



27th February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 7 Compulsory Enrichment Afternoon

I am writing to inform you of an exciting and important development for our Year 7 students at Henley Bank High School.

Following the Easter break, we will be launching a **Compulsory Enrichment Afternoon** for all Year 7 students. This will take place every Wednesday from 3:00pm–4:00pm throughout the Summer Term, beginning on **Wednesday 22nd April 2026** (the second week back after Easter).

Why Enrichment?

At Henley Bank High School, we are committed to preparing students not just academically, but socially and personally for the road ahead. Research consistently highlights the powerful impact that enrichment opportunities have on young people. Through sustained participation, students:

- Develop confidence and resilience & a positive attitude
- Build new friendships and strengthen their sense of belonging
- Discover new talents and interests
- Improve teamwork and communication skills
- Enhance their overall wellbeing
- Build a strong growth mindset
- Broaden their experiences beyond the classroom

Collectively, enrichment strengthens our school community, and continues to build that sense of belonging. Individually, it allows students to explore passions, try something new, and develop skills that will benefit them throughout their secondary education and beyond.

Year 7 is a particularly important time in a student’s journey. As they settle into secondary school, structured enrichment supports social integration, fosters positive peer relationships, and deepens their connection to school life.

What Will It Look Like?

Students will be able to sign up to an activity of their choosing from a pre-set list of provisions. These will span a wide range of interests — ensuring there is something for everyone. Activities will be led by staff and will run consistently throughout the term to allow students to fully immerse themselves and develop within their chosen area.

Students will make their selections during this half term in a tutor time, with further information about the sign-up process to follow shortly.

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Our Expectation

As this is a compulsory part of the school week, attendance will be expected in the same way as any other timetabled lesson. We firmly believe this will become one of the highlights of the Year 7 experience and a key feature of life at Henley Bank High School.

We are genuinely excited about the positive impact this will have — not only in developing new skills, but in strengthening belonging, character, and community across the year group.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to launching this new chapter in our Year 7 provision.

Yours faithfully,

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