



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

18th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday we wished our year 11's the best of luck as the main bulk of the exam season kicked off. We know that our staff dedication to offer additional support both before and after school will facilitate their GCSE achievements. To further support we are look forward to seeing our Year 11 students over the half term to take advantage of the GCSE revision conference, students will receive their individual timetables next week. I thank the staff in advance for their unrivalled dedication to the support of our students.

Preparation is the key to success. This week has marked the planning of our GCSE readiness strategy for our current Year 10 students. We will be in touch shortly to share with you the dates of the year 10 terminal exams and other opportunities that will increase their employment power and personal success well into the future. It has been great to see the amount of focus that work experience has given to those students that participated in the opportunity.

Our high standards and expectations and commitment to disruption free learning experiences has attracted further interest from parents and students alike in the local area, making In Year admissions a regular feature of the weekly diary.

We celebrated student attendance this week as our whole school percentage increased above the level at the same time last year, this is a positive indicator of the student's work ethic and attitude to learning and also the fantastic support that our parents and carers offer. This shows just how effective the student-parent-school team is becoming, stronger and stronger week by week.

It was a pleasure to attend the Brockworth Parish Council AGM this week, which gave me an invaluable insight into the local community. It was a real pleasure being approached by strangers telling us how well we are doing and that they are behind us, supporting everything that we do.

I also had the honour of welcoming Amali Dahmani to Henley Bank High School. Mr Dahmani was actually my mentor and line manager of my first ever teaching post 12 years ago in London, this bought back fond memories of exciting times in unknown territories. It was still today as nerve-wracking as it was then as he observed me teaching many years later. I am happy to report that he perceived my practice to be more than acceptable! The main objective of the visit was to explore links with opportunities with overseas schools. Having read in-depth about our predecessor he was amazed at the rapid rate of positive change that our students and staff have created.

To mark the end of another successful week at Henley Bank High School we celebrated in the quad with ice lollies. It seemed a fitting way to end a warm week and hopefully kick start an even warmer weekend.

I would like to extend a warm Henley Bank High School best wishes to Harry and Meghan as they tie the royal knot this weekend. Oh to be a fly on the wall for William's best man speech with Mike Tindall heckling from the crowd. Poor Harry!

Here's to a great weekend wherever you are and whoever you are with.

Kindest regards,

Mr B. Nash
Head of School