



Henley Bank High School

NEWSLETTER

Sixth Form

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share some key updates and to celebrate the continued success of our Sixth Form at Henley Bank High School. As we move through the year, it has been incredibly rewarding to see how firmly our Sixth Form is establishing itself, both academically and culturally, within the school community.

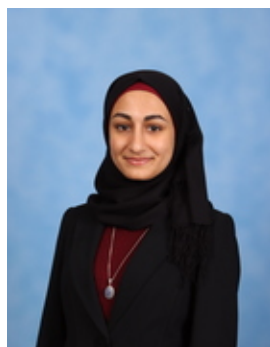
One particular highlight has been our first year running the UCAS process, which has gone exceptionally well. Every student at Henley Bank applies through UCAS, ensuring that all students have the option of progressing to university alongside exploring degree-level apprenticeships and alternative pathways. The outcomes so far have been outstanding: 100% of our Oxbridge applicants have been invited to interview, 100% of our medicine applicants have also been invited to interview, and some students have already received all five of their five possible offers. Students have applied to a wide range of universities, making sure they are going to the right provider for them. These successes are a testament to the ambition, hard work and commitment shown by our students, supported closely by staff throughout the application process.

Alongside academic success, we are excited to see real progress on our new Sixth Form building. Work is very much underway, with builders working through the cold and the dark to ensure steady progress. The foundations are well on their way, and the building remains on track to open in September 2026. Look out for student Google forms to give your opinions of furniture and aesthetic decisions for the inside of the building! This will be a brilliant new space to match our brilliant new Sixth Form and will further enhance the experience we are able to offer our students.



We have also received a record number of Sixth Form applications in our third year, which is incredibly exciting. Interviews will begin in the next few weeks, and we encourage prospective students to complete and submit applications as soon as possible so that interviews can be booked with a member of the Sixth Form team. Our current Year 12 and Year 13 students have set exceptionally strong foundations for the next cohort, both academically and through the culture they have helped to establish.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate our student leadership team. Freya R has been appointed as Head Student, supported by Jumana A and Theo R as Heads of College and Deputy Head Students. Max B has been appointed as a Head of College and Sports Captain, alongside Tom R as Head of College. All students performed exceptionally strongly in interview and will play a vital role in driving the school forward. They will be working closely with Mr Baker this term to establish a new student council, ensuring student voice continues to be a key strength of our Sixth Form.



Also, Year 12 recently took part in their second university visit of the year, travelling to the University of Gloucestershire. The visit was extremely valuable, with students gaining further insight into university life and course options. One student commented that “the trip really helped me understand what university lectures and facilities are actually like, and it’s made me feel much more confident about applying.” Another reflected that “it was engaging and inspiring to speak to current students and see the campus – it’s definitely motivated me to work even harder this year.”



Finally, if you haven't yet watched it, our sixth form students did a great job in being a part of our video about our sixth form offer, which you can watch here:

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Our Sixth Form continues to go from strength to strength, and I am incredibly proud of what our students are achieving. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Derbyshire
Assistant Headteacher, Sixth Form