



# HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

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22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

Dear Parent/Carers

This week marked the end of the official GCSE examinations, a milestone that I have no doubt the Year 11 students were pretty happy to pass. I wish them all the best of luck for the examination results day on the August 23<sup>rd</sup> when the fruits of their labour will be received and in the meantime look forward to seeing them at the Year 11 Prom. The night promises to be one of laughter and emotion as this huge phase in their lives comes to an end to give way to the adventures of the future.

Year 10 have started their Summer Mocks this week and have done so with a standard of behaviour and maturity that has impressed all staff that have supported the examinations. Our external invigilators were extremely complimentary about the conduct of these students who prepared, lined up and entered the exam hall as though it was high quality second nature. The future for these students looks very bright and I thank them for displaying such high standards to the rest of the school that had the opportunity to observe in passing on route to their tutor time reading sessions. They are brilliant role models and an absolute credit to themselves and to you.

I have been visiting our feeder primary schools this week to lead the transition of our new students currently in year 6 who are set to join us in September. It was a great opportunity to meet our new students in their primary schools and to see just how different the environments of primary and secondary schools are. The experience will help inform our transition process to ensure that their arrival and settling in period is as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Their energy was infectious and I chuckled laughs of admiration all the way back to Henley Bank High School. It allowed me to reengage with emotions that I thought were long gone through age and experience yet the healthy nervous excitement of going to "Big School" was brought to the fore once again. I actually remembered for the first time ever buying my new school shoes with my grandma from a shop with a rocking horse in! Amazing how experiences like these can cause such memories to re-surface so long after. I can't wait to see them at our Year 6/7 Induction Evening next Thursday where they will learn more about a day in the life of a Henley Bank High School student and also find out more about their Induction Days on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July, which are set to be great fun.

The table tennis tables have been a real hit with all of our students and it continues to be a pleasure to watch them interact so positively with each other. It is a daily reminder of just how powerful anything sport and recreational can be at forging new friendships and strengthening the social and emotional skills that this demanding world requires. I am in awe of just how nice our children are to each other and it's always great to see a passing staff member on duty get lured into an unsuspecting ping pong battle.

Our final preparations and rehearsals are taking place as I write to you for this evenings G15 Celebration of Success. The event, that will showcase the musical talents of some of our students, will take place at Gloucester Cathedral. A schedule of individual performances from students representing the 15 secondary schools in Gloucester that form the G15 collaboration network will end with a finale of combined voice from the G15 Choir. I am really looking forward to the event and must thank Mrs Jenny Charters for leading this incredible spectacle and making such a brilliant opportunity for our students come to life. This event and more like it will become permanent fixtures in the Henley Bank High School calendar. Good luck to our singers from year 7 students; Sophie Griffin, Libby Elder, Lewis Hancock, year 8 students; Isobel Long, Teayah Douglas, Bailey Mae Hodder, Jessica Peterson, Laila Ourabah, Lola Seferaj and year 9 students; Jack Knight, Becky Griffin, Jasmine Freeman Taylor. Good luck also to Kieran Francis of year 9, a talented pianist, who will perform a stunning solo.

I look forward to writing to you next week to tell you how amazing the evening was and until then I wish you all a great weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mr B. Nash  
Head of School

**Year 5 Parents - 'Meet the Head'**  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm until 7pm  
To book your seats please email Mrs Miriam Wright  
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