



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing this having just left a buzzing atmosphere of this week's fun Friday Bingo. It was a tense 15 minutes before the first line was won and a further 10 minutes before somebody yelled 'full house'. Henley Bank High School may therefore hold the record of the world's longest game of bingo. This said, it was wonderful to see The Mill packed with students from all year groups so intensely focused on their bingo cards, and having so much fun. Our Friday fun sessions are proving to be a real hit with the students and are a great way for our staff to show their gratitude to their continued progress.

We had the pleasure of welcoming yet more visitors to the school this week and our students, once again did not miss an opportunity to shine. Will Smith, the CEO of Greenshaw Learning Trust was overwhelmed by the impeccable manners displayed by all students towards himself and Director of School Improvement Nick Cross. They were also highly complementary about the disruption free learning environment that is embedding throughout the school.

Possibly the highlight of my career so far was the eagerly anticipated 'Meet the Headteacher' evening that I hosted on Tuesday 30th January. The level of support and positive atmosphere in the room was palpable. This support plus constructive challenge will accelerate our journey to success and I thank everybody both in attendance that evening, and with whom I have met and spoken to since the journey began.

On Friday it was a pleasure to welcome Sander de Groot of Made for Education, who delivered an exam preparation and revision support conference to a packed audience of engaged year 11 students. Students have commented that the concepts, methods and techniques shared will greatly facilitate their preparation toward GCSE readiness.

Attendance to our year 11 period 6 programme continues to grow in popularity with record attendance this week. It is great to see them making the most of the opportunities offered that will support their eventual GCSE success.

Further victories were secured on the netball court this week, with our year 8 team convincingly beating Gloucester Academy 11-4. Whilst our year 7 team were not as victorious, they were magnanimous in defeat showing great character and an eagerness to win next week.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School