



# HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

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20<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

What a glorious first week back after a well-deserved break for all. It seems our perseverance in the snow has been rewarded with a shock of lovely sunshine. Long may it last! On the note of the heat please remind your young ones to stay safe in the sweltering conditions by keeping hydrated at all times and at its peak a little sunscreen wouldn't go amiss. I have briefed the students at the start of the week that water vessels must be refilled at break times to ensure that learning is not missed. I have also advised students to monitor the intensity of their physical activity at break times in such heat, as I remember only too well the sheer discomfort of returning to a lesson sweating like crazy whilst trying to understand what SOHCAHTOA really meant!

It hasn't just been the sun that has shone on Henley Bank High School this week. Our first roll call of the term was simply incredible. Students arrived on time and pristinely turned out and ready for a great weeks learning. Their reliability is unquestionable and rather remarkable.

Over the half term we have given the building a little more of a make-over by re-carpeting and re-painting the majority of the main building. I reiterate that beautiful buildings do not make great schools but when students make as good an impression as ours do, they need an arena that deserves to be cared for. I welcome you all to come and have a look for yourselves.

We welcomed Cameron Parker to our school this week to talk with our year 11 students as the GCSE season draws ever closer. Cameron is a local lad who travels the country motivating students, supporting them to develop a positive and proactive mind-set. You can find him, his mission and his journey here <http://cameron-parker.com>. We will definitely be inviting him back on a more regular basis to spread the energy throughout the year groups.

I wanted to also take this opportunity to thank my staff members that gave their own time so generously during the last week of Easter to support our year 11 students at the Easter Revision Conference. Such dedication to the outcomes and life chances of children is testament to the work ethic and commitment of Henley Bank High School staff. Opportunities like these have a proven track record of transforming the grades achieved by those that attend. We will leave no stone of support unturned in our mission to ensure that students of Henley Bank High School have a better chance of success than if they were to attend any other school in the country. This is a journey that is well under way.

Friday Funday saw the staff take on the students at Netball. I had no idea such talent existed among our staff at the sport but I'm cheekily pleased to announce a win for the staff in the first of no doubt many rounds of fun. Thank you to all that took part.

Finally, thank you for all you support in ensuring that our students returned safe and well, wonderfully presented and ready to get stuck in.

I hope I don't jinx the current spell of wonderful weather by wishing you all a lovely early Summer's weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mr B. Nash  
Head of School