



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

6th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been. Another of firsts and milestones for Henley Bank High School.

I'd like to start once again by thanking our students for their mature and responsible approach to managing their comfort during this hot spell. Challenging conditions have not blighted our standards and expectations with all students arriving with correct full uniform at roll call. Many students have taken advantage of not having to wear their blazer after roll call and still their shirts remained tucked in. Talk about pride in appearance and setting the standard for others to follow. They never fail to impress me.

Our year 10 students have continued to impress with their focussed approach to their mock GCSE examinations. Our external invigilators have commented on the incredible behaviour and wonderful manners and our JCQ inspection graded our processes and our students conduct as exemplary. Well done Year 10.

We had an action packed couple of days on Wednesday and Thursday with our Year 6 Induction Days and a visit from a group of students from Kosei Girls High School in Tokyo, Japan. The latter reported a fantastically enjoyable experience as they got involved in various lessons and events with our staff and students. It's a wonderful thought knowing that stories about the talents and great character of students of Henley Bank High School will now be told in schools and homes 5941.76 miles away. Visit their website at <http://www.girls.kosei.ac.jp/senior/> to find out more about our new friends. I'd like to thank our group of students that made our International guests feel so welcome.

Our future year 7 students were fantastic company over the past couple of days. They threw themselves into the numerous fun tasks that we had planned for them. Such tasks included model making out of clay, Miss Bradbury's Slum Survival Challenge and two Engineering challenges delivered by our friends of STEM-Works. Also woven into their Induction Days was the opportunity for them to experience our Roll Call and Tutor Time Reading Programme as well as the use of our great sports facilities. Mr Powell certainly impressed all with his trampoline skills. With help from some of our brilliant current year 7 students any nervousness was turned quickly into excitement and happiness. It was great to watch the youngsters showcase their creative skills and make new friends many of which will last a lifetime.

Today we wished some of our year 9 students the best of luck as they set off to complete their Duke of Edinburgh Award. A weekend of walking, exploring and no doubt getting lost will be well rewarded by the incredible return of fond memories, strengthened characters, forging of friendships and boosting of self-confidence. The DofE as it is more frequently called is a phenomenal opportunity that I highly recommend to any student.

I feel as though I couldn't end my letter this week without at least a little mention of 'our boys' in Russia. Whilst the score was a touch close for my liking, the apparent lifting of the "Penalty Curse of England" was well worth the battle. I was more impressed however, and actually massively proud with how the gentlemen managed the consistent goading by the Columbian opposition. They held strong, kept focussed and maintained their winning spirit, placing all their energy into the business in hand. Their behaviour was exemplary and represented a showcase of true sporting integrity that children across the world could enjoy. Well done chaps.

Forever the optimist, I'm predicting a 2-1 defeat of Belgium in the Final! What an experience that would be for our students who will be in Belgium at that time on their trip to the battlefields.

Come on England. You can do it.

Have a great weekend one and all.

Kindest regards,

Mr B. Nash
Head of School

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