



# HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week started for me in London where I attended the annual Greenshaw Learning Trust Leaders Conference. This event brings together all of the primary and secondary school leaders within the trust to share experiences and collectively forge the route forward to continue the exciting journeys that all of the schools are on. Whilst I do not like being away from our school the events are always incredibly inspiring and another constant reminder of the power of collaboration. It is also great to hear so many positive things said about our school by so many other school leaders. Well done Team Henley!

At Henley Bank High School, every day is open day, an offer that we have extended to staff from other local schools. This week we welcomed staff from Churchdown School and Archway School throughout the week who were interested in seeing first hand our routines for success are driving standards in education and personal development to new heights at Henley Bank High School. Our disruption free lessons, Tutor Time Reading Program and Roll Call are attracting attention from school leaders in the local and National community.

We received some lovely feedback from our local care home, Brockworth House, after students visited last week to support them with their Care Home Open Day. Six of our students entertained residents, their families and other guests with their musical talents and general wonderful personalities.

***“It is lovely for us to forge the relationship between our Care Home and your school which is mutually beneficial as it brings pleasure to our residents and it is important for us to raise Dementia awareness with young people.”***

This is a relationship that we are really excited to develop along our journey and we look forward to supporting their next event and returning the invite to them to visit our school.

Last night over 300 students, parents and carers packed The Mill to bring to a close, two incredibly successful Transition Days that saw our wonderful next year's Year 7 students buzzing around the site. They got the opportunity to experience first-hand our legendary reading program and managed to finish a brilliant book, Roald Dahl's, *The Magic Finger*, in just two days! A great accomplishment for so many of them. Over the course of the action-packed days the students threw themselves into Art, Sport, Music, Engineering, Geography and English with so much of the work produced being of an incredibly high standard. The choir was simply incredible and watching them bang the huge drums of the Taiko Drum Company was brilliantly entertaining. My ears were ringing for hours! The entire event was an invaluable opportunity for us to meet our new students and for them to meet us and explore their new home! We can't wait to see them in September.

Tonight I am really looking forward to seeing our Year 11 students again when they arrive at the Summer Ball at Bowden Hall, dressed to impress and no doubt in some seriously slick motor vehicles. The event promises to be the perfect send off for a group of students that have been a pleasure to work with and for whom the future looks extremely bright.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr B Nash