



Henley Bank High School

NEWSLETTER

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Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this first half term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been a fantastic few weeks at Henley Bank High School, and we are incredibly proud of the focus, commitment, and positivity shown by our students across all year groups.

We would like to extend particular thanks for your support in maintaining good attendance this half term. The link between attendance and achievement is clear, and we are delighted that so many of our students are embracing every opportunity to learn. Their enthusiasm and dedication in lessons have been exceptional, something that has been consistently noticed by external visitors, governors, and parents and carers on our recent open morning tours.

Year 11

Our Year 11 students have been working exceptionally hard this term. Their determination and focus in lessons have been impressive, and they are making real progress as they prepare for their upcoming Pre-Public Examinations (PPEs) and deadlines for coursework in many of their subjects. Next half term will be a crucial period for them, with mock exams and coursework deadlines approaching. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Year 11 Information Evening on Thursday 6th November, where we will share key updates and strategies to support students through this important phase.

Legacy

As part of our Legacy Ladder commitment, our Year 8 students took part in a fascinating History Walking Tour of Gloucester this term, exploring the rich heritage of our city and deepening their understanding of local history. This was the first in our series of legacy experiences for this year. Next half term, our Year 7 students will enjoy a trip to the pantomime, Year 9 will host visiting Japanese students, and Year 10 will take part in a visit to Gloucester Museum to further enrich their knowledge of the fascinating city that we live in. These experiences are key to helping students feel part of something bigger than themselves and to broadening their horizons beyond the classroom.



Co-Curricular Clubs

Our co-curricular clubs continue to thrive, with an incredible 23 different opportunities available this term. From sports and music to creative and academic enrichment, it has been brilliant to see so many students engaging enthusiastically and trying something new. A particular highlight has been seeing our older students supporting and making connections with our younger students. This exemplifies our aim for our students to be part of something bigger than themselves. If your child is yet to take part in a co-curricular club then please encourage them to take part in one next half term





Sixth Form

In the Sixth Form, we were proud to celebrate a significant milestone as we submitted our first ever university application, with one of our Year 13 students applying to study Medicine. This will be the first of many applications to some of the top institutions in the country. Year 13 will sit their first PPEs immediately after half term, an important step in their journey toward their A Levels.

Our Year 12 students have settled in brilliantly, embracing both their studies and the wider enrichment offer, including a recent careers trip to Ashton Gate and climbing at 270 during PE. Our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on Thursday 27th November, and we look forward to welcoming families to see the exceptional opportunities available, as we look to further expand our excellent offer at Sixth Form to include some vocational courses. There will be more information in a letter from Mr Derbyshire around this.

Fun Fridays

Our Fun Fridays have also been a great success this half term, bringing the whole school community together to celebrate effort, positivity, and attendance. From exciting events such as bottle flipping challenges and school-wide bingo, to treats for students who have achieved 100% attendance, these afternoons have created a real buzz around school and given everyone something to look forward to at the end of a busy week. We are delighted to see so many students earning their rewards through consistent effort and attendance, and we look forward to continuing this tradition throughout the year.



Duke of Edinburgh

We were also delighted to see our Duke of Edinburgh Silver and Bronze groups successfully complete their expeditions this term. A highlight of both trips was the support the students showed to one another to make sure everyone completed the expedition. Duke of Edinburgh continues to be a fantastic opportunity for students to learn skills beyond the classroom, look out for opportunities later in the year where students in Year 9 and 10 can take part in the program.



It has been an incredibly positive and productive half term across the school. The focus, engagement, and community spirit shown by our students continue to make us proud every day. Thank you once again for your ongoing encouragement and support—it makes such a difference in helping our young people thrive.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming students back refreshed and ready for another exciting term ahead.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Bradbury and Mr Dakin

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