Please discuss the contents of this Powerpoint with your child (ren) so that we can ensure young people are not exposed to unnecessary physical harm or unknown future health risks.

Mrs Bone
Executive Head

Future Chef

On Thursday 26 January Josh Jobson from Year 11 took part in the regional final of the Future Chef competition. Josh made some amazing dishes, he made chicken supreme in a bacon sauce with vegetables and blueberry, raspberry and fig zabaglione. The competition took place at Sheffield Hallam university, this was a fantastic opportunity for Josh to demonstrate his culinary skills. Josh competed against other students from across Yorkshire. Josh has also worked at the Pipe and Glass recently in South Dalton, the head chef there said that he would give him a job if he lived closer. Well done Josh!





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- Child vaping risks becoming 'public health catastrophe' in UK, experts warn
- **There are fears that the e-cigarette boom has the potential to create a generation of young people hooked on nicotine**

Making a difference in our community: keeping you safe

- Vaping exposes your lungs to a variety of chemicals, in particular nicotine. Nicotine is addictive. More addictive than cocaine or heroin.
- 2016 study by Environmental Health UK identified emissions in the vapour including carcinogens.
- 2019 study in America found vaping increased risk of stroke, heart attack and angina.
- Report in America found that vaping can permanently affect brain development in people under 25.
- Lungs are not designed to deal with the "non-air" being put into them. Lung effects not expected to be seen for 20 years.
- Long term risks are not known but:
 - Nicotine raises your heart rate
 - Raises your heart rate increasing the number of times it beats per minute putting pressure on your heart and increases your blood pressure
 - More pressure on your heart = could increase chance of heart problems earlier in your life?