

## Message from Mrs Stamford

This week in lessons our staff have been using various strategies which have kept students engaged and have given more opportunities for active learning during the lesson. Engagement is important because it leads to better levels of retention, critical thinking, and a positive learning environment. When students are actively involved, they learn to question, analyse, and respond to feedback, which helps them challenge themselves and think more critically. Students have responded well to the challenge and have enjoyed taking part in this style of learning.

From next week Mr Cooke will be running an attendance challenge. Studies show that there is a

strong link between attendance and academic performance. Consistent attendance allows students to build a strong foundation in subjects by being present for all lesson time, which helps them keep up with work and reduces gaps in their knowledge.

The challenge will be built around a tutor league table with the winning tutor groups in each year group being rewarded with an early lunch on a Friday.

This week we have had East Riding College in to talk to our students about what the college has to offer and the opportunities available to them. A reminder to all Year 11 students that Sixth Form applications are still

open if they are considering Headlands Sixth Form as an option.

A reminder that school is closed for all students in Years 7-10 plus Sixth form students in both the mainstream school and the ARC on Monday 1 December to allow our Year 11 Aspirations day to take place.

Mrs Stamford  
Head of School

## Charlotte - Year 10

We are so proud to let you know that Charlotte White in Year 10 attend the Naval Experience Week 16 November - 21 November at HMS Raleigh. Please see some pictures below. The water was indeed cold but the fire fighting training and the damage control ('Chaos') training seemed to have been her favourites. Go Charlotte! What an amazing experience!



## U16 Rugby

Headlands School U16s produced a commanding performance against St Peter's School, running out emphatic winners after a display built on pure forward dominance and relentless pressure through the middle of the park.

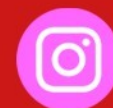
From the opening whistle, the Headlands forwards set the tone. Their power and coordination through the centre completely overwhelmed the St Peters pack, consistently driving them backwards and securing quick, clean ball at the ruck. This dominance gave the Headlands backs the platform to weave their attacking patterns effectively, spreading the ball wide and stretching the defence with pace and precision.

Try-scorers Jacob Emms, who crossed twice, and impressive efforts from Alfie Walkington, Theo Holden, Jack Robinson, Kayden Piercy, and Brodey Drake reflected the team's cohesive and confident play. The consistent boot of Quaid Ray added six conversions, while Walkington chipped in with another to round off a near-flawless attacking performance.

Defensively, Headlands were just as sharp. They shut down St Peters' attempts to build momentum, particularly out wide, forcing handling errors and turnovers that quickly turned into counter-attacking opportunities. The forwards' physical presence and tackling discipline ensured St Peter's rarely broke the gain line.

By full time, Headlands had demonstrated not only their physical superiority but also their teamwork and tactical awareness. It was an all-round performance that underlined the amazing talent and potential this team have. The next game is a massive local derby on the 11 December against Bridlington School.





### Mrs Bone's Newsflash

A week filled with Careers Events for our students this week - with Assemblies led by Mr Stamper (Assistant Head) and East Riding College on post-16 options, and a Careers Day for Year 10 on Thursday organised by Mrs Smutts (Careers Lead and Subject Lead Business and IT) - it has been a busy and informative week. Thank you to both colleagues for organising these events for our students.

On Monday we welcome over 50 employers to our Annual Calendared Mock Interview Day for Year 11. This is always a huge success and a pivotal moment for many students in entering the world of work - and for some, life changing with actual employment opportunities coming from the Interviews! Thank you to all of those local businesses and employers who come and support your time and experience, it is truly appreciated and valued.

This Wednesday, I had the privilege and opportunity to go and watch our Year 10 / Year 11 Rugby team play against St Peters School from York. I know Mr Hoult has also completed a match report for this week's edition of Headlands Headlines but I also felt it important to acknowledge here just how amazing this group of students are!

Thank you to the Bridlington RUFC Youth

Development Officer, Ed Armstrong, for bringing this match together and for confidently and calmly refereeing the game - which by the second half was pretty much in darkness!

On the back of their awesome performances I took a phone call from the Headteacher of Scarborough College on Thursday on the way home from work. Mr Emmett and I are actively looking to recruit next year's Scarborough College Headlands Scholar(s) and I am delighted to report that four students from Wednesday's match from Headlands School are currently in the running, which is just brilliant! What an amazing opportunity!

Who knows what the future holds for all our Year 10 and 11 rugby team, but I sincerely hope it includes continuing to play rugby union! Also a big "shout out" to Mr Walkington, the Bridlington Club Team Coach. He was an invaluable support to the Headlands students on Wednesday (including those students who had never stepped foot on a rugby pitch!) and is clearly deeply committed and dedicated to this team of young players. Thank you Mr Walkington.

Finally, Bethany Lee is one of our previous Scarborough College Headlands Scholars and it has been amazing to hear this week that she is now

reading Pharmacy at Newcastle University. Bethany was a student at Headlands from Years 7 to 11 and was awarded the Scarborough Headlands Scholarship in September 2023. Bethany went on to win the English prize for her attainment, alongside scoring 37 IB points, which is A \* AA at A' Level. Truly brilliant! We look forward to hearing from Bethany and how she continues her studies at Newcastle and beyond.



Have a great weekend,

Mrs Bone

### 10 Pin Bowling

6 students from Headlands School travelled to Bridlington Forum on Wednesday to represent the school in the annual neurodiversity ten pin bowling competition. The students produced an excellent display and had great fun representing the school. At the end of the event Headlands placed 4th overall and received a medal for their performances.

