



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 1st February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's business as usual at Henley Bank High School despite the light dusting of snow that currently blankets the school grounds outside my office window. I joined my caretaker, Steve Bishop, early this morning clearing walkways and salting the pavements to ensure that our staff and students are able to navigate the site safely throughout the day. The surrounding fields and hills look incredible today, a reminder of just how stunning this part of the World is and how lucky we are to live in such a place.

It was great to see our Year 11 students arrive, slightly chilly yet raring to get stuck into their Health and Social Care exam this morning. They headed straight to one of our IT rooms for 8am to be supported by Miss Bick in their pre-exam warm up session, a feature of all morning examinations throughout the upcoming GCSE examination season. With just 20 school days before their March Pre Public Examinations and 45 school days before their main examinations such resilience and commitment is great to see. I look forward to seeing parents and carers of Year 11 students with their children next Monday at 5:45pm where we will check the rigging and set the sails for the final journey to GCSE success.

I had the pleasure of welcoming Annie Dobson to our school today. Annie comes with years of experience and unrivalled knowledge and will be supporting our students in their exploration of and supporting student's access to the careers of their dreams – the destination following a successful educational career. Another addition of talent to our team and one requested by parents and carers during our most recent Academic Review Events in the Parent and Carer Survey provided throughout. I am excited to share with you the results of the survey and thank you for supporting us on our journey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated by all of the staff at Henley Bank High School.

We had a number of visitors join us throughout the week from Henbury School in Bristol, the most recent school to join our family at Greenshaw Learning Trust. The staff are buzzing with positivity for the exciting journey ahead and I look forward to popping over and visiting them in the next couple of weeks and supporting Joe Ambrose who is currently acting Headteacher there.

Our Year 8 and 10 sporting stars did us proud on the Netball court this week with a 4-4 draw and a well battled 3-7 loss against Sevensvale School. The staff of the opposing teams are always hugely complimentary about the sporting conduct of our students in both victory and defeat a true sign of the high calibre of individuals that are growing within our school.

Parents and carers and the local community are often a great source of potential recruitment which is great considering that we are currently seeking a Junior IT Technician to come and join the team at Henley Bank High School. If you know anybody that would like more information about this exciting position please direct enquires to my PA, Mrs Faye Cutler, who will be delighted to share more information. The closing date of the position is Thursday 7th February.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr B. Nash