



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

22nd June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

The sun has been shining on us in so many ways this week so much so that I feel it has been one the greatest weeks in Henley Bank High Schools brief but successful history.

I want to firstly thank our students for their fantastically positive and mature response to maintaining the incredibly high standards that we have for uniform, whilst at the same time promoting their own comfort in lessons. Many schools in Gloucester have struggled over the past week to enact a strategy that promotes both high standards and comfort. Yet again our students have not failed to impress and have shown responsibility beyond their years, they have been a credit to themselves and you. It was ice lollies all round today in thanks for their maturity, responsibility and teamwork ethic that has ensured that we continue to set the standard county wide yet again. Such pride is a rare commodity but one that oozes through our corridors and classrooms.

I have continued my primary school `tour` across Gloucestershire this week to meet with our new students and their current teachers. It has been an invaluable experience for me and one that will continue well into the future. One of my priorities is to re-establish strong links with our primary school network and as such I have invited all of the head teachers from these schools to visit us so that they too can become valued and invaluable members of the Henley Bank High School family. I also wish to weave their expertise and marvellous ideas into our fabric to ensure that we have the smoothest, most effective and most enjoyable transition process in the county. The first to respond to our invite was Mrs Broadhurst and Mrs Folker from Castlehill and Coopers Edge primary schools respectively. It was a proud moment for us when they arrived yesterday with their Deputy Headteachers, Mrs Raymond and Mrs Price, honouring us the opportunity to show them around our school to see the wonderful things that your children, their previous students, are now achieving. We have invited all primary schools to take advantage of our great facilities and to sign up for the exciting Science, Sport, Art and STEM sessions that we are offering to their students. It is the first time that such a link has been made for some time and I must say that the pang of pride and excitement was palpable. They were so passionate and inspiring and listening to their ideas, experiences and recommendations around our conference table is a cherished milestone and the start of a great relationship. We thank you so much for your support and can't wait to see you again soon.

Yesterday evening we hosted our Year 6/7 Induction Evening. The room was packed to the rafters and bubbling with fantastic energy. There were even parents and carers who hadn't at first selected us as a choice but who left requesting the admissions process details, something exciting that we can only take as a sign that we are on the right tracks. Korban Hollywell and Abbie Chaffe, both in Year 7, started the evening off in style with their seamlessly delivered introductions. Both have glowing careers ahead of them in public speaking, their confidence and clarity was great to watch. Also in attendance were a number of our other wonderful students who came to offer their support who looked exceptional and represented us so very well. I am surrounded by constant reminders that our children are simply brilliant individuals that never fail to impress.

After my presentation last night we watched the football on our big screen and although England's performance was less then exciting it was great to get to know some of our new parents, carers and students over a half time pizza. I'm hoping that the next game is approached with a little more conviction from our boys in red and white.

We are so excited to welcome our new students next week for their two induction days that promise to be full of fun, friendship and future fond memories. We have stocked up on tissues for the parents when they drop them off at the gates of `big school` for the first time.

This weekend promises to be a really nice one so wherever you are I wish you a great couple of days with sun on your faces in the company of good friends and family.

Kindest regards,

Mr B. Nash
Head of School

Year 5 Parents - 'Meet the Head'
Wednesday 11th July from 6pm until 7pm
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