



MESSAGE FROM MRS STAMFORD

It was lovely to welcome so many prospective students and their families to our Year 5/6 Open Evening last night. The building was full of energy and curiosity, and it was a pleasure to show our visitors everything Headlands has to offer. A huge thank you goes to all the staff and students who gave up their time to make the evening such a success. Our Student Ambassadors were a real credit to the school.

The building is still bustling today, as Into University are in school working with our Year 8 students. These sessions are a great opportunity for students to start thinking about their futures and the exciting paths open to them.

We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to Lloyd Dowson for their kindness, generosity and

continued support. Their ongoing donations help us reward our students for their hard work, dedication and effort, and we are very grateful to them.

Our rehearsals for *The Crucible* are well underway. The show is due to be performed on Thursday 8 & Friday 9 October at 6:30pm. Tickets are £4 each and are available on SCOPAY. There is an age rating of 14+ for this production.

Finally, we are really proud of all the Year 11 students who have been attending Period 6 sessions. Their commitment and dedication to their studies is inspiring, and we encourage every Year 11 student to make the most of this extra support in the lead-up to their exams. Just a reminder that period 6 sessions are open to all Year 11 students

and are timetabled as below:

	Tues	Wed	Thurs
Week A	Science	English	Maths
Week B	Option B (p5 lesson)	Option C (p5 lesson)	Option A (p5 lesson)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Stamford

Head of School

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MRS BONE'S NEWSFLASH

I am delighted to share some news from what has been a busy and positive week here at Headlands School.

Year 6 Open Evening

Our Year 6 Open Evening was a tremendous success, and I would like to thank everyone who helped make it such a special occasion. We welcomed a large number of families through our doors, and it was a pleasure to show them everything our school has to offer. Visitors were full of praise for the warm welcome they received, and many commented on how confident, polite and knowledgeable our student guides were. They were superb ambassadors for the school, and I am very proud of them. My thanks also go to our staff, who gave up their evening to put on such impressive displays and demonstrations across every department. We look forward to welcoming many of those families into our school community next September.

Moving Around the School: The 3 Ps

This week, Mr Cooke, our Deputy Head (Quality of Care), led an assembly on how we move around the school site. He introduced Year 7 students to the "3 Ps", which set out our expectations for movement between lessons and

at break and lunchtime. We ask that all students move Peacefully, Politely and Promptly. Moving peacefully means walking calmly and quietly without pushing or rushing. Moving politely means showing courtesy to others, holding doors and giving way where needed. Moving promptly means going directly to where you need to be, so that lessons can start on time.

Mr Cooke also reminded students of the importance of following our one-way system. This keeps corridors and stairways flowing smoothly, helps everyone arrive on time and, most importantly, keeps our students safe. We would be grateful if you could take a moment to talk through the "3 Ps" with your child at home, as your support in reinforcing these expectations makes a real difference.

Coming Up: The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Next week, Mrs Fox-Lawson will be speaking to students about the Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE). For those unfamiliar with it, DofE is a nationally recognised youth award programme that helps young people develop skills, confidence and resilience while having fun and trying new things. It is highly regarded by colleges, universities and employers alike.

The award is offered at three levels: Bronze

(from age 14), Silver (from age 15) and Gold (from age 16). At Bronze and Silver, participants complete four sections. These are Volunteering, which involves giving time to help others or the local community; Physical, which involves taking part in a sport or fitness activity; Skills, which involves developing a talent or interest such as music, cooking or photography; and the Expedition, where students plan and complete a journey in a small team, camping overnight. At Gold level, there is also a Residential section, where participants stay away from home and take part in a shared activity with people they have not met before.

Many students tell us that DofE is one of the most rewarding experiences of their time at school. Mrs Fox-Lawson will share more details with students about how to get involved, including timelines and costs, and further information will be sent home shortly. If your child is interested, please do encourage them to listen out for more information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs S Bone

Executive Headteacher