



2024

# Summer Newsletter



## Upcoming Term Dates 2024 - 2025

### Last Day of School

18 July 2024  
(Finish at 12pm)

### Autumn Term 2024

4th September 2024

### Half Term

21st October –  
25th October 2024  
(inclusive)

### End of Autumn Term

19th December 2024

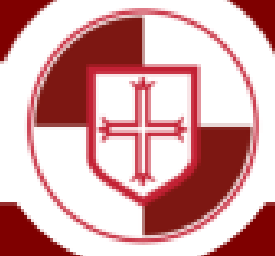
## Introduction

Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents, and Carers

As you are aware, I will be stepping into the role of Headteacher from the 1st September. Having been a part of this school for the past nine years, I am deeply honoured and humbled to take on this new responsibility. Over these years, I have had the privilege to witness countless achievements, celebrate numerous milestones, and work alongside an incredibly dedicated and talented team of educators and support staff.

Our school is a vibrant community where every pupil is encouraged to reach their full potential. As I transition into my new role, I am committed to continuing our journey of academic excellence, holistic development, and fostering an environment where every pupil feels valued and supported.

I am equally thrilled to announce that our school will be joining the Oak Learning Partnership in September. This new chapter brings with it a wealth of opportunities for collaboration, resource sharing, and innovative educational practices. The Oak Learning Partnership is known for its commitment to educational excellence and pupil success. I am confident that our collaboration will enhance the learning experiences of our pupils and provide additional support for our staff.



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From September, we will launch a new behaviour policy. I am keen to further improve the behaviour of all our pupils in class in order to create an effective learning environment in which all pupils can achieve. I will share with you this new policy in September. Parents and carers will continue to receive information regarding their child's learning behaviour via our app.

I want to thank each one of you—pupils, parents, staff, and community members—for your unwavering support and dedication. It is your collective effort that makes our school a special place. As we prepare for this exciting new phase, I encourage you to stay engaged and continue to contribute to our school's success.

I am enthusiastic about the future and look forward to working closely with all of you in my new capacity. Together, we will continue to create a nurturing and stimulating environment that empowers our pupils to achieve success.

Mr Chris Hibbert  
HEADTEACHER DESIGNATE





# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING



On the 5th July, staff at Philips spent a beautiful sunny afternoon at Stand Cricket Club, playing a Charity Cricket match. The wicket was perfect and the Master of Ceremonies, Mr Barlow had all the music and festivities ready for the afternoon.

All monies going to The Gem Appeal, who raise money to fund research and equipment at the Willink Unit at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital.

The Carinci's were ready for battle. Mr Khalil was our best batsman with 15 runs. Unfortunately, Mr Browne had -7 runs. (3 runs deducted when out). I believe Mr Browne thought he was playing Hurling (An outdoor team game of ancient Gaelic Irish origin) and he also ended up with a deep gash on his leg showing his competitiveness when running between the wickets.

There was also another family agenda. Mrs Heywood when batting hit the ball straight into the air and I believe there was some intimidation when Bobby, Mrs Heywood's sons deliberately dropped the catch. Mrs Carinci's team won easily and Mr Carinci was left to rue the day. Some of the staff realised they were not fit enough as they thought they were. Mr Cardwell (Bob the Builder) and Mr Lancelott struggled with their hamstrings.

After the game some enjoyed a curry catered by Chappati Corner and Mr Duxbury won the Football Scratch Card. Chair of Governors Mr. Mallon, was also present and was reluctant to play. However, he and the rest of the governors are looking into challenging the Philips staff at a game of Crown Green Bowling next year. Mrs. D, you have no excuse not to play!

The staff had raised £313 and including the charity tubs at the ground the event raised almost £400.

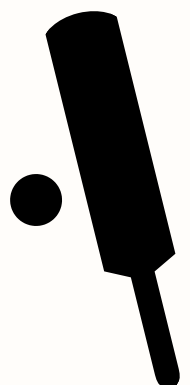
Please can I thank all the staff who contributed in organizing the event and all staff who donated to the worthy charity.

Thank You!  
Mr Patel

If you would like to donate, please scan this QR Code:



# SCHOOL FUNDRAISING







## Headteacher's Congratulations & Star Awards

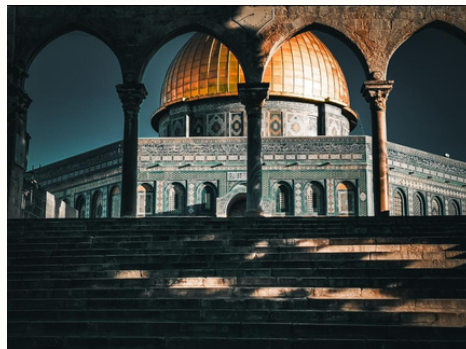
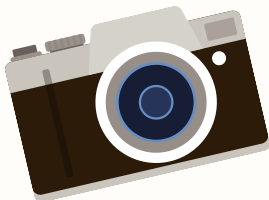




# SCHOOL NEWS

Alina, a Year 10 student, participated in the Norwich Beyond the Frame photography competition, which sought creative photography from secondary and college students.

Her entry was selected for the 2024 shortlist. Alina won the places category, judged by James Smith. The piece she submitted will be displayed at the Norwich University of the Arts' East Gallery.



Elif B in 7U got 100% in her Summer Exam, which is an extraordinary achievement!

– Ms Bota

# MFL NEWS



In June, the students had the opportunity to take part in the Language Nut UK Competition where they could win points by completing a range of activities in French and show off their amazing language skills. We are happy and proud of all our students for engaging with the competition, moving our school forward from 705th to 177th place, against many other schools in the UK.

We would like to thank our governors for sponsoring the event, enabling us to reward the following students with a £10 Amazon voucher:

## Year 8

Kaur Hunnardeep  
Anika Akhtar  
Areesha Sameer  
Pang Evan  
Noah White  
Haniyah Rehman  
Jiang Anna  
David Adelanwa



## Year 7

Ben Bailey  
Paul Outten  
Eliza Gresty  
Toby Menzies  
Kumar Lavith  
Grace Marsh  
William Ramwell



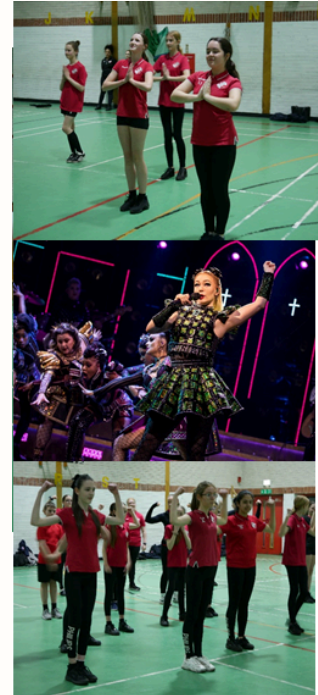
Bravo à tous!

We hope to take part in the Competition again next year and do even better.

# DRAMA NEWS

## Musical workshop with professional actress Jennifer Caudwell

To celebrate World Theatre Day a variety of students took part in a professional workshop run by Jennifer Caudwell, who played Anne Boleyn in the UK tour of Six the Musical. The students really enjoyed singing, acting and dancing to celebrate their passion for the arts.



## Congratulations Year 11 BTEC Drama!

The year 11 students performed their final acting exam on Tuesday 30th April. Pupils had to create their own pieces inspired by the stimulus, 'Treasured memories'. They worked tirelessly for months to produce a storyline, characters and use their drama knowledge to create a captivating performance. The group celebrated finishing their final drama written exam on Friday 9th April and have now completed the Drama course.

Message to year 11 BTEC Drama from Mrs Evans:

Well done Year 11, I am so incredibly proud of you all. You have become such excellent performers and I am going to miss teaching you all. Don't forget to mention me when you win your first Oscar award.





# DRAMA NEWS

## Matilda the Musical

Matilda the Musical was performed on 9th & 10th July and was a huge success. Imogen Fisher took on her first lead role, headline Philips High School's stage with the role of Matilda. The whole cast have been putting this show together since October 2023, rehearsing every Monday and Wednesday to perfect their acting, singing and dancing skills. Miss Schofield worked alongside Mrs Evans to choreograph and direct the entire show. A huge thank you to Miss Gilks & Mrs Craig who put together the most incredible set design with their trusted team of scenic designers in art club.

Thank you to Mrs Dalziel for her support with getting the cast to sing so beautifully and learn all the different harmonies and melodies and Mrs Paget for her costume designing skills and a final thank you to the back stage crew and teachers who supported on both evenings to ensure the smooth running of the production.

A huge round of applause to the whole cast for such a fantastic show, well done.



ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL JR.









# SCIENCE NEWS

This term has been very busy with year 11 GCSEs and end of year exams for years 7–10. However, we have still managed to squeeze in a few extra events aimed at enriching and broadening the curriculum in science.

## CREST AWARD

Year 9 completed an extended practical project during the Spring term.

Two projects were completed across all of year 9. Students were first taught the content and then re-taught the practical skills. Then, as groups of 3–4 and through a series of practical's, students directed their own investigation. This project saw most of our Year 9 students achieving a Bronze CREST award. There were two projects that were being completed in Year 9 that were accredited for CREST bronze award: Food and Medicine.

Year 7 students have started their CREST journey and are currently completing a project on Dehydration which is linked to the Summer Olympics in France. This project is designed to accredit them for a Discovery CREST award in Autumn.

Normally, CREST awards are completed as an after-school club. Whilst some schools do complete whole year group awards it is rare. We are very proud of our year 7 and year 9s for rising to the challenge of these projects. These projects have greatly improved their practical skills in the classroom and their ability to apply their knowledge in different scenarios.

CREST awards are well known to improve science results.



# SCIENCE NEWS

## UK Biology competition

140 students from Years 9 and 10 joined 45,400 students world-wide to participate in the challenge this year. A range of schools compete in this challenge from independent, selective, comprehensive, religious, academy etc. The challenge is not easy and makes the students think when completing it. It consists of two computer-based assessments that are timed, and students need to reach a certain percentage of correct answers as well as beat several students to be awarded certain certificates. The boundary for each certificate changes each year depending on the students' marks. Students may be awarded as follows;

Gold – 5% of students

Silver – 10% of students

Bronze – 10% of students

Highly Commended – 15% of students

Commended – 15% of students

Philips High students achieved very well, and we are very proud of them. Here is a breakdown of their achievements.

Certificate	Year 9	Year 10
Gold	1	1
Silver	2	6
Bronze	7	9
Highly Commended	12	9
Commended	10	19

# SCIENCE NEWS

## British Science week

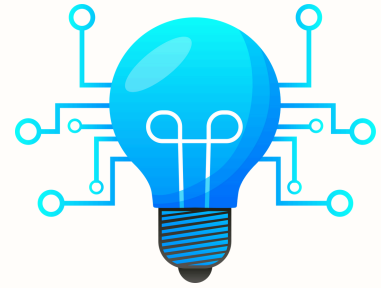
This year's theme was TIME. Year 8 were given the choice to either;

- Create an obstacle course so that a marble rolled down a ramp in exactly 10 seconds or
- Determine the mass of sand required and diameter of hole needed in the bottom of a cup of sand to empty the cup in exactly 10 seconds or
- Determine the volume of water required and diameter of hole in the bottom of a cup of water to empty the cup in exactly 10 seconds.

Students worked in teams to design, carry out preliminary investigations, redesign and test before the final 10 second test. Some groups got very close to the 10 second mark, others did not, but all students improved their grasp of the scientific method and peer review.



# SCIENCE NEWS



## The Island

As part of our commitment to supporting students in understanding different careers in science, Year 9 are currently completing a project-based unit of work centred on The Island. The Island has no electricity. Students have been tasked to assign roles within their groups, research possible energy sources, based on the natural resources and land topography, collect some data from experiments completed in the lab and then debate their final ideas as a group to agree on a final proposal for the Island. This final proposal is to be written in letter format to The Island's elders' government. This project works to not only improve students understanding of energy resources and think about their implications on the environment but also looks at careers such as project management, politician and environmental lawyer. In addition, it improves soft skills such as working in a team, listening to other people's viewpoints, coming to an agreement and healthy debate and argument for a purpose.

## STEM Club

STEM Club has been running all year until Easter on a Monday after school for year 7. This year many of the activities were centred on engineering. Next year STEM Club will be open for year 7 and 8 with lots of new and different activities. Returning students from year 7 into year 8 completing a second year in STEM Club will be considered senior students in the club and able to support the younger students.

Well done everyone

*Science Team*





# MATHS NEWS

Our Enrichment programme has continued this academic year with an astonishing 4000+ individual student participations. This is what you have taken part in since Spring:

## Summer 1



- Holy Cross Sixth Form College Introduction to A-level Maths  
10 students

- GCSE Breakfast Maths helpers from Year 9

Thank you to Abubaker Aamir, Sameer Ahmad, Archie Armstrong, Holly Baker, Lucy Balaban, Annabel Charrot, Molly Cooper, Harriet Ellison, Lidia Jimenez, Maham Suleman, Noah Topley, Oliwia Wedrychowicz and Honey Williams.

- Maths and Literacy Event – Maths in Art  
294 students

- Golden tickets

184 Golden tickets awarded so far this half term.  
£10 vouchers awarded.



## Summer 2



- Kahoot competition  
20 students

- Maths and Literacy Event – Codes and Encryption  
115 students

- Which Career? Monday 8 July

Live webinar meeting people who use maths in different roles.

In this webinar we met an NHS Research Scientist, and a Data Analyst for a loan/credit card company.  
90 students

- Which Career? Wednesday 10 July

Live webinar meeting people who use maths in different roles.

In this webinar we met an employee from Jaguar/Land Rover, and a Data Analyst for carbon foot-printing.  
90 students

- Y5 taster day lessons – Planning a holiday

We were delighted to welcome several classes of Y5 students from Unsworth Primary School and Higher Lane Primary School. Well done to the students, and their teachers, for taking part in our activities.

# MATHS NEWS

AND, so far this year on SparxMaths students at Philips High School have

- Correctly answered over 1,357,479 questions for Independent Study.  
Phenomenal!
- Completed 13,544 hours of personalised learning. Outstanding!
  - 401 students
- 454 students have already improved at their times tables this year. Brilliant!
  - Great job!



In the Maths Department we recognise and celebrate your achievements.

Congratulations to all students who have taken part.

Congratulations to students whose names were drawn in the year-group raffles

for £10 Golden Ticket vouchers and £5 Maths & Literacy vouchers.

Find out about future events on our Enrichment Noticeboard on the upstairs corridor opposite room F4.

Check out the MathsZone on the Philips High School website for information about events,

And careers involving Mathematics, for revision websites, or even just for fun.



Our activities are chosen to involve as many students as possible of all ages and abilities.

Look out for all the new events and activities in September.

Well done everyone.

Have a fabulous summer holiday!

Mrs J. Rothwell  
Head of Mathematics



## MATHS NEWS

Yr 8 Mathematicians presented with certificates from the UK Mathematics' Trust Competition.

Thank you to Mr Szczap and Mrs Rothwell for supporting the pupils through this achievement.





# CADETS

Cadets had a fantastic week on Summer Camp this year taking part in a range of activities with almost 100 cadets from 4 schools/colleges. Our young people were able to put their training into action with a full 2 days on the ranges; shooting live ammunition in various positions and distances. Despite it being the first time for over half of them, their scores were high enough for us to compile a shooting team to enter into competitions next year.

In addition to live ammunition, cadets were also given the opportunity to try out digital Clay Pidgeon shooting with our own Cdt. Cooper achieving the highest score on camp. The final day saw the cadets split into groups to take on the Altcar Challenge. This involved applying skills in first aid and observation, working as teams to solve problems and escape mad clowns and of course using brute strength and pure courage to complete the obstacle course.

By the end on camp our cadets were exhausted but they mustered the energy to celebrate when it was announced the Philips High CCF had won the Altcar Cup. This was achieved by the dedication and effort of all the cadets who took part as well as the continuous support of the staff. A fantastic and well deserved accomplishment for all involved!





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In May, we've had three new Lance Corporals added to our ranks!

Cadet Diac, Cadet McLeish and Cadet Sedgwick all received their first promotions.

They have completed a Junior Cadet Training Course which includes planning and delivering lessons to our recruits. They've also dedication, resilience and developed leadership skills over the past year.

If you see them around school please congratulate them on their hard work, they deserve it!





# LIBRARY NEWS



## Library updates

With the library becoming busier in the recent term, we have had lots of book suggestions! Ranging from Heartstopper Volume 5, to books on drumming, to One Piece, to Spider-Man graphic novels – the library has taken all of them into consideration and we should have some fantastic new stock for September! There have also been lots of ideas for interactive displays in the library, led by students. We are aiming to have a recommended read displayed every month – for students, recommended by students. We're looking forward to starting this in the new term.

## Other activities

This term has also seen the return of the Manga and Anime Club on a Monday after school, where students come together to watch a few episodes of an anime and discuss the plot between episodes. Chess Club on Tuesdays after school has remained busy with its dedicated members. As always, homework club is on every day after school. As well as after-school clubs, there are lots of things to do in the library during the day. Our games selection is currently being updated – Uno has recently been acquired and has gone down a hit in the library.

## This term in the library

There have been several events celebrated in the library over the last term. In April, we celebrated Shakespeare Day with a game of 'Batman or the Bard?' – 30 quotes were mixed up and students had to sort whether they thought they were quotes from Shakespeare plays or from Batman comics. It proved harder than it initially seemed! We have celebrated Star Wars Day (May the 4th) by watching 'Star Wars: A New Hope' at lunchtime and decorating Star Wars bookmarks. We also celebrated Mental Health Awareness Week (13th – 19th May) with a 30 day positivity challenge displayed in the library. Throughout the month of June, we have celebrated Pride Month. Our display of LGBTQ+ books – both fiction and non-fiction – have gained a lot of interest, being read during lunchtimes and also being borrowed.

## ePlatform

The ePlatform is always available for borrowing books. Download the ePlatform app to your phone or tablet and search 'Philips High School'. All pupils have a login for the ePlatform as follows: Username: School ID (e.g. 21JSmith) Password: PHSLibrary The ePlatform is updated with new books regularly, so there is always something new to read. Every book is available to borrow for two weeks. If you would like to borrow the book for longer, simply 'renew' your book. Or if you think there's nothing to read on the ePlatform, why not join your local public library? You can sign up for a library card, which will give you access to physical books, eBooks, and audiobooks.

**Summer reading challenge** This summer, why not have a go at our summer reading challenge? Cross off the box when you've completed it. Which line (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) will you complete first? Bring your sheet to the library in September and you will get a raffle ticket for each book you read, and be entered into a prize draw! The closing date for returning sheets to the library will be the 20th September.







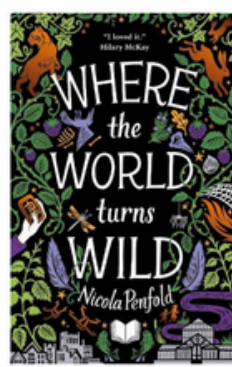
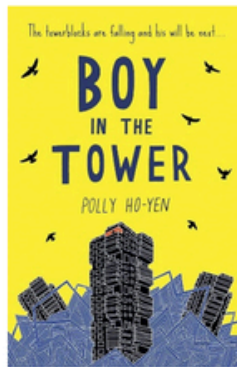
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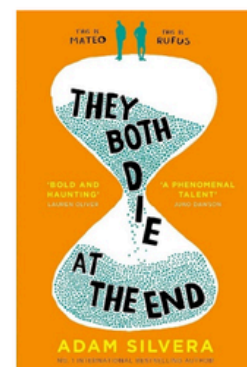
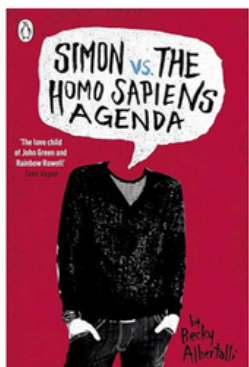
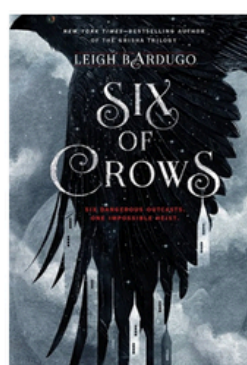
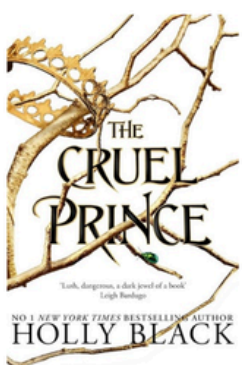


# Recommended Summer Reads

## Year 7 & 8



## Years 9, 10 & 11





# PE NEWS

## BURY ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

All the athletes were a credit to the school on Tuesday, 25th June – in very hot conditions!!!!

We came runners-up overall behind Bury Grammar School, which is a huge achievement as 13 high schools attended the event.

The athletes listed below placed top 6 in the track and field.

### GIRLS TEAM

	7	8/9	10/11
100m	Annabelle Hinze 3 <sup>rd</sup>		Ava Williams 4 <sup>th</sup>
200m	Eliza Gretszy 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holly Baker 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lily Evans 3 <sup>rd</sup>
300/400m			Rose France 3 <sup>rd</sup>
800m	Jeeya Shiktora 5 <sup>th</sup>		Nancy Ellison 5 <sup>th</sup>
1500m	Phoebe Asprey 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emily Jones 5 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Ellison 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Shot		Maisie Lemon 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Laila Malik 5 <sup>th</sup>
Discus			Esme Davies-Ferneyhough 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Javelin		Merlin Hoxa 6 <sup>th</sup>	Esme Davies-Ferneyhough 1 <sup>st</sup>
Long Jump			Ava Williams 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Triple Jump			
Relay	Bubemi Ogbebor 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annabelle Hinze Jeeya Shikotra/Phoebe Asprey Eliza Gretszy	Holly Baker/Maisie Lemon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Merlin Hoxa Chloe McFayden Amelia Chapple	Ava Williams 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lily Evans Eve Mortimer Rose France

### BOYS TEAM

	7	8/9	10/11
100m	Max Dedak 1 <sup>st</sup>		
200m	Daniel Booth 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jayden Williams 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adrian Koka 4 <sup>th</sup>
300/400m	Charlie Benson 4 <sup>th</sup>	Miller Booth 4 <sup>th</sup>	
800m	Theo Hinchy 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Archie Armstrong 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oliver Hudson-Navaro 5 <sup>th</sup>
1500m	Bradley Hyndman 4 <sup>th</sup>	Seth Hodgson 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Shot		Ben Ashraf 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Abraham Adekanbi 2 <sup>nd</sup>
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Triple Jump		Ollie Buckley 1 <sup>st</sup>	Alex Dedak 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Relay	Enzo Costa 1 <sup>st</sup> Max Dedak Charlie Benson Daniel Booth	Malakye Williams 1 <sup>st</sup> Jayden Williams Harrison Seigenburg Archie Armstrong	Oliver Hudson Navaro 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mohammad Mugal Matthew Bell Adrian Koka







# FUN RUN







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# Year 11 - LEAVER'S ASSEMBLY

It's that time of the year again when we say goodbye to Year 11.

On Monday 24th June pupils were invited back to school for the final time. The turnout was incredible. Each form had created a PowerPoint showing their last 5 years at school. Mr Bennett also decided that he would create one which was based on pupils he has taught, lots of laughs (and gasps) were had. I ended the assembly with my own memories of the last 5 years and managed to do this without crying.

I would like to thank all the parents/carers for the last 5 years. The personalised cards and gifts that I received was overwhelming. It has been an absolute privilege to support your children through their high school journey and I wish them all the best for the future.

Mrs Gill's class of 2024 - GOOD LUCK!!!



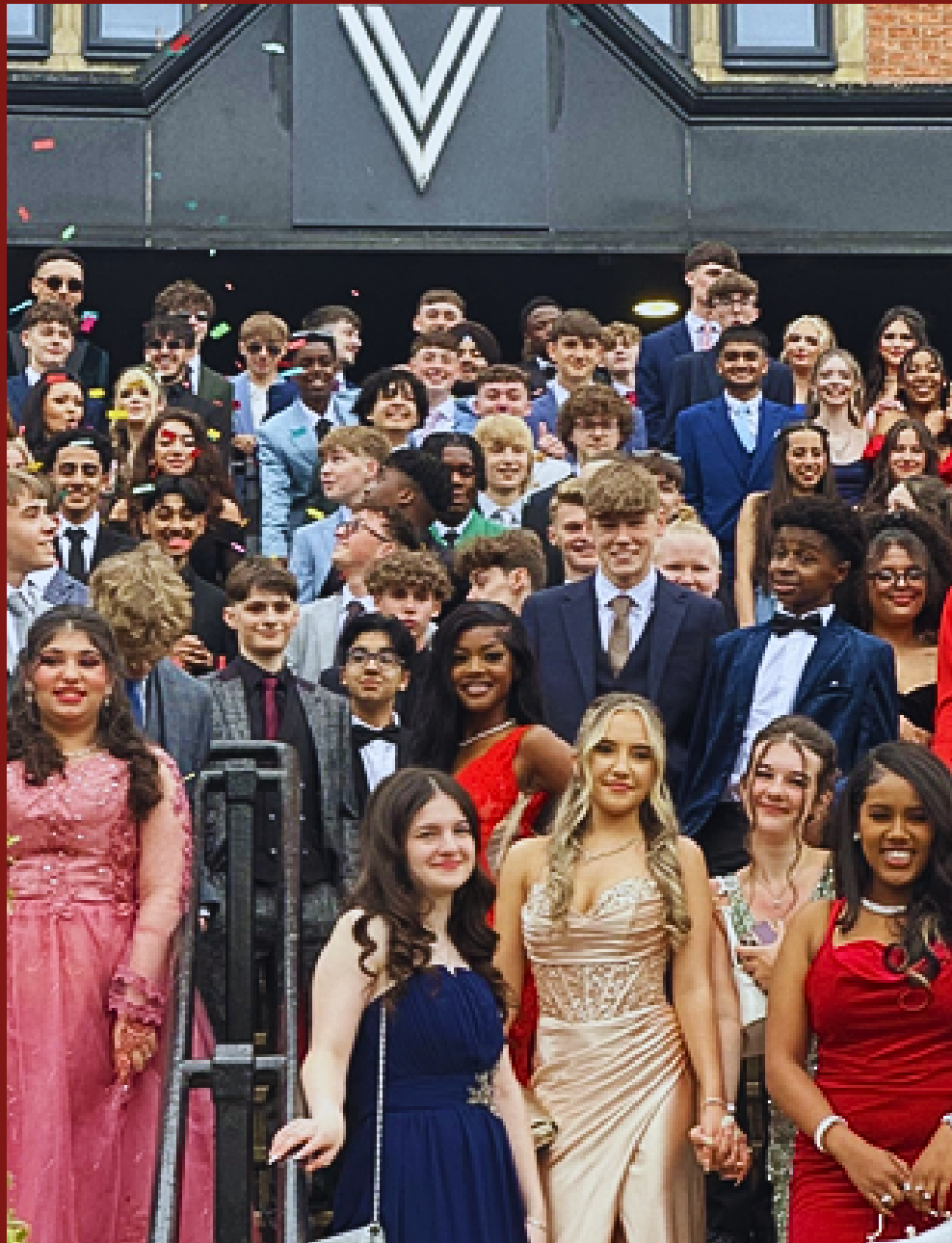
# PROM - CLASS OF 2024

On Thursday 11th July we held our annual prom at the Village Hotel in Bury. It was an amazing celebration for the 5 years the pupils had been at Philips. The girls looked stunning and the boys definitely dressed to impress. The rain managed to stay away and we were able to get lots of lovely pictures.

We started off the night presenting awards to pupils that had been voted for by their peers. This was followed by the buffet and then a night of dancing with glow sticks and light up sun glasses that went down a storm with everyone.

By the end of the night the girls (and some boys) had sore feet. Luckily, we also had that covered and many left in the slippers that school had provided for them.

Thanks to the class of 2024 – you have been amazing!  
Mrs Gill





# SCHOOL TRIP

After Spring break, the students of Philips High School returned from an unforgettable trip to the beautiful snowy mountains in Passo del Tonale, Italy. After a long journey across Europe by coach, the group finally arrived in Italy ready for a week packed with new adventures.



On the slopes, the students had a blast learning to ski, starting from the basics, the students learned how to control their speed and direction using the 'snow plough' and 'ski parallel' techniques. Though some found staying upright a challenge at first, the students were soon zipping down the slopes with ease – sometimes even skiing backwards! By the end of the week, Mr Carinci wasn't the only one speaking Italian, as students politely shouted 'ciao' to other skiers on the mountain.

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# MUSIC NEWS

## Orchestra's For All Project at the RNCM.

The instrumentalists in the Music Department have been busy rehearsing throughout this summer term, in preparation for the final OFA project at the Royal Northern College of Music. The students spent a full day performing alongside musicians from other high schools in the North West, supported by RNCM students and professional orchestral tutors. The project was a great opportunity for the students to develop new skills and refine performance techniques. The showcase concert in the RNCM concert hall on Thursday 11th July was a fantastic experience for everyone and the students are now keen to take part in the project once again in 2025. A big well done from Mr Simms!



**RNCM**  
ROYAL NORTHERN  
COLLEGE of MUSIC



# **SCHOOL INFORMATION AND POLICIES**

# SAFEGUARDING SCHOOL RULES

## Appointments

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

Staff will not interrupt lessons to collect pupils for Appointments.

## 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 to the Attendance Office 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.





# 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**



# APPS & WEBSITES



## Information for Parents:

### SIMS PARENT APP

Use SIMS Parent to view your child's attendance, timetable, conduct information and latest school reports.

<https://www.sims-parent.co.uk/>

Please contact school to request your invite code.



### SACHEL ONE

Use Satchel One to view/track your child's homework

Any issues, please email: [MHW@philipshigh.co.uk](mailto:MHW@philipshigh.co.uk)

<https://www.satchelone.com/login>



### SCHOOL CLOUD

Currently our all parents evening are virtual events. This website allows you to book appointments and attend the evening online.

<https://philips.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>



### SCHOOL MEALS

To pay for your child's meals online please request their 13-digit reference number from school and follow the link below:

<https://www.bury.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-meals/pay-for-school-meals>

To check your eligibility for Free School Meals follow the link below:

<https://www.bury.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>







# 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.

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.

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

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.

Attendance % for a year		Days absent	Hours of lessons missed
100%	Excellent	0	0
99%	Very Good	2	10
97-98%	Good	6	30
96%	Satisfactory	8	40
<b>Below 96% is poor attendance – this could affect examination grades.</b>			
95%	Poor	9	45
90%		19	95
85%		29	145
80%		38	190



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

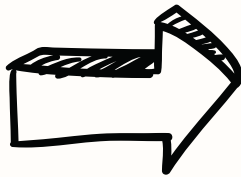
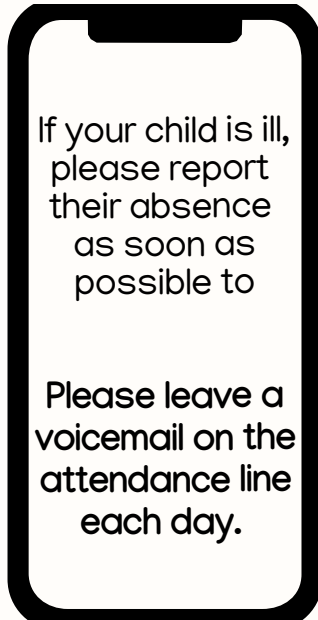


Leave a voicemail on  
0161 3512200, Option 1

# Attendance



## Reporting an absence



Send an email to [attendance@philipshigh.co.uk](mailto:attendance@philipshigh.co.uk)

or



Leave a voicemail on 0161 351 2200, Option 1

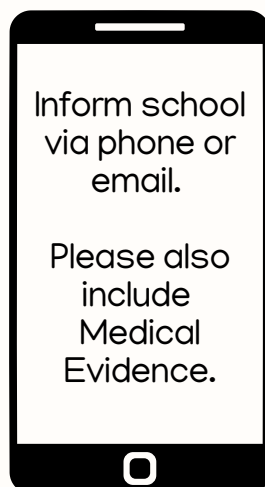
## Reporting a Medical Appointment

Medical or Dental appointments should be made, whenever possible, outside of school hours.

If appointments are unavoidable during school hours. We request that the appointment does not affect registration so pupils can still get a present mark for both morning and afternoon registration.



**At least** 24 hours' notice of any medical appointments.



Please make sure your child is aware of what time they are being collected.

Pupils are responsible for making sure that they are at Reception ready to be collected and sign out.

Office staff will not always be available to interrupt lessons to collect pupils.



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



Leave a voicemail on 0161 351 2200, Option 1



# PLACE 2 BE

## Place 2 Be Counselling and Mental Health Support

Pupils use 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.



# MOBILE PHONE POLICY

## Philips High School Mobile Phone Policy:

As of the 1st July 2024, Philips High School will become a “mobile phone-free school environment”.

Pupils will not be permitted to use their phones on the school premises (inside and outside of the building) throughout the school day. This includes during lessons, the time between lessons, break times and lunchtime

- 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.

# PARKING AROUND PHILIPS HIGH SCHOOL

Parking on school grounds is for staff only. All visitors should 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.



# OFFICE NEWS

## 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

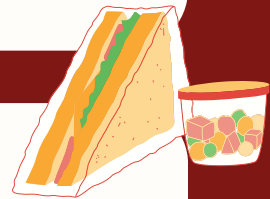
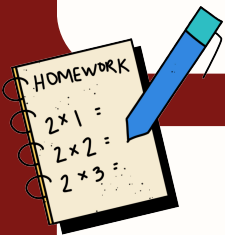
## Contact details



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.



## PUPIL BELONGINGS

Please note, any pupil belongings that are dropped off at Reception, will be the **pupil's responsibility** to collect at Break or Lunch.

If the item is not collected by the end of the day, the Reception Staff may be able to deliver it to the pupil.



# Goodbye

Dear Philips School Community,

As the end of term approaches, it is with a mixture of sadness and gratitude that I say goodbye to the Philips community. Leading Philips for the past nine years has been an absolute privilege and the pinnacle of my 31-year teaching career.

This past year has brought personal and health challenges, making it a final year different from what I had envisioned. However, I hope my legacy here will be one of transformation and positivity. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together.

I have had the honour of working with an amazing and committed team of staff who have shown unwavering dedication to our students. I am confident that Philips will continue to thrive under Mr. Hibbert's leadership and the school's partnership with Oak Learning. The future looks bright for our school.

To the current Year 11 students, I wish you every success in your future endeavours. It devastated me not to be with you at such an important time, but I am confident you have given your best and will move forward as well rounded individuals, ready for the next stages of your education.

Thank you to everyone for your support and dedication. It has meant the world to me.

With heartfelt thanks and best wishes,

Tina Owen





# Goodbye

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

Mrs Emma Platt, Assistant Headteacher – decided to leave us at the end of the academic year for pastures new. She has been with the school for 23 years. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Mr Garstang – Teacher of English

Callum Zelenyj – We would like to thank Callum for all assistance with the attendance department and wish him all the very best for the future.

Miss Chachula – Cover Supervisor

Mr Simms – Teacher of Music

Mrs Smith – Teacher of Maths

# Welcome

Mrs DeAngelis – Deputy Headteacher

Mr Ashworth – Teacher of Music

Mr Bishop – Teacher of ICT

Ms Eato – Teacher of English