



Message from Mrs Stamford

The snow has been and the school is looking very festive with lights and decorations appearing in many classrooms and offices!

We have lots of careers events coming up with our Year 11 Aspirations day on 1 December. This is our annual opportunity for our year 11 students to take part in mock interviews to prepare them for the world of work. Thank you in advance to all of our providers who dedicate their time to take an interest in our students and offer them such a valuable experience for their next steps.

This event will be followed on Friday 5 December by a mock results afternoon where students will be given the results from their recent mock exams which

mirrors the actual experience in August. Again, this is a really valuable experience for students to be able to see how it feels when they receive their envelope and in the event that results are not necessarily where students want them to be, it gives students the opportunity to reflect on which areas of revision they need to focus on in order to achieve their desired grades for their next steps.

In addition on Thursday next week our Year 10 students are off timetable, taking part in a careers focused drop down day which is centred around employability skills, teamwork, finance, Problem solving, and communication. Again, we have outside speakers coming in to deliver these sessions and we are very excited to welcome these speakers to

Headlands School.

Some advance notice that we finish this term at 12.05pm on Friday 19 December and we return to school on Tuesday 6 January for Mainstream students.

Students in the ARC will have a review day on Tuesday 6 January and will return to school on Wednesday 7 January.

Mrs Stamford
Head of School

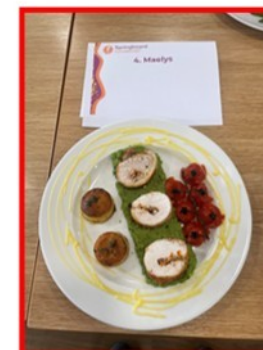
Future Chef

Well done to Maelys Price and Alice Sargeson who made some fantastic dishes at the Future Chef competition today at Bridlington College.

Alice made chicken and leek pie with carrots, baby corn and French beans and Maelys made chicken roulade with pea puree, blistered tomatoes and fondant potatoes.

The competition was of a very high standard and the judges commented on how well presented and flavoursome the dishes were, students took part from schools from across the East riding and Hull.

Well done to Maelys and Alice! - Mrs Jones





Mrs Bone's Newsflash

Well, it has certainly been "one of those weeks." With mild temperatures last week to significant snowfall yesterday, the weather has certainly kept us on our toes!

As parents / carers who have worked with me over the last 14 years, you will know that the decision to close the school is always a tricky one. As Headteacher and an employer of over 150 staff, I have to balance student and staff safeguarding and their health and safety in the school environment.

Approximately 80% of my staff travel in from Hull, Beverley, Driffield and Scarborough and so localised road conditions are not always easy to determine or predict based on weather forecasts. I live north of Scarborough and without physically being in Bridlington I have to rely on staff contacting me as

early as possible on days like yesterday, the AA road map app and discuss with senior colleagues any decision before I ultimately have to make a judgement call in a small time frame.

I will always try and make this decision as early as possible to enable those who need to make alternative arrangements for children and child care to be able to do so and also to ensure those travelling on the school buses have not already set off to wait at the bus stops in the freezing cold!

Lessons for students are always available on our Google Classroom platform and with the introduction of SPARX in Years 7-9 there is always a learning opportunity available should students wish to study at home.

The theme of Mrs Stamford's Assembly this week has been "Teamwork" and certainly this week, responding to the challenges the weather brought us yesterday, I would just like to thank those parents / carers who reached out to thank colleagues for making a decision to close as early as we did. The Headlands "Team" certainly extends to our entire community beyond the school gates - so a huge thank you from staff at the school.

Have a good weekend,
Mrs Bone
Executive Headteacher

SPARX

Over the last two weeks since half term, we have seen fantastic completion rates for SPARX homework across KS3. In the week after half term 65% of students completed all of their reading, 75% of students completed all of their Maths, and nearly 80% of students completed all of the homework in Science. Over 90% of our students put a good effort into their homework. Students are picking up lots more achievement points for their homework; students get 3 points for each homework they complete and another 5 for completing all three. This will make a big difference to the rewards they receive through the year. It will also be helping them to make much more academic progress.

We're incredibly proud of our students and the whole school community for where we have managed to get to in one half term. Just for SPARX reader, if we can sustain our current completion rate, then we will be doing better than 73% of the 900 schools that use SPARX across the nation!

We appreciate that homework can sometimes be a challenge but your work in helping and supporting (and possibly nagging) your child has been crucial to making this work so please keep going. It will have a big impact on their academic progress and will also help to build very good study habits as they move towards GCSEs and beyond. If you have any concerns or you or your child need any support in accessing homework, please let us know and we will do everything we can to help.