

# PHILIPS HIGH SCHOOL

SUCCESS, TOGETHER, ASPIRE, RESPECT

## Summer Newsletter

### Term Dates 2023 - 2024

#### End of Summer Term

19 July 2023

#### Spring Term

05 September 2023

#### Half Term

20 October 2023

–

28 October 2023

#### First day back

31 October 2023

### Introduction

Dear Parents & Carers

It is my great pleasure to thank all of our parents and carers for their full support this academic year. Since Easter, I have been the Acting Headteacher in the absence of Ms Owen. Having gone from being the Co-Headteacher for 1 day a week to full time Acting Headteacher, has been a challenging but most pleasurable and fulfilling experience. We have so many amazing pupils and staff at Philips High School and it is a pleasure working with each and every person in our community.

Having overseen the Year 11 GCSE Examinations and them leaving school to their fabulous Prom, it has been a truly unforgettable time in school. We have continued to provide students with amazing experiences to enhance their learning opportunities, including Sports Day, trips to Blackpool, Malham, the Duke of Edinburgh trip, The Cadet Summer Camp in Scotland and the French trip to Paris, who returned at 1am on Tuesday morning.

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We have had a very busy few weeks leading up to the end of term, celebrating the achievements of our fabulous students with the Rewards Assemblies, a Leavers' Assembly for our Year 11 students who are now moving on to higher education, our Summer Production – Legally Blonde Jr The Musical and Musical Showcase. We have an amazing team of talented staff and students at Philips who organised and took part in all of these events – photographs of which you can see throughout this Newsletter.

I am now looking forward to beginning the new academic year in September, continuing to enforce the high expectations of Philips High School and supporting our students throughout their learning journey.

We look forward to welcoming all our students back into school on Tuesday 5th September.



Mr C Hibbert  
Acting Headteacher





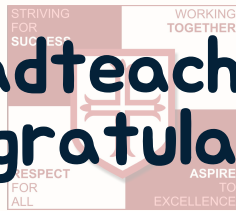
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# Star Award Congratulations

RESPECT FOR ALL | ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE



# Headteacher's Congratulations



HEAD PUPIL  
 CATRIN WILLIAMS  
 GEORGINA MANN  
 MELISSA LEE  
 RHIANNA GOLD  
 SAFAH KASSAM  
 MARIAM AHMED  
 EDITH SEDGWICK  
 PRITIKA PURI  
 MORGAN RAINFORD



Year	Head Pupil	Head Pupil
2014	JAKOB WARD	CATRIN WILLIAMS
2015	ASIM SEAH	GEORGINA MANN
2016	JUSTIN McLAUGHLIN	MELISSA LEE
2017	NATHANIEL LEADER	RHIANNA GOLD
2018	ADITYA ATWAL	SAFAH KASSAM
2019	AKIDIN COLLETT	MARIAM AHMED
2020	RYAN BYWATER	EDITH SEDGWICK
2021	LUCA MOLLO	PRITIKA PURI
2022	ADAM AHMED	MORGAN RAINFORD



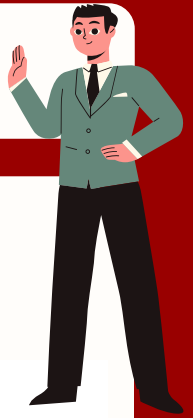


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# Attendance



## Attendance Guidelines

The Local Authority attendance guidelines advise that any attendance below 96% is considered poor and below 90% is considered as persistent absence. Poor attendance can have a detrimental effect on your child's progress at school. As a school, we closely monitor attendance.

If attendance falls below 92% medical evidence will be required.

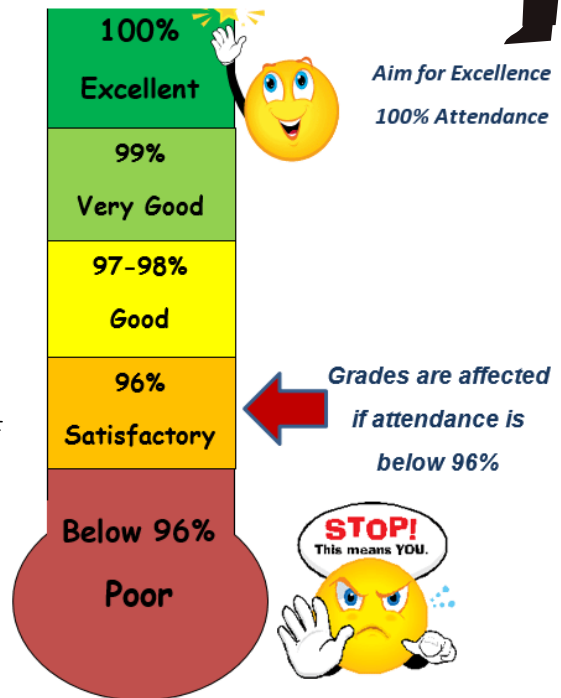
This can be provided in the form of any of the following:

- Email or letter from NHS Dr or medical practitioner including a nurse.
- Text of telephone consultation.
- Medication bottle or box.
- Pharmaceutical Consultation.

It is also very important to inform us if your child is unable to attend school **on each day of absence.**

Thank you for your support.

It is important that pupils arrive at registration and lessons on time. If pupils are late they will receive a late mark on the register, a strike on their Star card and a Detention.



[attendance@philipshigh.co.uk](mailto:attendance@philipshigh.co.uk)



0161 3512200, Option 1

# SATCHEL ONE

Online tool, Satchel One, helps you keep track of your child's Independent Learning.

This gives you;

- 24/7 access to your child's homework
- A view of the quality and quantity of Independent Learning.
- Free apps for your iPhone, iPad and Android devices
- Automated notifications of homework due date



For more information please read the help sheet on the school webpage.

## MOBILE PHONE POLICY

### Philips High School Mobile Phone Policy:

- Pupils seen with mobile phones/headphones in the school building (inc all classrooms/corridors/canteen/pupil entrance) between 08:00 – 16:45 will have them confiscated.
- Pupils are only permitted to use phones during break and lunch outside the school building (playground/field/astro turf).
- If mobile phone / headphones are confiscated, pupils can collect them on the same day at 3:30 from the School Office.
- 3rd time offenders, the phone/headphones will be kept in the school office safe until parent/carer comes to collect, if continues, sanctions will escalate.

#### **Please Note:**

- Repeat offenders will be referred to Senior Leadership Team.
- Philips High School does not accept responsibility / liability for loss, damage or theft of mobile phones or similar online/electronic devices.

# OFFICE NEWS

## Pay for school meals

To help make it as easy as possible for you to pay for school meals we have introduced an epayments system which allows you to pay for school meals over the internet [www.bury.gov.uk/ payforit](http://www.bury.gov.uk/payforit) or by phone 0845 3052197 (Open Mon-Fr 9am–5pm)

**How to pay:** All major debit or credit cards are accepted with the exception of American Express and Diners Card. To pay online or over the telephone you will need the following details to hand;

- School Name
- Pupils name
- Pupil number (provided by school)
- 4-digit school DfE number–4025
- Your debit/credit card details

More information at: [www.bury.gov.uk/schoolcatering](http://www.bury.gov.uk/schoolcatering)

Please contact school should you require your child's individual log in details to enable you to benefit

## Appointments

Please understand that **only parents/carers with a pre-booked appointment can be guaranteed to see or speak to a member staff.**

Unfortunately, although we will try our best to accommodate. There will be occasions where no member of staff will be available



## Contact details

It is important that all contact details are up to date in case of emergencies. If you wish to update your contact details, please follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/r/GJmcQj3Qz8>

Alternatively if you login to the SIMS Parent App or [www.sims-parent.co.uk](http://www.sims-parent.co.uk) you can check the contact details we already have and make any amendments.



# Safeguarding School Rules

## Appointments

Please try to make appointments out of school hours. If this is unavoidable then please ensure pupils are aware at what time they need to meet you at the school office.

## Years 7–9

All pupils must be collected from reception by a parent / carer or responsible adult aged over 18 years. A letter or appointment card to be handed in at reception when signing out.

## Years 10 & 11

Pupils are allowed to make their own way to appointments if they have a letter of authorisation from a parent / carer or a phone call has been received by office staff (letters must be handed in at reception and either copied or kept as confirmation evidence).

## Unwell Pupils

Head of Year must authorise pupils to go home (unless medical emergency). All pupils to be collected from reception by a parent / carer or responsible adult over 18 years. Depending on the nature of illness some pupils are allowed to be sent home via taxi if the parent / carer requests – Head of Year must authorise this.

## Contact Details

Please ensure all contact information is kept up to date, in particular mobile telephone numbers and email addresses. You can check the details held by school through the parent app.

# Parking around Philips High School

Parking on school grounds is for staff only and where possible we ask that all visitors park off site in a safe manner, being courteous to our neighbours. **Please remember that the school is located in a residential area and it is an offence to wilfully obstruct the highway and parking across driveways is not acceptable.**

In order to safeguard our pupils at the start and end of a school day **please note the following;**

- No vehicle access to the Art Block for deliveries between 8am –9am.
- No vehicle movements between 8:15 - 9:05, 10:50 - 11:15, 12:45 - 13:45 and 14:45 - 15:05
- Movement of traffic is prohibited around the school grounds.
- Parking on site is for staff only and we ask you park off-site.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

# DRAMA NEWS



Students performed and wowed audiences in their recent production of Legally Blonde JR the musical. This was performed on **Tuesday 11th & Wednesday 12th of July.**

Director, Miss McCrone was so proud of all the students who participated in the play. Singing, acting and dancing the night away, audiences were beaming with excitement. Linda Ndlovu played star role, Elle Woods and belted her heart out throughout the entire show and blew everyone away!



The play was choreographed by Miss Schofield, who couldn't have done it without Year 10 student, Erin Baird, who produced outstanding choreography.

A huge congratulations to all students who took part, a massive thank you to all staff who helped on the evening and round of applause for our stage hands on the night.



# DRAMA NEWS



Audience members said:

"The pupils were incredible and it was wonderful to see how much they were enjoying performing; their talent and confidence was just off the scale."

"...stagehands worked really well together as a team"



"The background acting of non-speaking characters, was excellent. Skills clearly learnt from drama lessons and which had a positive impact on the overall quality of the on-stage presentation."

"An uplifting and excellent evening which was very much appreciated by the whole audience."





# LIBRARY NEWS



## Library Updates



*A selection of new books just added.*

Summer term has been a busy one in the library. Pupil Librarians have been assisting the Librarian with many tasks such as processing new library stock, shelving, and reorganising the shelves. All pupils in Years 7-10 were asked to share their opinions about the school library via a Pupil Voice survey, and were given the opportunity to suggest ways the library could improve. Lots of brilliant ideas were received and will be implemented over the coming year.

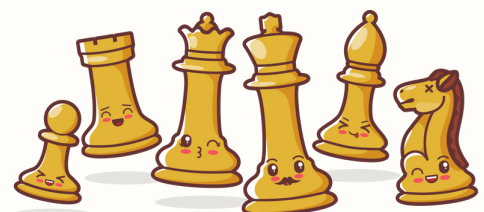


## Not Just Books!

Don't forget, there are lots of things to do in the school library, as well as reading books and doing homework. Why not come and do some mindfulness colouring. There are lots of different colouring sheets to choose from, which are updated regularly.

There are also word searches and crosswords available. You can also play chess and scrabble (on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes).

If you enjoy chess, or want to learn how to play, why not come to Chess Club after school on Tuesdays. We also have Manga and Comics Club after school on Wednesdays, perfect for anyone interested in Manga, Anime and Comic book and Graphic Novels.





# LIBRARY NEWS



## Theme of the Month

There is a different 'Theme of the Month' every month in the library.

Each month, relevant books are on display and quizzes and colouring activities relating to the theme are available. In April, we celebrated Earth Day and displayed books all about climate change and saving the planet. In May we celebrated Mental Health Awareness week, and pupils browsed and borrowed non-fiction books about improving their own mental health and wellbeing, as well as books with characters who struggle with their mental health.

In June we have been celebrating Pride Month. Free rainbow bookmarks have been available to take, and there has been lots of interest in the LGBTQ+ books on display.



## eBooks



All pupils have a log in for the eBook system 'ePlatform'. You can download the ePlatform app to your phone or tablet, or read on a computer by going to the following website:

<https://philipshigh.eplatform.co/>

**Username:** School ID (e.g. 21JSmith)

**Password:** PHSLibrary

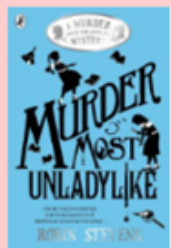
There are approximately 1,700 books to choose from, and books can be borrowed for two weeks, and renewed online if you need them for longer. eBooks are the perfect way to read on the go, and at home during the school holidays.



# Recommended Summer Reading

## KS3 (Years 7, 8 & 9)

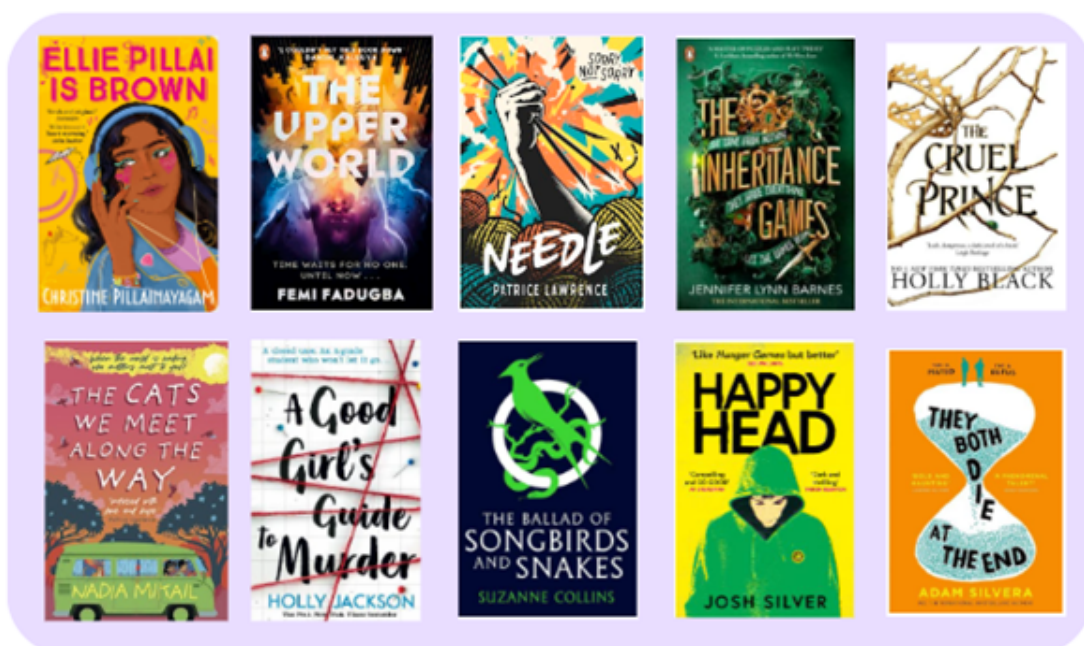
- Murder Most Unladylike – Robin Stevens
- High Rise Mystery – Sharna Jackson
- Asha and the Spirit Bird – Jasbinder Bilan
- Resist – Tom Palmer
- Time Travelling with a Hamster – Ross Welford
- The Valley of Lost Secrets – Lesley Parr
- The Explorer – Katherine Rundell
- The Hobbit – J. R. R. Tolkien
- Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun – Tola Okogwu
- The Kingdom Over the Sea – Zohra Nabi
- Escape to the River Sea – Emma Carroll
- When the Sky Falls – Phil Earle
- Quiet Storm – Kimberley Whittam
- Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief – Rick Riordan
- Howl's Moving Castle – Dianna Wynne Jones
- You Don't Know What War Is – Yeva Skalietska



# Recommended Summer Reading

## KS4 (Years 10 & 11)

- The Inheritance Games – Jennifer Lynn Banks
- They Both Die at the End - Adam Silvera
- Scattered Showers – Rainbow Rowell
- Solitaire – Alice Oseman
- Happyhead – Josh Silver
- A Good Girl's Guide to Murder – Holly Jackson
- The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes – Suzanne Collins
- The Cruel Prince – Holly Black
- Ellie Pillai is Brown – Christine Pillainayagam
- Legendborn – Tracy Deonn
- I Must Betray You – Ruta Sepetys
- One of Us Is Lying – Karen M. McManus
- Shadow and Bone – Leigh Bardugo
- Lark – Anthony McGowan
- The Cats We Meet Along the Way – Nadia Mikail
- Needle – Patrice Lawrence
- The Upper World – Femi Fadugba





# LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

WORKING TOGETHER  
RESPECT FOR ALL  
ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE







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Mrs Morris has always worried about us the most, she ensures that we look the best we possibly can and she mostly worries about us when we aren't in our greatest moods. Mrs Morris teaches us to chase after what we want most and not to give up, she is a great inspiration for all of us and we don't appreciate her enough for the effort she puts in for us.

-Joe Petney Speech



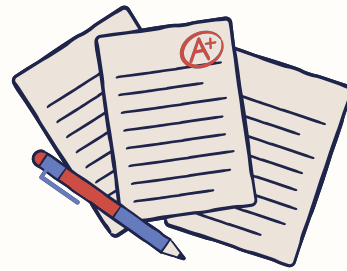
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Miss Suttie has been the easiest to talk to, to joke with and just have a great time with. She has always told us that we could do better and be a better person, she has told us to do what makes us happy and to follow our dreams, that is what makes her an amazing Head of Year, an amazing teacher and we do not give her enough credit for what she has done for us all.

-Joe Petney Speech

# TRIPS & EVENTS

Year 11 in school had an early finish but not before stopping off for an ice cream which we arranged in school as a treat for their dedication to the GCSE exams and continuing to attend school/lessons until the very last exam.



*Celebrate  
Good  
Times*



# SCHOOL NEWS



## Bee Well Mental Health Champions

This term we have had a real push on the Bee Well Mental Health Level 2 qualification with 16 Year 9 pupils.

We have been to Radcliffe Market to see local companies and see how we can spend their **£5000** to help improve our pupils' wellbeing within our local community.

We have then chosen 3 favorites, being: Bury Defence Academy, Hear me Roar (which is a musical charity that was set up after the Manchester bombing) and finally Alfa Education which is a company in Bury which teaches people to play different musical instruments.

We will be splitting the **£5000** across all 3 companies with more going to Bury Defence Club as we feel more people would benefit from this. We aim to provide so many free sessions per week for Philips High School children over the summer holidays to help them stay active and get out of the house.

We have also been given a sum on **£1500** to help advertise the 3 companies which we have been studying during form time, so pupils know how to get involved.

This has been a fantastic programme for the pupils and they will receive a Level 2 qualification, we then aim to work as a group over the next few years to improve wellbeing at our school.

Mr. Barlow will be meeting with certain members of staff before the end of this term to discuss how we can implement the Wellbeing Programme into character lessons for next year. Each pupil will have 2 character lessons at the start of each term next year so that wellbeing is constantly being discussed.

It has been another amazing year at Philips High School and numerous things have happened throughout the year finishing with Sports Day and Trips Day which I know all staff and pupils involved really enjoyed.

Certain staff have also completed a 6-week yoga programme which took place every Tuesday evening 4:30-5:30pm. Staff that were involved loved it and saw progress being made.

I would like to thank Miss Owen for allowing this to go ahead for our staff.



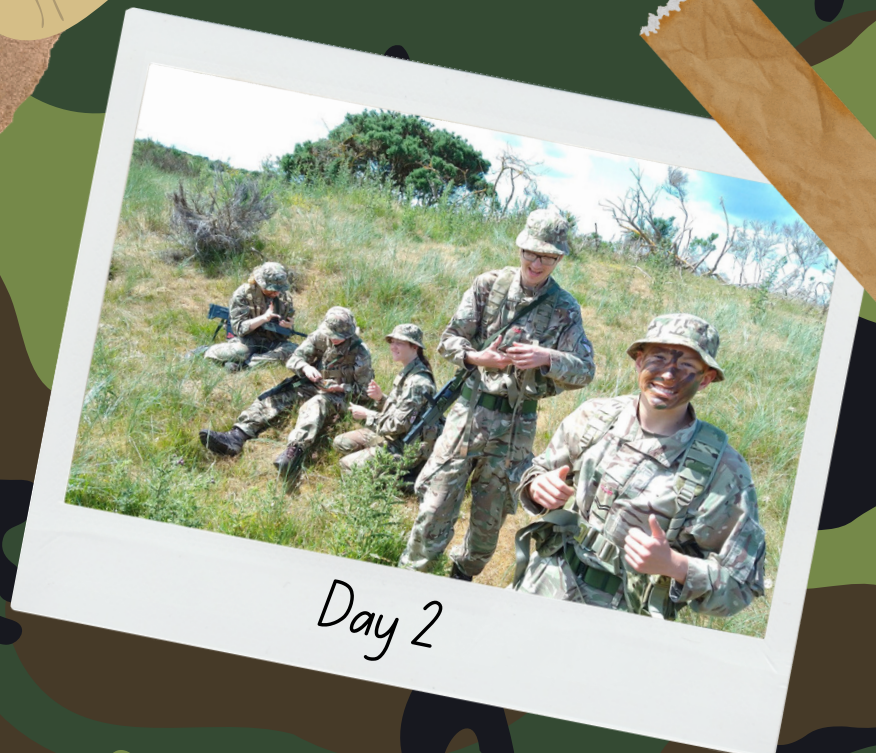
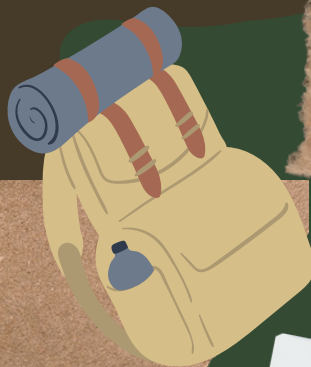
# CADET SUMMER CAMP



Day 1 - Tucking into the range stew

For Summer Camp this year we took 30 cadets to Barry Buddon Training Camp in Scotland. The cadets had 4 days packed with activities. On Sunday the cadets spent the day on the range where they had the opportunity to shoot the Cadets GP rifle from 100m and 200m. During this activity we had most cadets passing their BASIC shooting assessment and some of our senior cadets were able to achieve their ADVANCED. Senior cadets were also given a behind the scenes insight into how the targets works and all cadets got to try electronic clay pigeon shooting. On Monday cadets were split into groups to complete a round robin of activities. This included a silent drill test, navigation exercise, paintball fire and manoeuvres, paintball CQB, stalking exercise and command tasks.

Tuesday/Wednesday was the start of the grand finale. Cadets spent the day learning, practicing and planning section attacks and patrols. After setting up camp in the forest and cooking their own dinners, they completed a night exercise before sleeping in the shelters they had built. The following day, they put all there training into practice and succeeded in completing a rolling section attack.



Day 2

# CADET SUMMER CAMP

Camp ended on Wednesday night with a BBQ style dinner and Disco.

This camp was an amazing opportunity for our cadets. Apart from the activities themselves, the overall camp was comprised of 9 different schools with over 300 cadets from all over the UK. This gave our cadets a unique experience, allowing them to meet and work with students their own age from all walks of life.



Day 3



Both cadets and staff enjoyed themselves and we all look forward to Summer Camp 2024!



Day 4

# SCHOOL NEWS

## Magic Breakfasts



magic  
breakfast  
fuel for learning

Christian Wakefield MP visited us in April with a representative from the Charity Magic Breakfast to see how we provide free breakfast for over 150 pupils in our community every day & the positive impact it can have on behaviour/attendance.





# SCHOOL NEWS

PROUDLY WORKING TOWARDS

LOVE WHO YOU ARE

## LGBT+ Inclusion

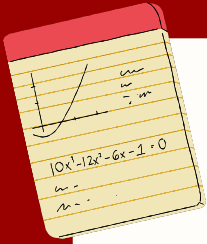


We have now successfully completed three sections of our Rainbow Flag Award – Student Voice, Skilled Teacher and Pastoral Support. We received amazing feedback from The Proud Trust once again and are proud to say we have been credited with having a positive and consistent approach to our equality work.

We have been busy planning our very own Pride event which will take place towards the end of the summer term and members of the Equality Party recently had a fantastic morning with Anna from the Proud Trust. In the workshop we learnt about the history of Pride Month and the importance of the event. Pupils then had the chance to brainstorm ideas about what we can do in school to celebrate and raise awareness. Watch this space for the exciting things they have planned!



# SCHOOL NEWS



## A marvellous term of Maths and more Maths!

Our Enrichment programme has started this term and what a start!

Just look at everything that has been going on, and in only 6 weeks:

### Maths Feast

A Manchester-based competition for teams, competing against other schools.

07/03/2023  
Maths Feast 1  
Venue –  
St Patrick's High School.

A BIG Shout-out to these students:  
Alex Beckley  
Rose France  
Ellis Compton  
Callum Jones

Year 10 - Number of Students: 4 each

28/03/23  
MathsFeast 2  
Venue –  
Manchester University

A BIG Shout-out to these students:  
Amy Gibbons  
Daras Preet Singh  
George Gee  
Erin Murphy

### Kahoot Maths

Year 7, 8 and 10 - Number of Students: 20 per year

11/05/2023  
Kahoot Maths 1

Winner:  
Jack O'Farrell  
7R

12/05/2023  
Kahoot Maths 2

Winner:  
Lidia Jimenez  
8R



Lidia Jimenez 8R -  
Kahoot Maths & Golden Ticket Winner

23/05/2023  
Kahoot Maths 3

Winner:  
Sebastian Pelin  
10C

26/05/2023  
National Numeracy Day  
Number Heroes  
Poster competition  
Year 7 -  
Number of Students: 120  
Winner:  
Lexie Davies 7E

Richie Bebb 7C -  
Maths and Literacy Event Winner

### Golden Ticket - Summer 1

22 May 2023

Year 7  
No. of Students:  
107  
Winner:  
Jensen Lignum  
7U

Year 8  
No. of Students:  
70  
Winner:  
Lidia Jimenez 8R

Year 9  
No. of Students:  
85  
Winner:  
Ghazal Alhajira  
9O

Year 10  
No. of Students:  
78  
Winner:  
Sebastian Pelin  
10C

Year 11  
No. of Students:  
51  
Winner:  
Molly Kennedy  
11C

07 July 2023

Year 7  
No. of Students:  
100  
Winner:  
Charlie Martin 7Q

Year 8  
No. of Students:  
76  
Winner:  
Aimee Ogden 8E



Jensen Lignum 7U  
Golden Ticket winner

Year 9  
No. of Students:  
41  
Winner:  
Mohammed Anwar  
9C

Year 10  
No. of Students:  
74  
Winner:  
Jack Gray 10R

Jack O'Farrell 7R  
Kahoot Maths  
winner



# SCHOOL NEWS



## Maths and Literacy Event

Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 - Total Number of Students: 326

Year 7  
No. of Students:  
120  
Winner:  
Riche Bebb

Year 8  
No. of Students:  
112  
Winner:  
Zoya Sajid



Zoya Sajid 8Q and Nancy Ellison 9U  
- Maths and Literacy Event

Year 9  
No. of Students:  
50  
Winner:  
Nancy Ellison

Year 10  
No. of Students:  
44  
Winner:  
Alex Hughes

## SparxMaths

Total number of questions correctly answered = **196,329**

Number of hours of personalised learning = **1,605**

Percentage of students at Philips HS who have either improved, or are considered confident, in their times tables = **33%**

### 'Which career?'

Meet people working in different roles" – live Zoom webinar

Year 7 & 8

Pupils in maths classes 7U, 7E, 8C, 8O, 8N, 8T

There is so much talent to recognise and celebrate whether in the classroom with the Golden Tickets, in a competition, at Manchester schools' events, or taking part in online challenges.

The Golden Ticket especially has proved to be a huge success, encouraging more pupils to participate and shine in lessons. Congratulations to all those whose names were drawn in the year-group raffles for £10 vouchers and Golden Ticket certificates.

In school students are seeing their achievements celebrated on our Events Noticeboard. This is on the top corridor opposite room F4 and is the place to go to find out about future events.

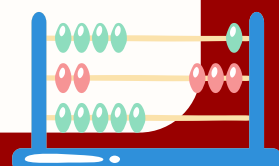
Also, check out the MathsZone on the Philips High School website for event information, to find out about careers using maths, to find useful websites for revision, or even just for fun.

Our activities are chosen to involve as many pupils as possible of all ages and abilities. Look out for lots more awesome Autumn activities and special events from September. If you have not been involved yet, there's plenty more to come!

Have a go!  
Will you be our next star mathematician?

Have a fabulous summer holiday.  
Mrs J. Rothwell  
Head of Mathematics

Total number of entries/rewards for events (not including Sparx)  
=  
1340



# THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

## (Bronze Award) Expedition 2023



A life-changing experience. Definitely.

An opportunity to discover new interests and talents. Absolutely.

Just ask any of the group of intrepid explorers that set off on the 2 day, 1 night expedition in June 2023.

A fun time was had by all. The walking and navigation proved to be a challenge for all at some point but everybody encouraged each other to be successful.

The cooking and camping was worth the trial of walking as everybody had fun cooking outdoors and sleeping in their tents. Those that attended the expedition left quotes as below:

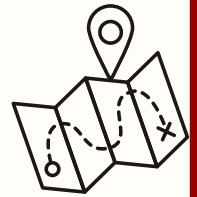
“There are many great memories but the vibe of just sitting down for lunch as a team knowing that everyone was happy and ready to keep going as a team.

That was just amazing.”

“The castle lunch. It was interesting to see the inside.”

“Anonymous continuously falling flat on her face.”

“The whole experience was amazing.”



## Car Wash



Year 10 Enterprise group have set up a car washing business.

They had to complete a business plan, advertisement, presentation and much more as part of the task.

We have two lovely shiny motors on our car park. Open for business for staff cars every Tue and Friday.



# SCHOOL NEWS



## STEM Club Challenge at Holy Cross College, Bury

On July 3, 2023 Mrs Cochrane took twelve of our Y9 pupils to Holy Cross College to take part in the Science Challenge Day. The challenge involved a number of comprehensive and independent schools across Bury. Pupils were split up and worked in teams with pupils from other schools. Three different challenges took place throughout the day, and there were winners for each challenge, as well as an overall winning team who will then compete in a regional competition.

Pupils from Philips worked in teams that were very successful:

- Aashir Ahmed and Bhav Chand Sanghu won the robotics challenge.
- Aashir and Bhav were also runners up in the electric car challenge.
- Isaac Leung and Harvey Broadhurst were runners up in the robotics challenge.
- Maya Sas and Tom McLeish were runners up in the medical diagnostics challenge.



The pupils had a wonderful day and all represented the school well and even met the Mayor! Congratulations to all pupils and very well done to those involved in winning teams!



# SCHOOL NEWS



**Biology  
Challenge**

## UK Biology Challenge

The UK Biology Challenge is a prestigious international competition open to students around the world. This year, over 43,685 students from 621 comprehensive and independent schools took part in the competition across the UK.

This is an academic challenge where pupils have to sit two online exams.

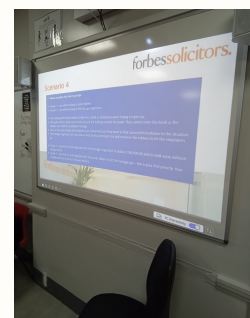
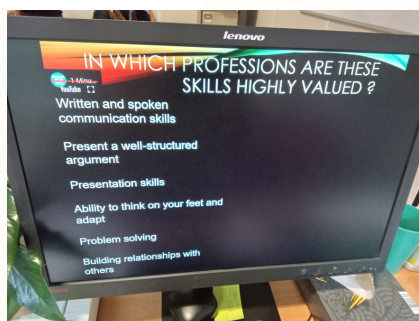
This is Philips' second year of entering the competition and we have had fantastic results. This year, two of our pupils were awarded Gold, one received Silver and fourteen achieved Bronze Awards.

Of the remaining pupils fifteen were Highly Commended and another twenty were Commended. In total 55% of Philips pupils who took part in the challenge received an award. A very impressive set of results for only our second attempt. Well done to everyone who took part!

## MFL News



Holy Cross visited 31 of our Year 10 pupils to talk to them about KS5 languages. Pupils found the talk very insightful and enjoyed hearing about the successes of former Holy Cross pupils who have gone on to enjoy successes using skills acquired whilst doing A level languages.



# MANCHESTER UNITED FOUNDATION

Manchester United Foundation have taken 15 pupils to Old Trafford for a financial literacy event. On the day two sessions were delivered to increase awareness on online games, online safety and how to save and borrow money. Philips pupils were very involved in the sessions and had some amazing feedback from other members of staff.

“pupils were really keen and interacted well, they gave some really good answers.



We were given 10 Soccer Aid Tickets for the pupils to attend at Old Trafford football stadium. Our pupils were amongst 75,000 who attended the game to watch England vs World XI, this event raised an incredible £14,619,005 for Unicef.



In partnership with adidas Manchester United Foundation was given access to run a workshop theme around the Women's World Cup on the pitch at Old Trafford Football stadium. Every partnership school was given the opportunity for 1 girl from each school to attend. They got the chance to train with qualified coaches and played in a tournament on the Old Trafford Pitch.



Student voice report came back with:

- 93% of participants enjoyed the workshop.
- 78% reported that the workshop improved their attitude towards school.
- 87% of the pupils said the workshop made them more aware of how to access the pathways for future development.

Pupil feedback.

“It was an amazing opportunity and I loved every minute of it. The standout moment for me was seeing Usain Bolt play because I am a sprinter, and it was just surreal to see him in person”.





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# ART NEWS

## Art in Whitefield Collaboration

You might have heard of Art in Whitefield who have a Facebook and Instagram page. They have organised nature sketching walks and are now launching their own Art in Whitefield digital magazine.

The magazine will include art, photography, poetry, reviews and creative writing from local contributors. We are hoping to celebrate our pupil's art, photography, creative writing and poetry in collaboration with the English department and Art in Whitefield.

If you would like to contribute independently do get in touch with them, details on their pages. Look out for their first edition at the end of August.



## Art & Photography Trip 12th July 2023

Year 10 visited Manchester Art Gallery on Wednesday 12th July and produced work in the gallery. The pupils were fantastic and the gallery commented on how respectful and considerate our pupils were during our visit. High praise!



Whilst there we saw professional artist, Rob Pointon, working in the gallery creating a piece based on people's reactions to the horrors of war depicted in the work based on the Crimean war. Amazing!



# ART NEWS

## Set Design Club



A big thank you to the set designers for Legally Blonde Jr  
Huge thank you to Mr Day for the amazing wooden structure that features in the centre of the stage. What a star!

Also thank you to the marshmallows Jaya Koffman and Claire Marsh and their very understanding families – there was a lot of pink paint.

Thanks also to Amelia Malik, Courtney Johnson, Rakhi Kaur Singh and several others who have helped on and off to create the posters. Big thanks goes out to Ms Gilks and the Caretakers.

We look forward to the next performance – whatever it may be.

## Yom Hashoah Holocaust Workshop Update

Caroline and Hannah who ran the Holocaust workshop earlier in the year had postcards made from the art work that pupils made.

Each student received a badge and postcards – how cool are these? There are plans for the next Holocaust art workshop to take place in the next academic year.



# ART NEWS

## Art Exhibition



The Art & Photography exhibition took place on Monday 17th July in the Art rooms and was well attended by pupils, parents and carers. Thanks so much for taking the time to see their amazing work. Big plans for increased exhibitions next year.

Thanks to Ms Gilks for her first exhibition. What a star!

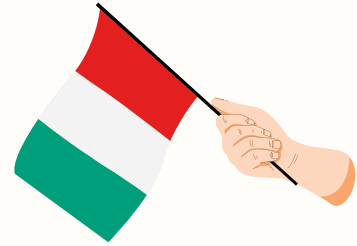


# UPCOMING TRIPS

Planning is well under way for our ski trip which is planned to take place in the Easter Holidays of 2024 to Passo Tonale, Italy.

This will be our first time to the resort, and have heard excellent reports from other schools who continue to go back each year.

Passo Tonale is an ideal place for a school ski trip, with doorstep skiing and a variety of runs for all abilities.



Pupils will get to experience the exhilarating scenery of the mountains, sample another culture, use a foreign language, learn new skills, work in a team and learn to be independent.

The best thing about skiing is it is such a huge amount of **fun!**

We have always received extremely positive comments from both pupils and parents about how much they have enjoyed the trips.



# PARIS TRIP



42 pupils set off for Paris on 14th July and had a great time!

This is what they said about their experiences in France:

"Disneyland was magical and I loved every second of this trip!"

(Y8 pupil)

"The trip was amazing and I would 100% do it all again! Spoke to some people I normally wouldn't and really enjoyed sight seeing!"

(Year 8 pupil)

"This Paris trip will be a trip I will never forget. Paris will always have an amazing place in my heart!"

(Year 7 pupil)

"The food was amazing and I loved the kindness of the teachers. My favourite ride was Tower of Terror due to the unexpected drop!"

(Year 7 pupil)



# PARIS TRIP



"It was very nice - a great experience. The best thing was the pain au chocolat!"  
(Year 8 pupil)

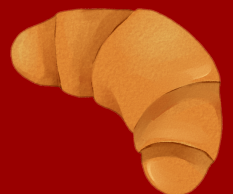
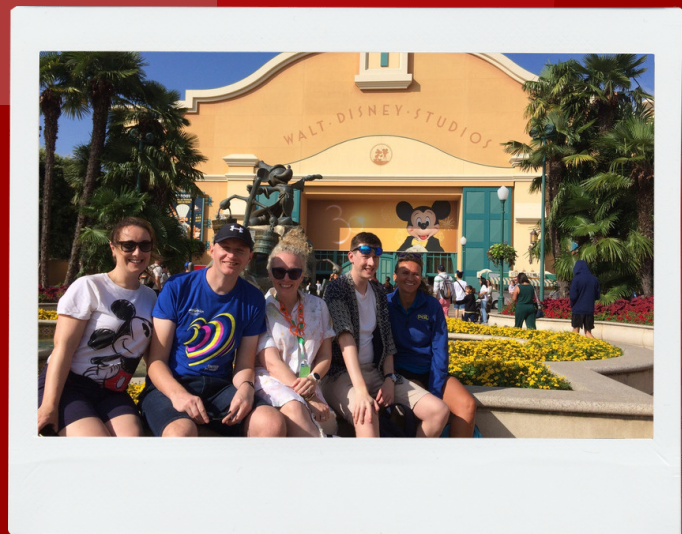
"I thought the trip was a really enjoyable experience where I learned new things and got to explore things I could only dream of! It was a once in a lifetime experience and I would do it again in a heartbeat!"  
(Year 8 pupil)

"The trip was amazing! We did so much stuff! It was the best school trip I've been on in years; it was so fun and awesome!"  
(Year 7 pupil)

"If I ever had the chance to do this again I would! It was amazing and so fun!"  
(Year 8 pupil)

"I thought the trip was absolutely amazing! The evening activities were brilliant and I loved Disneyland. We also went to the Eiffel Tower and on a boat trip: it was brilliant to see all the attractions."  
(Year 8 pupil)

"The trip to the "City of Love" was amazing. I loved everything about the trip."  
(Year 8 pupil)



# TRIPS



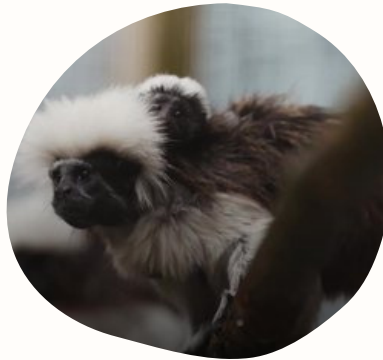
"Chester Zoo was great - me and my friends had lots of fun.

The most fun part was when we went on the boat trip. The cutest part was where there was a baby monkey climbing on the rope"

Sophia Hobson - Year 7



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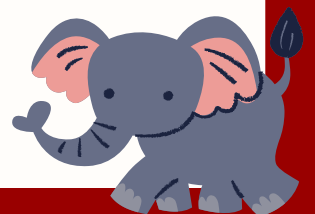


"I went to the school trip to Chester Zoo with my friends. First we had to get the coach to Chester, I sat next to my friend and talked to him. Once we arrived at Chester Zoo we had to get off. My friend and I wanted to go see the Monkeys first, but it was too busy.

So, we went to see the bears. We saw the bear that was sleeping, then saw the Cheetah.

Then we took a break. We went back to see the Monkeys, and then we went on the swings. It started to rain, so we went in. Then we went back to the coach"

Daniel Sharper - Year 7





# PLACE 2 BE

## Place 2 Be Counselling and Mental Health Support

Pupils Place 2 Be for lots of reasons. The most common ones are anxiety, struggling to focus, low self-esteem, mood swings and trouble with their family. Pupils can book a Place 2 Talk session to talk about problems and worries, or weekly counselling is available every weekday apart from Wednesday.

You can access this support in the following ways:

- Philips High Website ([www.philipshigh.co.uk](http://www.philipshigh.co.uk), Select "Pastoral Care" and then Select "Place2Be Booking" on the right hand side.
- Letter boxes around school
- Ask a member of staff
- Click the "Place2Be" Icon on you School Desktop Area



### External Agencies who can support you

Take a look at the Support Services available on the Philips High website under the heading "Pastoral Care", and you will find useful services relating to Mental Health Support, Bereavement, Sexual Health, Substance Abuse, LGBTW+, Eating Disorders, Early Help for Families, Bullying, Online Safety, Black and Minority Ethnic groups, Reporting terrorism, Domestic Violence:



If you or someone else is in immediate danger, then please contact 999 (101 - Police Non-Emergency, However you can also report online).

Other 24/7 Free Helplines are available for young people such as Samaritans on 116 123 and Childline on 0800 111 along with the Place2be Crisis Text Service (Text **CONNECT** to 85258) for confidential support.

For non emergency NHS advice call 111.





# USEFUL CONTACTS



**BARDOC (out of hours service)** - Please contact 111

**Emergency Housing** - 0161 253 5537  
(In an emergency after 5pm 0161 2536606)

**Care and Support Service (CASS)** 0161 253 6666

**Fairfield Hospital** - 0161 624 0420

**Healthy Minds (Adults)** - 0161 253 5258

**Health Young Minds (Young people)** - 0161 716 1100

**Metrolink enquiries** - <https://tfgm.com/public-transport/tram/contact>

**Travel Line** <https://www.traveline.info> or 0871 200 2233

**NSPCC** - 0808 800 5000

**Greater Manchester Police** - 0161 872 5050 or 101

**Rape Crisis Line GM** - 0161 273 4500 / 0808 802 9999

**Mind.org.uk** - Mental Health/Self-harm support -  
0300 123 3393

**Shelter Manchester** -

Free housing emergency helpline 0808 800 4444  
(Available Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Weekend and Bank Holidays  
9am-5pm )

**Streetwise @ Early Break** - 0161 723 3880

**Admissions (Bury LA)** - 0161 253 5670



# Goodbye

Sadly we say goodbye to the following colleagues whom we wish all the very best for the future:

Mr Duxbury - Head of Year 9  
Ms Robinson - Teacher of Science/Life Skills  
Mr Ralph - Second in MFL  
Ms Duckworth - Head of Geography  
Mr Denton - Teacher of Maths  
Mr Vidler - SSA

# Welcome

Ms Dodd - Teacher of Geography  
Mrs Smith - Teacher of Maths  
Ms Platt - ISA  
Ms Qayam - ISA  
Ms Diamanti - LSA  
Ms Aldred - ISA  
Ms Wharmby - ISA  
Ms Savova - ISA  
Ms Potts - Science Technician  
Mr Arachchige - Cleaner  
Mr Perera - Cleaner

