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Headteacher's Welcome Letter – September 2025

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all our students and families at the start of this new academic year. I hope you enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been wonderful to see our students return with such positivity, looking so smart in their uniforms, and demonstrating excellent organisational skills and behaviour. It has been a fantastic start to the year.

Last year we celebrated the best examination results in the history of Philips High School – and I am delighted to share that this summer, our students achieved even better outcomes. The *Bury Times* described our results as “remarkable,” which is a testament to the hard work, determination, and resilience shown by our students, supported so well by our dedicated staff and families.

84% of Students passed English at 4 and above (Bury average 74.8%).
69% of Students passed English at 5 and above (Bury average 58%).
75% of Students passed Mathematics at 4 and above (Bury average 67%).
59% of Students passed Mathematics at 5 and above (Bury average 45%).
In addition to English and Mathematics, all other subjects achieved record breaking exam results.

You can read more about our achievements here: [Bury Times Article](#).

Alongside these academic successes, we have also been busy improving the school environment. Over the summer, significant renovations took place, including upgrades to our IT facilities with a new school network, fully upgraded computers, and three brand-new IT suites. We have also begun the process of refurbishing classrooms across the school, creating a modern and inspiring

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learning environment. These improvements were generously supported by our Trust, the Oak Learning Partnership, and will directly benefit our students, enabling them to continue to flourish at Philips.

This year we are also introducing an exciting new rewards system. Every classroom now has a rewards board to celebrate achievement, and each term we will be awarding students with our new star badges. These initiatives will ensure that our students are recognised regularly and consistently for their efforts.

I am also delighted to announce that next week we will be welcoming a new member to the Philips community – a school dog called *Lottie*. Lottie is a toy poodle who will be gradually introduced to school life and our students. We hope that she will provide comfort and support to those who may need it and quickly become a much-loved member of our school family.



I would also like to remind you, that our canteen opens at 8am every morning. Students are welcome to enjoy free bagels, crumpets, and toast to start their day. To keep up to date with everything happening in school, please follow Philips High School on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

We are incredibly proud of the progress we continue to make as a school, and I would like to thank our staff for their tireless commitment, our students for their hard work, and our families for your ongoing support. Together, I am confident we will make this another successful year at Philips.


Kind regards,



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