



## MESSAGE FROM MRS STAMFORD

We have had another incredibly busy week at Headlands, with some fantastic opportunities for our students thanks to our brilliant partnerships.

This week, our Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to visit York St John's University as part of the Shine Programme. It was a brilliant experience for them to get a taste of university life and start thinking about their futures.

Over the past two Thursdays, we have been delighted to welcome our partner from Hull University Sparks programme into school to work with our Year 10 students. Last week's session focused on developing key work skills, and this week students put those skills into practice with

mock interviews providing a fantastic opportunity to build confidence ahead of their future.

Our Hull University partner also kindly brought in revision guides for Care subjects for the students, a hugely thoughtful and generous gift that will no doubt be well used in the run-up to exams. We are so grateful for this ongoing partnership and the time and care that goes into supporting our young people.

It is always wonderful to see our students engaging with these enriching experiences and gaining skills and knowledge that go beyond the classroom.

Yesterday our Year 9 students took part in a Duke of

Edinburgh practice walk. The walk gave students a wide range of skills practicing map reading, building resilience and learning to adapt in the face of adversity when things don't quite go to plan! Communication, teamwork and problem solving are all the key to success and our student proved they have these skills in bucket loads!

School finishes for half term next Friday 22 May at 2.45pm. Mainstream and Cove students return on Monday 1 June. This date will be a Review Day for ARC students and they will then return on Tuesday 2 June.

Mrs Stamford  
Head of School

## MRS BONE'S NEWSFLASH

### ON THE BEACH - WHERE DID THE JOURNEY TAKE US?

Further to the recent Leadership Governors Meeting, Governors have agreed to move the January 2027 INSET day for all staff to the day before the October INSET day already calendared in - this was after much discussion and debate regarding the positives and negatives of taking a week of INSET days in one go and then re-calendering the professional development and

training for all staff across the year. This means the October 2026 half term break will now equate to 11 days (Thursday 22 October until Sunday 1 November 2026) as opposed to 10. We know it's only one day but now means our INSET days now replicate one of our local feeder primary schools.

Thank you to all our parents / carers who took part in the survey - as always we value and appreciate your constructive feedback and the

appropriate channels you opt to use.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 11 and Year 13 students for the really positive start they have made to their external examinations this week - they are a real credit to themselves and the school. Keep up the hard work!

Have a good weekend,  
Mrs Bone  
Executive Head

## HULL UNI SPARKS VISIT

Last week, we welcomed Zoe from Hull University Sparks team, she delivered sessions to Year 7 and Year 10 students focused on employment skills and self-awareness.

Students explored how their experiences in English, sports and clubs demonstrate skills such as communication, teamwork, and leadership — skills that are already valued by employers. Zoe returned this week to carry out mock interviews with Year 10 students, giving them the opportunity to put their learning into practice in a realistic and supportive setting.

We are thrilled to announce that David Blackburn was selected as the standout candidate and has been awarded an Amazon voucher — well deserved! All students received revision guides for Maths, Science and English to help them with next year's GCSE as a thank you for participating in the Sparks programme for the last 4 years