



Henley Bank High School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this letter finds you and your families well. It has been a genuine pleasure to welcome students back into school for another exciting term. At Henley Bank High School, our ambition remains unwavering: that every student feels recognised, is challenged to achieve their very best, and feels part of something bigger than themselves.

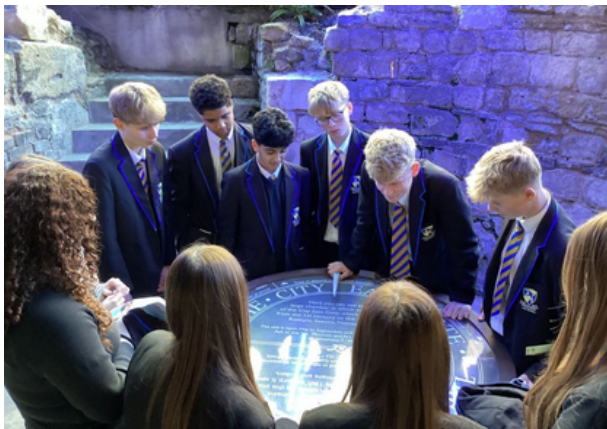
One of the keys to ensuring that we fulfil this ambition is making sure that attendance is as good as it can possibly be. You may have noticed an increase in the amount of communication that we provide when your child is absent from school. This is because we want to ensure that any barriers to attendance are broken down and we provide as much support as possible. We would also encourage any parents and carers to contact the school if they require any support with helping their child attend school. There is no bigger single factor that affects educational outcomes as much as attendance and that's why we want to work with you as much as possible to make this the best it can possibly be.

New Sixth Form Building!

We are incredibly proud to share that work has now begun on our brand-new, purpose-built Sixth Form building, due to open in September 2026. This marks a significant milestone in the continued development of our school, and we are excited about the enhanced experiences this will create for our students. This will take our Sixth Form provision to the next stage after a very successful first 2 years.



Alongside this, we are delighted to have expanded our Sixth Form curriculum offer to include vocational qualifications in Sport, IT, Health and Social Care, and Applied Science, which will further enrich and complement our strong A Level provision. For families considering post-16 options, our Sixth Form Open Evening will take place on **Thursday 27th November** at **6pm**, and we warmly invite you to attend.



Legacy

Our Legacy Ladder programme has also continued to thrive. Following Year 8's successful trip to Gloucester last term, our Year 10 students had the remarkable opportunity to explore Gloucester's Roman underground ruins—an unforgettable chance to deepen their understanding of local history.

Meanwhile, Year 9 had the unique pleasure of hosting students from Japan. They were able to learn about Japanese life and culture through a fascinating presentation and enjoyed taking part in a variety of traditional games. These moments truly capture what it means to broaden horizons beyond the classroom.

Later in the half term we look forward to taking all of our Year 7 students to the pantomime, at the Everyman theatre in Cheltenham.

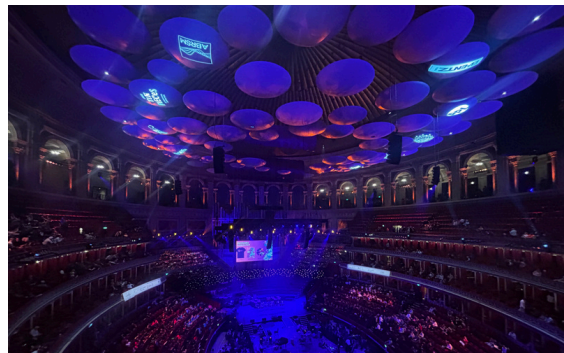


The bright lights of London...

In addition to these enriching experiences, our performing arts provision continues to offer exceptional opportunities beyond the classroom.

This term, our Year 11 Music students had the exciting chance to visit the Royal Albert Hall—an inspiring experience that deepened their appreciation of live performance and the wider world of professional music.

Students in Years 11, 12, and 13 attended a West End production of *Punch*, giving them the opportunity to experience high-quality theatre first-hand. These fantastic cultural experiences further enhance our students' time at school and help nurture their creativity, curiosity, and confidence.



PPEs

Our exam year groups have continued to impress. Year 11 and Year 13 students are currently undertaking their PPE examinations with exceptional drive and focus. A particular highlight has been witnessing the students studying together, motivating one another, and testing each other ahead of their exams. This shared culture of ambition and determination will undoubtedly serve them well as they move towards the summer.

Year 13 students are also moving forward with their UCAS applications, applying to a wide range of top universities and degree-level apprenticeships. This sits alongside the outstanding offers some of our students have already received for competitive courses such as Medicine and Law—achievements that reflect their hard work and dedication.

A reminder that our academic review events are on Wednesday 17th December for Year 7, Thursday 18th December for Year 11 and Friday 19th December for Years 7 & 11.

As we build up to Christmas, there will be many more exciting events for our students.

These events will ensure that they are celebrated and recognised for their hard work this term as well as celebrating community spirit and our shared sense of being part of something bigger.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Bradbury and Mr Dakin

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