

Headlands School's Skills Challenge

Headlands, an independent day and residential special school in Penarth, educates and cares for children and young people aged 7-19.

The school runs the Skills Challenge Certificate with 15 Post-16 learners, and brings the qualification to life through hands-on engagement.

Learners achieve the hours for the Community Challenge by running 3 different amenities located on the school site, all named via the school council:



Café 100 is new this year, to celebrate 100 years of the school. Phil 18 (pictured above) uses the café to mentor KS2 and KS3 students in food hygiene, to show them how to operate the machines and to develop numeracy, independence skills and interpersonal skills. Phil has also produced a rota for staff in the café, as well as planning activities for KS2 and 3.



Spokes bicycle repair shop has been running for 3 years. Liam (pictured left) completed bike maintenance as his coaching brief to KS2 and KS3 students. It's a passion for Liam, he spends all his free time in the repair shop, up to 20 hours per week! Liam attends bike events on weekends and gives his services to maintain the bikes for free, which all came from gaining confidence developing skills through the Skills Challenge Certificate.

The **Voice** radio station opened in June 2019. Alan (pictured right) created radio shows to go on air, as well as 'blogs' to show others how to use the technology in the studio. Alan even conducted a question and answer session to broadcast with local A.M. Vaughan Gethin about his life as an A.M. and Brexit!



Headlands also has an allotment and chickens, which is maintained by the learners and can also be used for the Community Challenge.



The Enterprise and Employability Challenge is linked with **Spokes** and the brief of an upcycled product, to use in the bike shop. The learners collect unwanted materials left in the shop to create a product.

Within the coming months, a Zero Waste shop will be opening on the school grounds. It will be selling local produce from local businesses addressing the school's carbon footprint. No plastics are allowed in school, a decision made from learner voice feedback. The **Zero Waste** shop will be used for the teaching and learning of Global linked with plastic pollution.

There will be much more to come from Headlands, including an Eco Shop, a recording studio and a small holding with chickens, goats and alpacas! Bacc. Pages will be back in the summer to visit the alpacas.... or could they be the 'Al-bacca's'?