



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have approached the end of our first half term of 2024 I wanted to write to you to highlight some of the events that have taken place throughout this term and what we have to look forward to in the next half term.

We have continued to develop our students revision techniques across the whole school. All of this work will ensure that by the time they are in Year 11 and sitting their GCSE exams they have tried and tested methods that work for them. Many of our students have been using these methods to prepare for their assessments that they have just completed and we are really proud of the determination and resilience they have shown throughout this period. You will receive student reports by the end of the week commencing 19th February.

Our Year 11 students have completed some of their exams this term in Sport, Business Studies and Health & Social care. When we return from half term our Year 11 students will be heading into their next set of Pre-public examinations. We look forward to working with students who are attending sessions over the half term break and I would like to thank our staff for giving their personal time to support students at this crucial time of their educational journey. Our students continue to make us proud every day in their dedication and determination as they head into the exam season.

Year 10 had some fantastic experiences on a World of Work Week in January. This contained a mixture of external visits to companies such as Everyman Theatre, Barnwood Ltd, Skanska, University of Bristol, Royal Agricultural University along with visits to the school by companies including NHS, McLaren, Ontic Engineering, Gloucester Rugby, Halo Leisure and students also experienced an afternoon of getting to understand what job roles are available within the Education sector which was run by staff from within the school from a variety of roles and within Greenshaw Learning Trust. The week was rounded off by a Careers Fair and it was fantastic to see a great turnout from students across all year groups.

A number of trips have taken place during this half term with the Ten Tors training events continuing in the Brecon Beacons and our students have shown great ambition to get themselves a place in the final team and can be really proud of themselves. All of our students that have participated in the Ten Tors training events have thrown themselves into the rigorous tasks and should be really proud of themselves. This half term has provided a few great opportunities for our Year 9 students with a Language day run by an external organisation, a trip to Bath University to inspire students about mathematics and broaden their awareness of where mathematics can lead them and they have been finding out all about taking their Options. Some Year 10 students had a great experience with an Indian Music Workshop and our Greener Lives club have been busy with their cake sale to raise funds to purchase bird boxes for the school site.

We are really excited that Year 6 Secondary school allocation day will be on 1st March where students will find out if they have been offered a place to join our school community. We also look forward to welcoming more students from a Japanese school to share experiences with our students.

We will look forward to our next Academic Review events at the end of March where we will have the opportunity to meet with our students and their families in Years 8 and 11 to discuss their academic progress.



I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards

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Mr S Derry
Headteacher

