



PHILIPS HIGH SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES POLICY

At Philips High School our assemblies aim to:

- Promote awareness of and respect for the values and ideas of other cultures.
- Promote respect for and understanding of other people and any challenges their life and situation presents.
- Be a celebration of festivals and significant events.
- Introduce a wider understanding of human issues and invite representatives of charities, cultural organisations, etc. into the school.
- Provide opportunities to promote our STAR values.
- Provide a focus to regularly celebrate the achievements and work of individuals, teams, groups, societies and the school as a whole.

Pupils take part in one assembly per week with their year group. These assemblies alternate between being led by Heads of Year, and being led by form presentations. These periods of time in the school week are a vital and integral part of pupils Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development and support our wider Personal Development Programme at Philips High School (see SMSC Policy and Personal Development Policy).

The assembly rota is drawn up by the Head of Character in collaboration with the Personal Development AHT and distributed to all staff via a shared link on the school desktops. Assemblies are quality assured and there is a folder on the Personal Development shared area for sharing of resource. Form teachers are also encouraged to seek support from the allocated specialist member of staff indicated below.

A key element of all assemblies is reflection time where pupils are encouraged to think deeply about the topic and link this to the schools' ethos and values.

Week Commencing	Forms Presenting (can collaborate for planning)	Theme	Member of Staff to send PPT to for QA (on the Wednesday before please)
18.9.23	8C & 11C	International Day of Charity	RWS
2.10.23	8O & 11O	World Homelessness Day	RWS
16.10.23	8N & 11N	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	RWS
6.11.23	8Q & 11Q	Diwali	JDN
20.11.23	8U & 11U	Epilepsy Awareness	RWS
4.12.23	8E & 11E	Hanukkah	JDN
15.1.24	7C & 10C	Safer Internet Day	MCL
12.2.24	7O & 10O	LGBT+ History Month	TFG
4.3.24	7N & 10N	World Book Day	SMZ
18.3.24	7Q & 10Q	Ramadan	JDN
22.4.24	7U & 10U	Financial Literacy Month	JRL
6.5.24	7E & 10E	Mental Health Awareness Month	JBW

20.5.24	7R & 10R	Walk to School Week	RWS
10.6.24	9C & 9O	Pride Month	JDN
24.6.24	9N & 9Q	Eid	JDN
8.7.24	9U & 9R	South East Asia Heritage Month	JDN

Safeguarding Assemblies

These assemblies will be called without notice as necessary. Head of Safeguarding will present to all students during the first half term as an introduction.

Achievement Assemblies

These will take place once a term and will be led by the Heads of Year. These assemblies are to reward pupils' achievements in their subjects.
