



MESSAGE FROM MRS STAMFORD

This week, we said goodbye to our wonderful Year 11 students in what can only be described as an emotional, joyful, and utterly memorable Leavers Assembly. There were tears, there was laughter, and there was more than a little embarrassment for the staff! Staff threw their dignity to the wind and gave their all to entertain our leavers, appearing in a series of videos that will no doubt live long in their memories! It's safe to say that no one held back, and the students absolutely loved every moment of it.

But beneath all the fun, there was a real sense of occasion. Year 11 have been a truly exceptional group of young people, warm, resilient, funny, and kind. They have made Headlands proud in so many ways, and saying goodbye to them is genuinely bittersweet. We could not have asked for a more brilliant cohort to send out into the world.

Of course, this isn't quite goodbye just yet, we cannot

wait to see them all again at the Prom next Wednesday night, where we know they will celebrate in style and give us one final, glorious evening together.

To all of our Year 11 students, we wish you the very best of luck as you take your next steps, whatever they may be. The future is bright, and it belongs to you!

We have also said goodbye to our lovely Year 13s this week. From the moment they stepped into Sixth Form, they set the tone for everything we strive for at Headlands, curiosity, ambition, integrity, and a genuine care for those around them. They have navigated the demands of A' Levels with determination, supporting one another through the challenges and celebrating each other's successes along the way. As a year group, they have been an absolute joy to teach, to guide, and to know.

Watching them grow into the confident, thoughtful

individuals they are today has been one of the great privileges of this year, and we could not be more proud of each and every one of them.

Now, as they prepare to take their next steps, whether that's university, apprenticeships, employment, or ventures new, we send them off with enormous pride and our very warmest wishes. Whatever path lies ahead, we have no doubt that they will face it with the same spirit and strength they have shown throughout their time with us.

Year 13, Headlands will not be the same without you. We look forward to seeing those of you joining us at Bridlington Rugby Club on 26 June and wish you all the very best of luck, we look forward to you coming back to tell us how you're getting on!

Mrs Stamford
Head of School

APRONS

If any Year 9 students who have not chosen Food as one of their subjects for GCSE or any of our Year 11 leavers would like to donate their cooking apron to the department, this would be greatly appreciated!

ANTONY COTTERILL VISIT



Over the past three weeks we have welcomed former two time team GB paralympic Tennis player Antony Cotterill into School. Antony represented team GB at the Rio and Tokyo Paralympics. He took up wheelchair Tennis after breaking his neck in a freak accident in 2003. Antony worked with a group of our students in his role as an Athlete mentor working with the youth sports trust and lawn Tennis association in the 'beyond the baseline' programme.

With Antony's assistance the students involved have spent time over the previous weeks planning and organising a School Tennis tournament that will commence on Wednesday 24th June. - Mr Fairlamb



MRS BONE'S NEWSFLASH

This week Mr Woolley (Deputy Head - Achievement) has led a really interactive assembly with students across Years 7 - 10. They were asked during the course of the assembly to "turn and talk" to the person next to them and reflect on their learning, participation and effort in lessons and how ultimately their commitment to effort and participation will help ensure they climb the ladder of academic success here at Headlands School! It was brilliant to witness all students 100% engaged in great

discussions about their learning and their reflections on how their input really does matter.

If you hadn't picked up on local news, over the course of the next two weeks Bridlington is hosting the International Volleyball Tournament and many of our students are helping to facilitate this. What a great experience and just crossing everything the weather holds out!

We have also heard this week that we are the only school in the East Riding of Yorkshire to be awarded the School Sports Partnership Platinum Award - truly brilliant! Thanks to Mrs Hoult for bringing this together - great success.

Have a good weekend and enjoy the sunshine!
Mrs Bone

WELCOMING OUR NEW STUDENTS - WHAT YOU TOLD US

Earlier this year we asked students who joined us mid-year rather than in September of year 7, and their parents, to tell us honestly about their experience — and we are really pleased with what came back. Parents rated us 4.1 out of 5 for overall satisfaction, and 70% of new students said a specific member of staff made them feel especially welcome. Individual colleagues were praised by name, which is just lovely to hear.

"The change in them since being at Headlands is amazing. They have their spark back. And for that I will be forever grateful." — Parent of Year 7

The survey also gave us some honest pointers for where we can do even better — and we've listened. From September, every student joining us mid-year will benefit from our continued process and four new actions:

- A welcome pack sent before day one, so students arrive feeling prepared.

- Scheduled check-ins at weeks 2, 6 and 12 — keeping an eye on how every new student is settling in, socially as well as academically.

- Extended buddy support for as long as the student needs it — because settling in doesn't always happen in a week. Sharing students' stories so future joiners can hear from those who've made the same journey and know they're not alone.

A huge thank you to every family who shared their experiences with us — your feedback genuinely shapes how we do things. If your child has joined us mid-year and you have anything to share, please do get in touch. We'd love to hear from you. - Mrs McKean

D of E

Over the last few months our DofE students have been preparing for their 2 day expedition with practice walks and pitching tents. Hoping the weather holds out for their hike at the end of June!

-Mrs Fox-Lawson

