



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

It was great to return to school after half term to see the new signage around the school site. It feels a little as though Henley Bank High School has been christened in its characteristic blue and yellow colours marking a monumental day in the history of the school. The students certainly appear to approve of the snazzy signage which has also received really positive responses from visitors alike. I feel a massive sense of pride turning into Mill Lane and seeing the large monolith sign shouting our name so proudly to all that pass by. "We are Henley Bank High School!"

Our year 11 students entered their third week of exams this week as History, Geography, Portuguese and Persian, Mathematics and two English Language sessions filled the week. Our unique Exit Timetables continue to support our year 11 students by providing focussed learning experiences in classrooms between each exam. This approach to exam preparation also acts to decrease the inevitable stress associated with exams as students are guided through their revision with their teachers. I'd like again to thank all staff members that donated their time so generously to support our students over the half term break. I travelled up from Bournemouth to join the Mathematics team on the Tuesday and it was great to see our students so dedicated to their final exam charge. A massive well done to those students who were in attendance. Next week marks the penultimate week of exams. "Keep it going, you're very nearly there kids!"

Our Executive Headteacher, Mr Ben Parnell, visited us this week and was seriously impressed with how the school is developing. He quoted "every time I visit the school, it just looks and feels so much stronger and the students are simply wonderful". Such feedback is great to receive and I take great pride in sharing this news with students in Roll Call. A really positive way for everybody to start their days.

Thursday marked the first of many Greenshaw Learning Trust Athletics Championships which saw those students preparing for the District Athletics Championships compete against talented students from Five Acres School and Yate Academy. Well done to all those that competed. We had many podium places and a great number of gold medals! The manager of the stadium was keen to let me know just how impressed he was with the behaviour of Henley Bank High School students remarking "It's been a while since I met such a wonderfully mannered bunch of kids. Please thank them for me". Thank you for representing us so well, it's great to get shiny medals and equally wonderful to leave gold plated impressions on others that last a lifetime.

To note an important future date, Henley Bank High School's first Sports Day will take place on Monday 16th July. More details to follow.

My search for talent outside the school gates continues this week as had a response from the very proud mum of two of our year 8 girls Mari and Jess Botas. These twins performed brilliantly and achieved 1st and 2nd place positions across multiple disciplines of Kick Boxing, in a fiercely competed tournament last weekend. Well done Jess and Mari!

Today I am writing with a mouth full of delicious cake made by Olivia Dzendrowska, Year 9. Olivia and her family cooked a banquet of lovely cakes and cookies to sell with all proceeds going to St Johns Ambulance, a brilliant cause very close to their hearts and one that is helping to save the lives of many every day. Nice work Olivia, please thank your family for me. This tray of sultana rock cakes should last me until 7pm this evening!

Have a great weekend one and all. Looking forward to next week already!

Kindest regards,

Mr B. Nash
Head of School