

PHILIPS NEWS



Philips
High School

SPRING 2025

A WARM WELCOME

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you once again for all your support throughout the school year. Looking back over the term, we particularly enjoyed World Book day, author Ashley Thorpe's visit, subject specific careers trips, The National Space Academy and the Art Gallery visits. Our Basketball, Netball and Football teams were also successful in various tournaments.

Our pupils have worked really hard and I now hope that they enjoy a good rest over Easter. For our Year 11 Students, their GCSEs start when they return after Easter, so we wish them well with their revision and hope they prepare themselves for the busy Exam Schedule.

Recently, I informed you of a change to our canteen service. Parent Pay will launch after Easter and you will need to set up an account, should you wish for your child to purchase food/drinks from the canteen. Please use the letter your child brought home to set up your account.

We have now launched our new Facebook and Instagram accounts @philipshighschool. Please follow us for any news, celebrations and updates.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful Easter holiday.

Mr C Hibbert, Headteacher



CADETS HONORED FOR SWIFT MEDICAL RESPONSE

Philips High School Cadets received a National Prizeworthy Action Certificate for their quick thinking during a medical emergency. They ensured the student's safety while waiting for first aiders and an ambulance. Their prompt actions showcased the values of Philips High School's Cadet program, and they will be honored at an upcoming assembly.

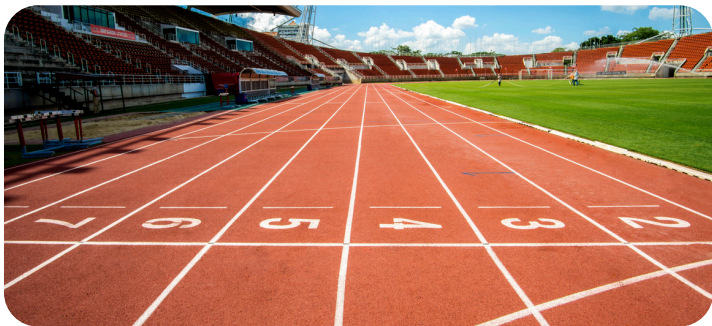




TALENT SHINES

Congratulations to students Seth and Beth who competed successfully at the School's Athletics Championships, held at Heaton Park in February.

Both athletes showed great determination and skill, representing their team with pride. Their hard work and dedication paid off, and they should be incredibly proud of their achievements. Well done, Seth and Phoebe!



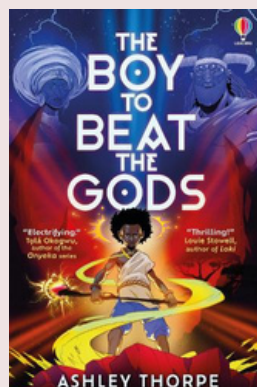
GREAT HOMEWORK

This term, Year 8 completed a homework task on World Water Day. This was one of many great pieces of work!



AUTHOR VISIT

In March, all of our Year 7 and Year 8 students got the opportunity to listen to Ashley Thorpe talk about his book, 'The Boy To Beat The Gods' - He told them how he created it, what mythology it pulls from, and a little bit of background about himself. They then had the opportunity to ask him questions at the end of the session and get their books signed.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CADETS!

We are thrilled to announce the promotion of our outstanding Cadets! These young people have all worked tirelessly, dedicating their time and putting in the effort to improve their skills and knowledge. As they take on new roles, we are confident they will continue to thrive.

Introducing the new Philips High School NCO team LCpl Walker, LCpl Waters, Cpl Sedgwick, Sgt Diac, Cpl Doyle, LCpl Akin and LCpl Corbet



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MENTAL HEALTH WELLBEING WORKSHOP

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we were delighted to welcome Mind of the Student to Phillips High School for a series of engaging and informative workshops. Pupils in Years 7 to 10 took part in sessions covering key topics such as anxiety, depression, exam stress, and the impact of social media on mental wellbeing. The workshops were incredibly well received, with students showing great enthusiasm and engagement throughout the day.

The guest speakers from Mind of the Student delivered insightful sessions that encouraged open discussions and provided valuable coping strategies.

Overall, the day was a fantastic success, reinforcing the importance of looking after our mental health. A huge thank you to Mind of the Student for their support and to our pupils for their positive participation!



USEFUL CONTACTS

BARDOC (out of hours service) - Please contact 111

Emergency Housing - 0161 253 5537

(In an emergency after 5pm 0161 253 6606)

Care and Support Service (CASS) - 0161 253 6666

Fairfield Hospital - 0161 624 0420

Healthy Minds (Adults) - 0161 253 5258

Healthy Young Minds (Young People) - 0161 716 1100

Metrolink - 0161 205 2000

Travel Line - 0871 200 2233

NSPCC - 0808 800 5000

Greater Manchester Police - 0161 872 5050 or 101

Rape Crisis Line GM - 0808 802 9999

Mind Mental Health Support - 0300 123 3393

Shelter Manchester (free housing emergency helpline) - 0808 800 4444

Admissions (Bury LA) - 0161 253 5670



DIARY DATES

TERM DATES

EASTER BREAK
7 - 21 April 2025

BANK HOLIDAY
5 May 2025

SUMMER HALF TERM
26 - 30 May 2025

LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
21 July 2025

START OF NEW TERM
3 SEPTEMBER 2025

UPCOMING PHSE & RSE DATES

- Tuesday 17 June 2025

UPCOMING TRIPS & SCHOOL EVENTS

- Cadets Fieldcraft Weekend
- Poland Trip
- Year 7-10 Geography Trips
- Summer Enrichment Trips





WHITWORTH PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

The Y10 Photographers enjoyed a beautifully sunny visit to The Whitworth Art Gallery, where they took part in a workshop run by professional photographer Andrew Brooks. They were given tips of the trade on how to get the best compositions and images and went into the surrounding park and grounds to trial what they had learned from Andrew. They later received feedback and tips on how to improve their work further. The cohort also had the opportunity to see work in the gallery, providing inspiration for their own work. They worked exceptionally well and even though they travelled by tram and walked the length of Oxford Road, Y10 had a great day and have since used what they have learned in class photoshoots.



WORLD BOOK DAY

This year for World Book Day, we gave students the opportunity to dress up as literary characters that they admire - or even in some cases, a character they have created themselves - to celebrate all things books. We had a 'Guess The Book From The Emojis' quiz at lunchtime, and a school-wide scavenger hunt for the 12 literary characters hidden around the school building. Winners of both the emoji quiz and the scavenger hunt won £10 book tokens. The winners were:

- Billie - 7R (Emoji Quiz)
- Maja - 7E (Emoji Quiz)
- Malak - 10N (Scavenger Hunt)

Sophie in 9N won the 'Blind Date With a Book' competition that started on Valentine's Day, 14th February.





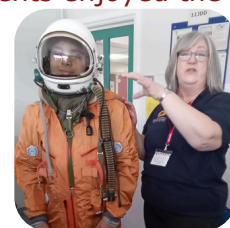
CADET TRAINING

Some of our newly recruited Cadets are nearing the end of their basic Training. This has included intensive training and assessments using the Scorpion Air Rifle and Cadet GP Rifle. All Cadets have to complete this training before they can use the weapons out on the Range and will have to repeat the assessments again every six months to ensure their skills are kept up to date and refreshed.



SPACE ACADEMY VISIT

We hosted Sarah from the National Space Academy, who conducted engaging masterclasses for Year 9 and Year 11 students on various space-related topics. Activities included creating black hole models, simulating ocean warming, and designing rocket fuel. Students enjoyed the experience, with positive feedback like "That was sick!" We appreciate Sarah for this memorable event and aim to further encourage our students' interest in space.



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Do you have something that you would like to see featured in the next edition? Maybe your child is doing something in the community or has achieved something that you want us to recognise? If so, please send an email to info@philipshigh.co.uk. You can also keep up to date with our latest news on Facebook, Instagram and X - simply search for Philips High School and hit that follow button.

PSHE & RSE DATES

Our upcoming Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Curriculum and Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) lessons will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday 17 June 2025

RSE is compulsory for all secondary school pupils. The subject is taught sensitively and provides students with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their wellbeing.

WELLBEING NEWS

This term has been a fantastic success for wellbeing and mental health at our school. During Mental Health Week, each form engaged with informative PowerPoints highlighting the importance of looking after their wellbeing, sparking meaningful discussions through a wellbeing quiz. These activities encouraged students to reflect on their mental health and share their thoughts in a supportive environment.

Mr. Barlow also delivered an assembly to every year group on the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself", emphasizing the importance of understanding our emotions and recognising that they serve a purpose in our lives. By fostering awareness and open conversations, we are empowering our students to take control of their wellbeing. We remain committed to making wellbeing a key focus in our school community, ensuring that every student feels supported and informed.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

A huge well done to all those students who achieved 100% attendance so far this year. There are over 176 students who have achieved 100% this term.

All of these students will receive a 100% badge and will have the opportunity to win an Easter Egg.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly.



TAKING HOLIDAYS?

All requests for holidays during term time must be made in writing to attendance@philipshigh.co.uk. A holiday taken during term time could result in a penalty notice. If issued, penalty notices are issued to each parent of each child and the amount of the penalty will be £160 to be paid within 28 days (£80 if paid within 21 days). Penalty notices will also be considered for 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

YOUR OPINION MATTERS!

We hope you find this information useful. We try to give you helpful information and keep you up to date with legislation, policy changes and school attendance issues. We would love to hear what you think and any ideas for improvement you may have. Please use this email to send us your comments, feedback and/or concerns: info@philipshigh.co.uk

FEELING UNWELL?

Often a child will wake up in the morning saying they feel unwell. Always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather', for example with a runny nose, headache or stomach ache. The school will contact you if your child is unwell, which is why it is vitally important that we have your correct contact details.

Injuries are not acceptable reasons to be absent from school unless they require medical treatment. Further guidance can be found on the government website via this link:

[CLICK HERE FOR NHS GUIDANCE](#)

Absence from school causes gaps in children's knowledge and understanding. As children progress through school they build on their existing knowledge, however children who have gaps struggle to grasp next steps.



LATENESS FACTS

If you are this many minutes late every day:	You will lose approximately this number of days' learning each year:
5 minutes	4 days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	11 days
20 minutes	14 days
25 minutes	21 days