



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

13th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well I guess I can't get past writing this week's letter without giving a brief mention of the semi-final on Wednesday, so I thought I'd start off with it. Well, whilst "it" may not be coming home, pride is, integrity is, passion is, courage is and a reason to unite and get excited about English football is. I thought the guys showed unrivalled strength in so many ways, far superior to many of their opponents, and with Gareth Southgate at the helm I think the future of our football team and its achievements looks really bright. I'm really looking forward to watching them finish their World Cup adventure on Saturday. Well done chaps – you've done us proud.

Our Year 10 students have worked their socks off this week. Whether completing their first examination in Sport or immersing themselves in Science, they have showed real grit and determination throughout. Their achievements this week will ensure that they hit the ground running in September. Well done to all involved and thank you to our staff who supported them throughout. A brilliantly productive week.

We had the pleasure of welcoming faces new and familiar to our 'Meet the Head' evening on Wednesday. You may have heard our jingle on the radio a few times over the past week. I must admit that I felt an element of relief but also pride and gratitude that many turned out despite it being the big night for English football. Such interest in our school has been generated by the uncompromising hard work and commitment invested by our staff, students and their parents and carers and the wider community.

Yesterday we welcomed our new staff members to Henley Bank High School. This was the first time that all had been present in our school together and what a buzz they generated. It was also brilliant to be able to welcome another new wonderful piece of our jigsaw of success, Mr Simon Phelps, who's deep knowledge and understanding of raising standards will add incredible strength to our journey in September. Combined, they offer a wealth of talent, experience and expertise and just as importantly will add further dimensions of wonderful character that will allow our students to flourish both in and out of the classroom.

Year 5 students from Coopers Edge and Castle Hill Primary schools joined us in our Superlab this week to take part in range of exciting Science experiments and demonstrations designed by Mr Tippen, one of our resident Science geniuses. The students were an absolute delight and it was great watching their faces light up in awe at the many seemingly magical activities that they participated in. From acids and alkalis to fizzes and explosions the session were packed full of intrigue and fun. The sheer amazement and excitement that a Bunsen burner can conjure in a child will never cease to make me smile. I'd like to thank both Mrs Broadhurst, Headteacher of Castle Hill, and Mrs Folker, Headteacher of Coopers Edge, for giving us the pleasure of having their students in our schools. They are a credit to you and their parents and carers.

As I finish this letter the rain is showing no sign of letting up which I actually welcome as it should give the muggy air a thorough wash out and bring with it a cooler evening.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mr B. Nash
Head of School