



# HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The last day of November marks the end of a busy week and another successful month at Henley Bank High School.

Our year 11 students have continued to impress us as their Pre Public Examinations draw to a close. Staff have been busy marking exam papers so that lessons can continue to move forward with complete momentum drawing into planning the individual students areas for improvement. These results will allow us to view our first insight to progress made so far this year and allow us to check and adjust our sails where necessary toward their penultimate assessment point in March 2019. I have really enjoyed marking the exam papers of my year 11 class as it shows clearly that solid progress is being made. The impact of disruption free classrooms, the wrap around intervention of period zero and period 6 combined with the committed work ethic of our fantastic bunch of year 11 students is clear to see.

Year 7 through to 10 also stepped into the arena this week as their termly assessments commenced. It appears that our Year 11 students have represented as positive role models as the calm and focussed approach to examinations that they exhibit daily was modelled wonderfully by all other year groups. We look forward to sharing this data with you during our next Academic Review Evening and Day on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of December. Information about these two days will follow shortly. I look forward to seeing you there.

Visitors are a daily occurrence at our school and this week of course was no different. You may have read on our website that we had the pleasure of welcoming Henbury School in Bristol to Greenshaw Learning Trust earlier this week. They governors and select staff of Henbury School were introduced to their new Trust with a tour of the south west region schools that started at Five Acres in Coleford and ended at Yate Academy with Henley Bank serving as a welcoming midway checkpoint. Our guests were extremely impressed with our routines for success that have facilitated the progress that we have made in such a short space of time at our school and incredibly complimentary when describing their interactions with our students. The addition of Henbury School to our family of schools is fantastic news for us at Henley Bank High School as it again widens our opportunity to collaborate with experienced professionals who will add further value to our journey.

On Wednesday we had the pleasure of hosting the Headsight Adoption and Fostering Conference, the first of its kind in the area. The whole-day event saw the immensely talented Headsight Team bring together some of the UK's leading psychologists and psychotherapists to lead the charge in the development and support of practitioners who work with children and young people who are fostered or adopted. Children and young people in these circumstances are significantly disadvantaged in education and as such experience often overwhelming barriers to the opportunities that others may have. We are honoured to be able to offer our support to this incredibly important and often unreported cause.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend. I will be spending mine in my trainers preparing for our Race for Life event in two weeks time!

Kind regards,