



HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

4th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you and your child to Henley Bank High School. We are delighted that you will be joining us on our journey in September 2024 and we cannot wait to meet you in person as you start your exciting secondary school journey with us.

As a school, we are aware of just how important a decision choosing a secondary school is and we are made up that you have chosen to become part of the Henley Bank family. We stand by our mission statement of students having “a better chance of success” by attending our school and we cannot wait to see, and be part of the journey that your child is about to take. High expectations, excellent behaviour, brilliant teaching and opportunities to develop interests, hobbies and character are all crucial aspects to our school that we hold dear, and by you choosing to join us, you are saying that you are keen for this to be something that you are a part of. The saying “we are all on the same mountain, just a different journey to the top” is something that we are passionate about in acknowledging that everyone’s ‘journey’ is different and that is brilliant, but we should be respectful and help each other to reach our goals and achieve the best that we possibly can.

We will be hosting a number of events to support with your transition from Primary to Secondary, including a welcome video from Mrs Benfield, Assistant Headteacher, and myself. These events will give you a chance to meet key members of staff prior to your child joining as well as getting to know some future friends. Our virtual welcome video will be available to watch from Wednesday 6th March, available on our school website and sent to you via the admissions portal.

We will be holding a couple of informal evenings with coffee, cake and activities to give the opportunity for parents to speak to staff and ask any questions you may have and for students to have the opportunity to try out some new activities, meet new friends and chat with our students about their experience of the transition to secondary school. These will be held on Wednesday 12th June between 3.30pm to 5.00pm and Monday 17th June between 3.30pm - 5.00pm. These events are being held on two dates to give you the option of which one you would like to attend. Both evenings will be the same so please choose which one suits you best.

We will be launching an area on our website under Information – Year 6-7 Transition. We will add all communications that are sent out and useful information for you over the coming months so please keep an eye on this.

Please use your login details on the email you have received to complete your student registration form by Friday 15th March 2024. Before completing this form please read our Privacy Notice attached or visit our website www.henleybankhighschool.co.uk (About Us – Documents - Policies & Official documents)

Key dates for your diary:

Wednesday 12th June, 3.45pm – 5.15pm – Drop In Evening

Monday 17th June, 3.30pm – 5.00pm – Drop In Evening

Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July – Student Welcome Days

Your child will be invited in for 1 day of transition activities according to what College your child is in. Further details will be given to you and your Primary Schools so that you know which day your child will be attending.

Wednesday 3th July, 5.00pm – Parent Information Evening

I look forward to meeting you and your child in the very near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S. Derry".

Mr S Derry
Headteacher