



Henley Bank High School

NEWSLETTER

Sixth Form

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exceptionally positive and busy period for the Sixth Form, with a great deal to celebrate across all year groups and exciting developments continuing to gather pace.

Our Year 13 students have been incredibly successful in our very first year of UCAS applications. All 40 students who applied have now submitted their applications, which in itself is a fantastic achievement. Even more pleasingly, six students have already secured all five of their university offers, including a highly competitive offer to study Medicine. These outcomes reflect not only the ambition of our students, but also their sustained hard work, commitment, and willingness to engage fully with the application process.

Alongside this academic success, it has been exciting to see visible progress on the new Sixth Form building. The framework is now clearly taking shape, offering a powerful visual reminder of the future-focused investment being made. Just as importantly, this new building symbolises the strong foundations we have already laid within the Sixth Form community — foundations built on high expectations, supportive relationships, and a culture of aspiration.



Interest in joining our Sixth Form continues to grow at an impressive rate. We have already surpassed the total number of applications received at the same point last year, with new applications arriving each week. Interviews for both internal and external candidates are now underway and have been extremely positive. It has been a pleasure to meet so many enthusiastic, motivated students who are genuinely excited about the prospect of joining Year 12 with us in September. Also, we had a brilliant Sixth Form Discovery week with our Year 11 students where they had a subject taster session and enjoyed talking to sixth formers over cookies and hot chocolate!



Careers Talk

Our careers programme also continues to go from strength to strength. Recently, students have benefited from a diverse and engaging range of speakers, including representatives from NMITE University, an AI entrepreneur, and members of the paramedic service. These talks provide invaluable insight into future pathways and help students make informed, aspirational decisions about life beyond school.



Year 12 students will be completing their progress snapshots in the final two weeks of term. These snapshots will provide an important opportunity to recognise the excellent progress many students are making and to reflect on next steps as they continue to build strong foundations for Year 13.

Meanwhile, our Year 13 students are now firmly gearing up for their final set of Pre-Public Examinations. These PPEs are an important milestone, and we have every confidence that students will approach them with focus, maturity, and determination.

Given the commitment they have shown so far, we fully expect them to be incredibly successful. 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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It is a privilege to see the Sixth Form continuing to grow in confidence, ambition, and success. We look forward to building on this momentum as we move into the next exciting phase of the academic year.

Yours sincerely,
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