



13th August 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and soon-to-be Year 7s,

Welcome to Henley Bank!

We are incredibly excited to welcome you to Henley Bank in September! Starting a new school is a big step, and we want to make sure your first day is as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Your First Day: What to Expect

When you arrive on Thursday 3rd September, please head straight to the sports hall for roll call. We'll be ready to greet you there from 8:20AM. Don't worry about getting lost; there will be plenty of staff around to guide you.

Essential Bits to Remember:

- **Water Bottles:** It's super important to stay hydrated throughout the day, so please remember to bring a filled water bottle with you.
- **Lunch:** For your first day, please bring a packed lunch with you as our biometric authentication will need to be set up on the first day. If you're entitled to Free School Meals, your lunch will be provided. For your first day, we'll be serving a delicious pasta lunch.
- **Cashless School & MCAS App:** Henley Bank operates a cashless system. All payments, like school trips or extra-curricular activities, are handled through the MCAS app. You can find more details about this on our school website. Feel free to download the app now, but don't activate it until September.
- **Reading & Supplies:** We have daily "DEAR time" (Drop Everything and Read), so please bring a reading book that you're currently enjoying. You won't need to bring a pencil case on your first day, as we'll be giving you a new one!

Uniform Check Session

We understand you might have questions about the uniform. To help with this, we're holding a uniform check session on Tuesday 1st September, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. If you'd like to get any uniform items personally clarified, please come to the front of the school.

We can't wait to meet you all and begin this exciting new chapter together at Henley Bank!

See you in September,

Yours sincerely,

Mr Powell
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