



Henley Bank High School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well and that you enjoyed a restful summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome students back into school for the new academic year. At Henley Bank High School, our ambition for every student is that they feel recognised, challenged to do their very best, and finally that all students feel part of something bigger than themselves.

Our community is incredibly important to us and parents and carers have a key role in this. It has been fantastic to welcome so many of you to the school for our start of the year Information Evenings and as always, if you require any further information or support never hesitate to contact the school and work with us.

GCSEs

Over the Summer, we had the pleasure of celebrating another excellent set of GCSE results. The class of 2025 did themselves proud, showing resilience and determination throughout their journey with us. Their achievements reflect the excellent progress that Henley students consistently make, and we wish them all the very best as they take their next steps.

Year 11

Our new Year 11 cohort have stepped confidently into their final year with us. They have embraced the Year 11 strategy, with both Period 0 and Period 6 becoming part of their daily routine. Their positive attitude and determination to succeed have impressed us greatly. If they continue in this vein, we are certain they will follow in the footsteps of last year's successes.

Year 7

We are equally delighted with the way our new Year 7s have settled into life at Henley. They have navigated their new environment with maturity and enthusiasm, and one of the real highlights has been the focus they have shown in lessons. It is clear they are eager to make the most of the opportunities available to them and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.



Sixth Form

In Sixth Form, we welcomed our second Year 12 cohort, who have already taken part in a visit to Cardiff University—a sign of our ongoing commitment to ensuring students have access to the very best destinations in the country. At the same time, our first ever Year 13 cohort are embarking on their UCAS applications for universities and degree-level apprenticeships. We have students applying to a wide range of courses from degrees in law and medicine to apprenticeships in finance. This is a hugely exciting moment for them, and we are very proud of their aspirations.

For parents and carers of Year 10 and 11 students a key date is our Sixth Form open evening on **Thursday 27th November**, we invite you to come along and see what our sixth form has to offer.

Fun Fridays

Fun Fridays have also returned. These are fantastic events when our entire school community comes together to end the week on a high. With our first Just Dance competition proving a huge success—congratulations to Mrs Howells on her victory! Students who have maintained 100% attendance so far this term were also rewarded with a donut, a well done for ensuring they are in school every day. We will be running attendance Fun Fridays throughout the year, to access their rewards, all students have to do is be in for the previous 2 weeks.



Co-Curricular Clubs

Beyond the classroom, our co-curricular programme is back and bigger than ever, with more than 20 clubs now running. We understand what an important part of an enriching school experience co-curricular clubs are and we are determined to ensure there are as many opportunities as possible for our students. These range from football and British Sign Language to cryptozoology and Eco Club, there really is something for everyone. We encourage all students in Years 7–10 to sign up, explore new interests, and develop new skills.



Duke of Edinburgh

Outdoor Education continues to be a key part of our offer. Our Year 13 students recently showed remarkable resilience on the Gold Duke of Edinburgh expedition, completing a four-night trek across the Peak District in challenging conditions. We are very proud of their determination, and we look forward to more Duke of Edinburgh opportunities being available for other students later in the year.



Sri Lanka

The Summer also brought with it the trip of a lifetime for a group of our students, who travelled to Sri Lanka after two years of fundraising and preparation. Led by Mr Gailey, they immersed themselves in the country's rich culture, stunning wildlife, and vibrant cities. It was a truly unforgettable experience. We are now excited to begin preparations for our next overseas expedition, which will take place in Morocco in 2027.



It has been a fantastic start to the new year, and we are excited to see what the months ahead will bring. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in helping us ensure that Henley Bank High School is a place where every student can thrive.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Bradbury and Mr Dakin
Co Heads of School