



Henley Bank High School

# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we continue through this term, we would like to take the opportunity to reflect on some key areas of success across the Henley Bank community and to share a number of important updates with parents and carers.

One of our most significant successes since Christmas has been the continued improvement in student attendance. We have been exceptionally proud of the commitment our students have shown to attending school every day, with attendance increasing significantly compared to before Christmas and standing much higher than at comparable points in previous years. This improvement reflects the shared efforts of students, families and staff, and we would like to thank parents and carers for the vital role you play in supporting excellent attendance. As communicated previously, we have increased the amount of contact we make when a child is absent from school. This allows us to work closely with families to identify and break down any barriers to attendance at an early stage. This approach is already having a positive impact, and we will continue to build on this success as we strive to improve attendance even further.

## **Year 9**

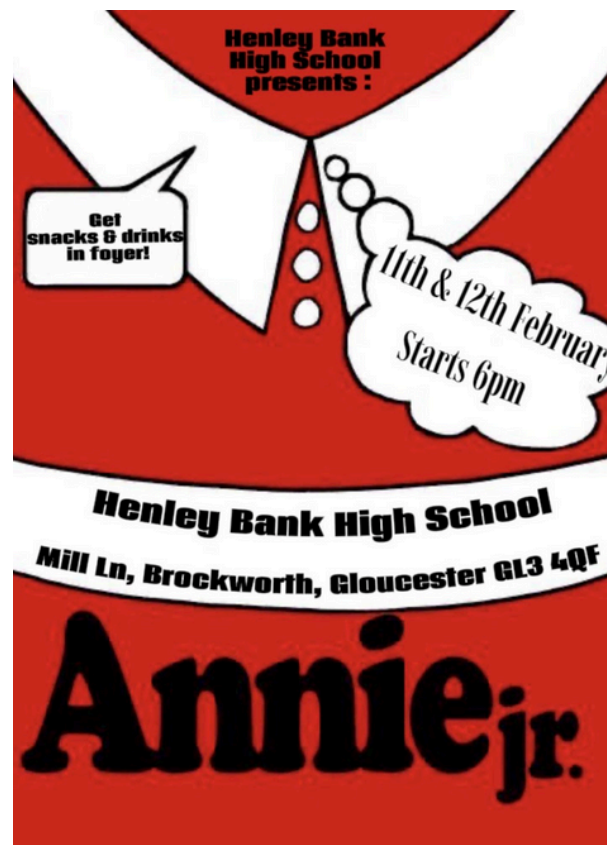
Our Year 9 students have now begun their options process, which is a crucial milestone in their educational journey. We are proud to offer an exceptionally broad and balanced curriculum that allows students to pursue a wide range of interests, strengths and future aspirations. It has been a pleasure to speak with so many parents, carers and students about the different pathways available and to support families in identifying the right combination of subjects. If you would like further guidance or have any questions regarding your child's options, please contact Mr Harris in the first instance.

## Annie Jr!

We are also incredibly excited to be putting the final touches on our upcoming school production of Annie Jr. Students have worked tirelessly in rehearsals, demonstrating commitment, teamwork and creativity, and the production is shaping up to be something truly special.

Performances will take place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February, with tickets priced at just £3, ensuring the event is accessible to all. Tickets can be purchased via the Store section on the MCAS app until 10<sup>th</sup> February.

We look forward to welcoming members of our school community to what promises to be a fantastic celebration of talent and hard work.



## Legacy

As part of our Legacy offer, we were delighted to recently welcome students from Japan, who worked with our Year 8 students to share insights into Japanese culture and daily life. This enriching experience is one example of our commitment to ensuring that every student benefits from a trip, visit or external speaker each term. These experiences will culminate in our annual Legacy Week later in the year, during which all year groups will take part in a wide range of exciting enrichment activities. To support the continuation of these opportunities, we rely on voluntary donations from parents and carers, with further details shared via the MCAS app.





## Ten Tors

Our first Ten Tors practice weekend was another highlight of the term. Students successfully completed the challenge, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and determination. This marks an excellent start to their Ten Tors journey, and we look forward to supporting them as the challenges become increasingly demanding and they prepare for the final trek on Dartmoor later in the year.

## PPE's

As our Sixth Form students approach their final examinations, it has been a pleasure to see the high-quality work they are producing across a range of subjects. One recent highlight was a powerful photography exhibition created by Ken S, exploring the theme of misogyny. Work of this calibre is a reminder of how far our Sixth Form students have developed academically and personally during their time at Henley Bank.

Year 11 and Year 13 students will sit their final set of Pre-Public Examinations during the week beginning 23rd February. These assessments represent their final opportunity to practise under exam conditions before the summer examinations. Further information on revision strategies, preparation and support will be shared by Mr Watson and Mr Derbyshire in due course.

## Clubs

Our co-curricular clubs programme continues to go from strength to strength and remains a vital part of school life at Henley Bank. This term's highlights include the Eco Council, which plays an active role in making our school a greener and more sustainable place; our popular Dungeons and Dragons club, led by Sixth Form students and promoting collaboration and creativity; and our engaging STEM club, which encourages curiosity, innovation and problem-solving beyond the classroom. There is still time for students to sign up to these and other clubs, and we strongly encourage all students to take advantage of the wide range of opportunities available.





Finally, you may have noticed that our new sixth form building is going up very quickly. It is so exciting to have this purpose-built building as part of our school. If you would like any further information on applying to the Sixth Form, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Derbyshire.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the Henley Bank community. We look forward to the remainder of the term and to continuing to work closely with parents and carers to support our students' success.

Kind regards,

Ms Bradbury and Mr Dakin