



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

Friday 8th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

The windy weekend provided plenty of energy to drive an action packed and super successful week at Henley Bank High.

The Year 11 Pre-Public Examinations kicked off smoothly on Tuesday with the Technology written exam. As previously described, we have mirrored the order of the final examinations to increase our student's exposure to and therefore experience as close as possible to the real thing. Although a much more condensed version our Year 11 students have commented on just how useful the process has been so far in allowing them to manage their time and energy effectively throughout the examination period. The year 11 students never fail to impress me and this week has been no different as they have turned up on mass to our new Working Lunch to take advantages of the IT rooms and staff support to get ahead with their revision and coursework. The work ethic of our Year 11 students is brilliant, setting the standard for all other students to follow and proving to be really positive role models. Our teachers are busy planning the Year 11 Easter Revision Conference that will take place in the first week of the Easter break, a series of focussed sessions across multiple subjects that will greatly increase our student's chance of success in the final exams that commence almost immediately after the Easter break.

On Tuesday we welcomed the parents and carers of year 6 students who have been allocated places to join the Henley Bank High School family in September. Over 230 parents and carers packed The Mill to standing room only capacity, a record for our school. It was a brilliant event that allowed myself and other staff and students to share 'The Henley Bank High School Way' that is driving the successful journey of our fantastic school. The feedback could not have been more positive and throughout the week we have delivered tours to excited groups of families who have been offered places with us. Some of the most incredible feedback received during tours has been from the vast number of cases where parents hadn't even considered us yet have left placing us as number 1 choice upon seeing that we practice what we believe in every minute of every day. Parents and carers have been staggered by our disruption free classrooms and overwhelmed by the friendliness and politeness of our students. The warm reception felt by visitors to our school is fast becoming another uniquely special characteristic of our school.

On Thursday, students from 9 Gloucester schools, who are part of the G15 schools cluster, joined us at Henley Bank High School to embark on a special Remembrance Flag workshop in the Art department. Students collaborated and shared ideas and each school has designed a flag which is going to be professionally produced and used as part of the G15 celebration event at Gloucester Cathedral in June. This was a very special afternoon and we were honoured to have Nicole Mayall and Anny Reid join us from the Royal British Legion to share their stories and wealth of knowledge around Remembrance and the importance of our younger generation continuing to commemorate our past and present forces. Grace Wiggall and Leigh Dashper Pike, our student representatives from Henley Bank, were very keen to focus on Brockworth's rich aviation history and this has influenced their design. I look forward to seeing the finished flags flying soon and thank Mrs Lane for planning and hosting this brilliant opportunity.

I'm looking forward to another weekend full of fantastic rugby and wish you all a great weekend whatever it entails for you and your families.

Have a great weekend

Kind regards,

Mr B. Nash