



Henley Bank High School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A Message from Leadership: Reflecting on a Stellar Year

As we write the final newsletter of 2025, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the incredible achievements of the Henley Bank community.

Academically, our students have continued to excel, securing another set of excellent GCSE results. Beyond the classroom, we are so proud of how our students have engaged with the **Legacy Ladder** program and flourished within our school culture. Whether it is coming together for a **Fun Friday** or celebrating successes within our Colleges, the spirit of Henley Bank has never been stronger.

Looking Ahead to 2026

While we celebrate our wins, we are always looking for ways to grow together. In the New Year, our focus will remain on:

- **Excellent Attendance:** You may have noticed increased communication regarding absences; this is because we want to work closely with parents and carers to break down any barriers to attendance.
- **Club Participation:** We want every student in Years 7–10 to attend at least one club this year to build lifelong skills and friendships.
- **Student Voice:** We are committed to hearing from our students on how we can make Henley Bank the best it can possibly be.

Academic Updates & Key Milestones

Year 11 & 13 Progress

Our exam cohorts have applied themselves superbly this half term. Mock exam results show real progress since the summer, and students now have a clear roadmap for improvement ahead of their final mocks and summer exams. Thank you to all parents who attended our recent academic review evenings.

Year 7 & Upcoming Assessments

Our newest students have settled in superbly, raising the bar with their hard work. Looking ahead, assessments for Years 7–10 will begin in January. > Note: Students should now have their knowledge organisers and quiz books. Mr. Watson will be sending out full details regarding the assessment schedule shortly.

Beyond the Classroom: Clubs & Enrichment

The Magic of Our Clubs

Our club offering has been a highlight this term. From Chess and British Sign Language to Cryptozoology, there has been something for everyone. A particular highlight was seeing students across different year groups bonding over crochet in Ms. Blythe's room!

Legacy Ladder

Our enrichment trips continue to provide powerful experiences. Year 7 recently visited the Everyman Theatre for the Robin Hood pantomime. Our students conducted themselves impeccably—though Mr. Palmer might still be recovering from being singled out by the Dame! Keep an eye out for more Legacy Ladder opportunities next term.

Sporting Excellence

It has been a dominant term on the field and court:

- **Football:** Our Year 7 girls competed in their first tournament, and our Year 10 girls won the Gloucester District tournament for the third year running!
- **Netball:** Excellent results for our Year 9 and 10 teams.

Celebrating Success

Rewards Week

To close the term, we held our termly Rewards Week. Celebration assemblies recognized achievements in and out of the classroom. Top attenders and praise-point earners enjoyed inflatable fun, and our winning College enjoyed a special Christmas Lunch.

Star Students of the Term

Year 7 - Billy M

Billy has worked incredibly hard throughout this year - always thinking hard in his lessons and striving for the best work possible. He's also very thoughtful to both staff and students around school - wishing them a good morning or afternoon. Billy takes a fantastic amount of pride in his work, his interactions with others, and it's been a pleasure to watch him flourish.

Year 8 - Lytel M

Lytel has spent this term consistently pushing himself in lessons, determined to push himself throughout his work. He shows kindness in the way he speaks to staff and others, and will always ask how your day is going. His teachers have spoken highly of his Determination and Confidence in lessons. His motivation has led to him being one of the top Praise Point earners in Year 8, which is testament to his character. It has been a pleasure being Lytel's Head of Year, and I look forward to seeing him continue to develop over the coming years.

Year 9 - Jennifer W

Jennifer is someone who always approaches life with a glass half full attitude. She is an individual who embodies our year vision and always takes it upon herself to take each and every opportunity available to her. Jennifer always wants to be the best possible version of herself. She has had some wonderful successes this term, most noticeably in the school's cup where the team won the tournament outright. Jennifer is also someone who maintains those high standards on a daily basis and pours her positive energy onto her peers. I am so proud to have Jennifer in Year 9 and I can't wait to see what other wonderful things she will undoubtedly achieve in the years to come at Henley Bank!

Year 10 - Carter H

Carter deserves the star of the half term as he is always in school, ready to learn. He has been working extremely hard on his GCSE lessons and many teachers have commented on this. His quiet yet conscientious nature allows for his determination to do well, really show through. Carter is an extremely polite and caring individual, who always takes the time to say hello and smile. His praise points this year have been high and he still continues to strive to achieve more. We are very proud of you and all your great success Carter - Well done!

Year 11 - Mileigh D

Right from the word go Mileigh has embraced every element of what Year 11 is all about. Her commitment to her studies and driving the best possible outcomes for herself has been fantastic to see, showcasing great levels of determination, confidence and ambition. Mileigh has gone from strength to strength with her frequent attendance at Champions Hour and taking in all Year 11 has to offer. She really is a role model to younger years of exactly what it means to be a Year 11 student and we can't wait to see the hard work pay off. Well done Mileigh!

Year 12 - Archie S

Archie has made a super start to Y12. He has strong attendance, he works hard in all his lessons and he conducts himself exactly how we want our sixth formers to be - excellent role models. It's been a real pleasure to see Archie flourish and make such good progress in the subjects he has decided to pursue at A Level. Keep up the great work, Archie!

Year 13 - Sharjeel A

Sharjeel has made superb progress in his A Level subjects and his teachers are confident that he will achieve some exceptional grades in the summer. He is applying to a broad range of ambitious universities and he has built a strong application. Most of all, Sharjeel has led Holst to consecutive College victories and they are now the dominant force in the college race! Well done, Sharjeel.

GLT Winter Concert

Our students represented Henley Bank beautifully at the Greenshaw Learning Trust Winter Concert at Clifton College. Performing songs from our upcoming production of Annie, several of our students even secured solo parts in the final ensemble choir.

Key Dates & Final Wishes

- **Final Day of Term:** Thursday 18th December 2025
- **Students Return:** Tuesday, January 6th, 2026



We wish our entire community a peaceful and restful Christmas break. We look forward to seeing everyone back in the New Year!

Yours faithfully,

Ms Bradbury and Mr Dakin
Co Heads of School