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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a pleasure to be writing to you after another brilliant half term. The energy and enthusiasm from our students has been nothing short of inspiring, and it's been a joy to watch them thrive both in and out of the classroom. From high-quality lessons to careers talks and leadership opportunities, it feels like there's something exciting happening every day in our Sixth Form community.

A real highlight has been the STEM Club and Debate Club, both brilliantly run by our Sixth Formers. Seeing younger students engage with new ideas and challenges under their guidance has been a privilege. We are also very proud of our Year 12s who are volunteering with sports teams in the lower school, giving up their time to pass on their skills and wisdom. The Year 12s who have been involved in the school production have also been wonderfully helpful.

Our weekly careers talks have also been hugely popular, giving students a glimpse into life as a data analyst, barrister, auditor, and more. We're proud to offer these opportunities that help broaden horizons and spark ambitions.

We recently carried out a student survey, which gave us lots of helpful feedback. We're now reviewing the responses and considering ways we can enhance what we offer. We're always keen to keep improving and ensure students have the best possible experience in the Sixth Form.

Another fantastic moment was seeing our Student Leadership Team take the lead in relaunching the college system to the whole school. Their enthusiasm and professionalism have made a real difference in building a stronger sense of community, and we're excited to see how this continues to grow.

Looking ahead to next term, we'll be focusing on maintaining some of the core standards listed below that help keep our Sixth Form thriving.

Uniform: Smart business wear is required. Please note that only two piercings per ear are permitted, and any fake nails must be natural in colour and style. French tips are absolutely fine as long as they are an appropriate length.

Lanyards: These must be worn at all times for safeguarding and security.

Punctuality: Arriving on time sets the tone for the day and supports a focused, purposeful learning environment.

You can find full details in our Sixth Form Uniform Policy which can be found on our school website on the link below;

<https://www.henleybankhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=Dress+Code&pid=302>

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It's been wonderful to see attendance remain strong, lessons purposeful and focused, and independent study scores improving across the whole year group. These successes reflect the hard work and commitment of our students and the support they receive from their tutors and the wider Sixth Form team.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're proud of what we've achieved so far and excited for what's to come. Have a relaxing half term break, we look forward to welcoming students back, ready for another brilliant chapter!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Derbyshire
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