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MESSAGE FROM MRS STAMFORD

This week I led assemblies to all year groups on building healthy relationships. I spoke to the students about the foundations of respect, trust, loyalty and boundaries within their relationships linking to White Ribbon Day on 25 November. The campaign this year is "It takes all of us" and I spoke to the students about the importance of standing up to violence physical, emotional and verbal against women and girls: This is a really important campaign and at Headlands School we want to challenge the language used towards women and girls and will not use or excuse misogynistic language in our community.

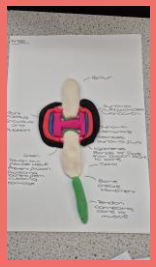
Our Year and 11 and 13 students are coming to the end of their first mock exam period. These exams have been demanding and have given students a true flavour of what to expect in 6 months time when their actual exams begin. We have been immensely proud of the effort, dedication and commitment shown by our students. Their behaviour has been exemplary and they have shown a great deal of commendable resilience throughout this period.

As part of the WeCompose project, our Y10 GCSE Music students have been given an exciting opportunity to work with a professional composer and a live string quartet. Over the course of the project, students will develop their own compositions, which will ultimately be performed by the quartet in a final concert. This initial trip to Hull's Albemarle Music Centre marked the start of the project, giving students the chance to watch a professional string quartet performance and engage in a Q&A session with the group. The trip took place on Monday 16 November and was a valuable experience that will enrich students' understanding of composition and performance, directly supporting their GCSE coursework and musical development.

After our fantastic 'Tall Ships' trip last summer we are looking for students who may be interested in joining our experienced crew this summer on another trip on the open seas. If your child is in Year 9 or 10 and this is something they are interested in please see Mrs McKean for more details.

This year in Sixth Form we have set up a new Medical Science course which engages students who would like a career in the health service. Students have been using plasticine to engage their learning around joints as seen in the photos below:





In addition to this inspiring learning techniques we have had the DFE come in today to look at how AI can be used in schools in order to enable learning without it being classed as simply cheating. This has been really exciting and innovating project to move forward with in our classrooms.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Stamford

Head of School

IS AN APPRENTICESHIP RIGHT FOR ME?

What young people should consider:

https://skillshullandeastyorkshire.co.uk/blogs/is-an-apprenticeship-right-for-me/

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MRS BONE'S NEWSFLASH

White Ribbon Day: Our Assembly This Week

This week, students in all year groups took part in an assembly focused on White Ribbon Day, which takes place next Wednesday 25 November 2026. The assembly was led by Mrs Stamford (Head of School) and it looked at the reality of violence against women and girls in the UK and at what each of us can do to help prevent it.

Mrs Stamford explored with students healthy and unhealthy relationships and how harmful attitudes can begin with behaviours that are sometimes dismissed as harmless, such as sexist "banter", jokes, or comments made online, and how challenging these early makes a real difference. A key message was that this is not just a "women's issue": everyone, boys and young men in particular has an important role to play in calling out harmful behaviour. Students were again invited to make the White Ribbon Promise: to never use, excuse or remain silent about men's violence against women.

White Ribbon Day: Wednesday 25 November

White Ribbon Day marks the start of 16 Days of Action, which runs until 10 December 2026. To show our support, students and staff are invited to wear a white ribbon / white ribbons will be available from Student Services for a small donation, with all proceeds going to White Ribbon UK. In every lesson during the course of the day the theme of "White Ribbon" will be discussed and highlighted. You will have also seen on our Facebook page this week our "Living Data Tree", which you can see more about on the next page.

Talking About It at Home

Conversations at home really matter. You might ask your child what they took away from the assembly, how they would respond if a friend made a sexist comment, or what they've noticed about the way relationships are portrayed online. These don't need to be formal conversations; a few minutes in the car or over dinner can make a real difference. Further information and resources for families are available at whiteribbon.org.uk

If anything raised by this topic is a concern for your child or your family, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Westcott. All conversations are treated sensitively. Students can also speak to their Tutor, Head of Year, or any trusted member of staff at any time.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our young people build respectful, healthy relationships, both now and in the future.

Mrs Bone

Executive Headteacher



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HULL UNIVERSITY – CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION!

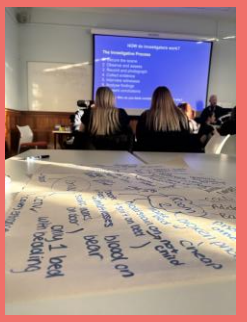
Our Year 12 and 13 Criminology, Law and Social Science Academy students had a fantastic opportunity to visit the University of Hull and put their investigative skills to the test! Students explored realistic mock crime scenes, examining evidence, questioning what might have happened and using their critical thinking and problem-solving skills to piece together potential scenarios.

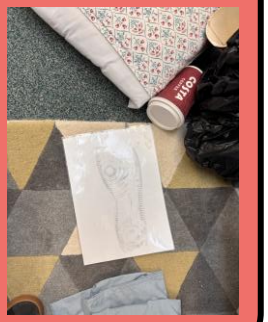
We were incredibly fortunate to be guided through the crime scenes by **Mike McKue**, Programme Director at the University of Hull, who has over 20 years of frontline policing experience. Mike shared his professional expertise and challenged students to think like real investigators, considering the importance of evidence, investigative procedures and avoiding assumptions. It was a brilliant opportunity to bring classroom learning to life and gain an insight into the realities of policing, criminal investigations and the wider criminal justice system.

A huge thank you to Mike and the University of Hull for such an engaging and memorable experience! **Well done to all our students for their enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent questions!**

– Mrs Goodwin







LIVING DATA TREE

The 'Living Data Tree' is a school project for the White Ribbon Campaign. The purpose of the tree is to show the statistics around violence against women and girls. The coloured hands represent those women and girls that have experienced abusive or violent behaviours by men and boys. On the first day, students made willow branches to represent 80% of women who have reported experiencing unwanted inappropriate touching in public areas. The second day, students made willow branches to represent the 30% of women and girls who have reported that they have experienced controlling, coercive or threatening behaviours in their relationship. The last day of this week, students made willow branches to represent the 25% of women and girls who have experienced domestic abuse. We will carry on next week until we have a complete picture of the violence against women; which is something that happens at a staggering higher rate. It is up to all of us as a community to ensure these statistics fall to 0%. - Mrs Renwood



HEADLANDS REWARDS

LLOYD DOWSON ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Matthew Wrightson
Rex Carter

YEAR 7

Ruby Burnett
Bella Wilson

YEAR 8

Ellie Hogg
Logan Garbutt

YEAR 9

Finlay Wilson
Isabelle Josefsen

YEAR 10

Henry Smith-Butkus

SLT TOKEN

Luke Hooper
Emil Mathew

YEAR 11