



# Headlands HEADLINES

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## Message from Mrs Stamford

We have had lots of excitement at Headlands School this week. I went to see 'Matilda' on Saturday night and for those of you who saw the show yourselves, I'm sure you would agree how utterly fabulous the performance actually was! Congratulations to both sets of casts - what a talented group of cast and crew we have at Headlands School. And just to reiterate - no children were harmed in the performance!!

On Wednesday our Sixth Form History students met and listened to Holocaust survivor Hanneke Dye, a truly amazing and

humbling experience which you can read about further in this news letter.

From Monday 6 March we will no longer be reporting individual comments on Edulink. Parents/Carers will still be notified of detentions and other such sanctions as well as rewards.

A reminder that the Year 9 options process will begin next week with subject videos, the options booklet, a careers fair and in person Parent's Evening all taking place on Thursday 9 March. Please make your appointments through Edulink.

The Careers Fair on 9 March will be available to all of our students and each year group will have an allocated time to visit the employer stalls.

Finally this week a huge congratulations to Kornel Misciur who has been signed by Premier League giants Liverpool! We are so proud of our Kornel and we are so excited to see what the future holds for him. Kornel leaves us today, he will be missed incredibly by the whole community and we wish him all the best in his exciting football career!

Mrs Stamford  
Head of School

## Millie Saffery: A Rising Star in Computer Science

We are thrilled to share the news that Millie Saffery, one of our A level students, has landed a job as a software engineer at Rolls-Royce. Millie has shown exceptional talent and dedication in her studies of computer science, and her success is a testament to her hard work and passion for technology. Throughout her time at School, Millie has demonstrated a strong aptitude for programming, data analysis, and algorithm design. She consistently achieved top grades in her computer science courses and participated in coding challenges, hackathons, and other extracurricular activities related to the subject.

Millie's achievements in computer science have earned her a highly competitive role at Rolls-Royce, a leading global engineering company. We congratulate Millie on her success and wish her all the best in her new job which she will undertake after her A levels. She is a shining example of the talent and potential of our students, and we are proud to have her as a part of our School community.





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## Mrs Bone's Newsflash

'Matilda' was the "show of shows" last week - what an amazing range of performances from our truly brilliant students! They absolutely shone in every role on stage. A huge "well done" to everyone involved in the School production and a particularly big "thank you" to Mrs Morgan for sheer brilliance, attention to detail and unwavering dedication to our students.

Today we held a special Rewards Assembly for our Year 11 students to allow us to say "Good Luck" and "see you soon" to Kornel Misciur. When the news came to me a

few weeks ago that he had signed for Liverpool FC I was absolutely blown away! This young man has worked so hard in School throughout his 5 years and has also worked incredibly hard out of School on his football. It just goes to show that working hard, having a brilliantly positive attitude, and tons and tons of talent - will pay off! Kornel leaves for Liverpool next week to start a new life and a new exciting career as a Professional Footballer. He promises he will stay in touch, I am sure he will! The team and I here at Headlands School sincerely wish him all the best in the coming weeks

as he still intends to undertake all of his GCSEs - alongside playing football! And we wish him every success in his bright future at Liverpool FC.  
#TeamHeadlands - Kornel Misciur.

Best Wishes

Mrs Bone

Executive Headteacher

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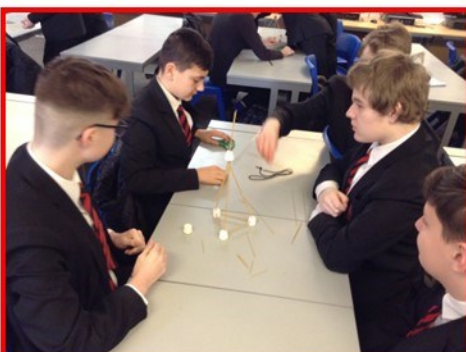
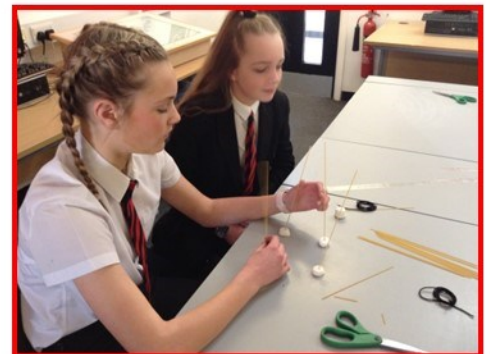
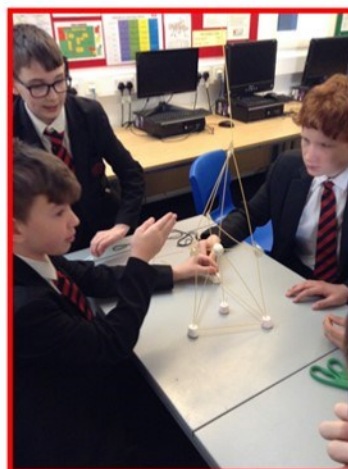
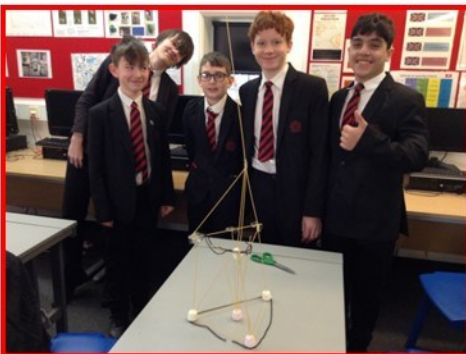
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## STEM in Action

Aspiring STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) students were given a brief introduction to HETA (Humber Engineering Training Association) who offer the apprenticeship route into engineering careers. Students were given an overview of the course structure and the benefits of apprenticeships as a way of progressing in further education, whilst also gaining industrial experience and a wage. Students were then set a challenge under the fictional company heading of PASTA – Portable Architecture and Spaghetti Tower Association, to construct the tallest tower possible within 20 minutes working with a limited supply of resources including marshmallows and dry spaghetti. All of the students were rapidly engaged and worked collaboratively to construct the towers with some very creative results. The plenary then asked students to reflect on the key skills they had used throughout the challenge. Time management, communication, team ethics, problem solving, imagination and drawing on prior knowledge were all identified by the students as the key skills of STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Maths), fundamental to the success of students in a wide variety of future careers.

Mr R Boulton - STEM Coordinator







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## Holocaust Survivor Meeting

As part of their A-level History course Headlands students were fortunate to meet Holocaust survivor Hanneke Dye who told them her story via a zoom call from the National Holocaust centre at Beth Shalom. Hanneke, who is Dutch, had a rather similar experiences to Anne Frank in terms of being a child during World War Two and being hidden from the Nazi occupation of Holland which began on 10 May 1940. Happily, she was protected by a number of incredibly brave citizens and survived the war, as did both her parents, but unlike Anne Frank she wasn't betrayed by collaborators. In common with many Jews living under occupied Nazi rule many of her friends and family were not so fortunate and she has relatives who died in both Auschwitz and Sobibor and also other transit camps/ghettos. Hanneke was born in 1942, from a close knit-family, who managed to find her protections from the Gestapo but also was separated from her mother after only 10 days, eventually reuniting three years later, a fact that put a strain on their relationship which remained for the rest of their lives. Hanneke's mother had only revealed a small fraction of what happened at this time throughout her life, and it wasn't until after her death in 2006 that Hanneke began to learn about the terrifying circumstances she and her family faced during the war. Much of what Hanneke has learned has come from her uncle Japp, who wrote a book about his experiences during the Holocaust.

One day a raid happened at uncle Japp's house, fortunately he and his wife were not there, but his 16-year-old sister, Lena answered the door. Lena lied quickly to the soldiers explaining to them that she had been orphaned in the bombing of Rotterdam and she was now staying with her aunt and Uncle. She told them that she knew a Jewish family used to live next door, but they had left. Despite her story, they demanded to search the house and Lena became terrified that Hanneke, who was sleeping in the attic, would begin to cry. The soldiers searched the premises, but fortunately she did not cry, and they were both saved due to her aunts quick thinking and false papers. Soon after this raid it was clear that Hanneke was not safe in the house, and she was moved once more. Hanneke was taken to stay with a nurse called Sister Pop, a woman who would foster her and other Jewish children until the end of the war. Due to the courage and incredibly resourcefulness of her uncle Japp, the entire maternal side of Hanneke's family survived the war. Unfortunately, Hanneke's paternal grandparents, her Aunt Bartje and many other distant relatives were deported to Auschwitz concentration camp where it is likely they were murdered or died due to the terrible conditions. Hanneke has slowly pieced together the story of her own and family member's survival, mainly though meeting other survivors from Sister Pop's nursery and artefacts and photos found when clearing her parents' house after their deaths. Hanneke is an incredibly positive and resourceful lady and who spoke eloquently to students, answering all their questions and providing them with information to support their A-level personal studies which carry 20% of their exam. Headlands relationship with the National Holocaust centre at Beth Shalom, near Nottingham, is a strong one and every year we send students to Auschwitz via the Holocaust Educational Trust, to visit the camp which remains as a living museum to the horrors of Nazi rule in Europe. Unfortunately, this year they have been unable to visit due to Putin's war close to Poland. Hanneke saw many parallels with the current war in Ukraine-dictatorship, murder, economic problems, intolerance and nationalistic expansionism, she speaks about her past and the Holocaust in order to ensure we "learn from the past" but notes that "not all lessons have been remembered" The picture to the right shows Hanneke with her mother, before they were separated.

