



# HENLEY BANK HIGH SCHOOL

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## RE Transition Days 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Future Parents, Carers and Students of Henley Bank High School

We are getting closer to the most exciting part of the transition process, the days that we invite you to come and visit us. For Henley Bank High School, we strongly believe that a successful transition day should meet the following objectives:

1. It stops Y6 students from feeling worried or nervous throughout the summer holidays about starting Secondary School
2. It is a chance to meet some new faces and make new friends from different Primary Schools
3. To meet some of the teachers that will be taking you on your Henley Bank High School journey
4. A chance for the Senior Leadership Team and Head of Year 7 to get to know you, and you us
5. To show that Secondary School is as much about having fun in learning as well as all the serious stuff you know about
6. A chance for our staff to gather some crucial data to ensure that the jump from Primary to Secondary is not too big for you

With this in mind, we are preparing 2 days where you will get a chance to tour the school, try out some lessons and attend some assemblies to meet important staff.

All students are expected to attend both days. Due to the building works, the space for parking and drop off is very limited so we are proposing slightly different start and finish times for our Year 6 students compared to Year 7-10. Please note the following important information:

### **Drop off and Pick up**

**The day will begin at 9:15 and end at 2:30.** This is to ensure that our current students can access the school and attend roll call, helping everyone to arrive safely.

**Registration will be from 9am.** Please enter through the main entrance by the sports centre and make your way down the drive to the car park. Staff will direct you to the bottom of the car park for a swift drop off where students will be escorted down to the Astro turf for their first ever roll call and welcome. Once you have dropped off your child, please follow the circle around the car park to exit the school.

For pick up, we will escort students out of the front student entrance of the school, where you can meet them. If driving, please consider that there will be very limited parking on the street as other parents will also be here ready to collect their children. Mill Lane Park has a fairly large car park and is a 5-10min stroll from the school. Car/lift sharing may also be an option.

We do ask, if there is the possibility of you making your way to the school on foot, to do so. This will help alleviate the congestion. We do understand of course that with work commitments this may not be possible.

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We also understand that some of our Year 6 students will have siblings already at Henley Bank and so will need to be dropped off or collected at the same time. If this is the case, we will of course ensure there is a safe place for them to wait.

## **Dress Code and Meals**

**Students should attend the days wearing their Primary School uniform.** They will not need any equipment but **they will need a packed lunch and a drink for both days.** Due to the canteen being cashless and using ParentPay, we are unable to add our new Year 7 students until they join us in September. This will ensure that all students are able to have something to eat and drink throughout the day.

If you are Free School Meals and would require a packed lunch for the 2 days, please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/g92dMZNGqcbQ4jtv9> .

Students will not require PE kit over the 2 days.

Whilst we understand that mobile phones are a useful means of communication before and after school, phones need to be switched off and in bags whilst on site during the school day.

## **Information Evening**

We will be holding a final information evening on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 5-6pm**. This will be a chance for Mr Derry and myself to lay out our expectations for Year 7 from September as well as giving you all final information for the first days in September. This will also be a final chance to ask any questions face to face. This will be held in The Mill, our main hall. Please park in the main car park by the sports centre and make your way across. Again, as mentioned previously, if there is a chance to arrive on foot, this will reduce the congestion for you.

## **A note to our Year 6s**

We really hope you are looking forward to meeting us for the days. We do recognise that some of you may be feeling a little nervous and that is completely normal. We will do everything in our power to show you that big school isn't as scary as you think it is. Meeting lots of new people can be daunting but remember amongst them may be a friend that you will have for the rest of your life.

Any questions, please do email [year6questions@henleybankhighschool.co.uk](mailto:year6questions@henleybankhighschool.co.uk) .

Yours Faithfully

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