

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It has been wonderful to see the school back in full swing as we begin the new academic year. We remain committed to providing an outstanding education for your child(ren), and we are proud to have once again achieved record-breaking GCSE results.

This year, we are transitioning from Satchel One to Microsoft Teams for setting our Independent Learning (homework). Staff received training on the platform this week, and over the next two weeks, pupils will spend time familiarising themselves with the new format. As Microsoft Teams integrates seamlessly with pupils' school email accounts and Microsoft Office applications, we expect this to be a smooth and efficient change. Our pupils are able to access Microsoft Office for free on an internet connected device. As ever, our Independent Learning club in the library, will be open every day after school between 3.00pm and 4.00pm to support our pupils with independent learning.

Currently, around 70% of our parents are signed up to the Arbor App. This is the platform where you will receive all school notifications, including achievement points and corrections, in real time. This will allow you to keep track of your child's progress throughout the school day. Please note that we will no longer send separate text message alerts regarding corrections, so it is important that you download the Arbor App and log in to your account.


If you experience any difficulties accessing the app, please contact us at **enquiries@philips.oaklp.co.uk** and we will be happy to assist you.

We are also pleased to invite you to our **Open Evening on Thursday 2nd October, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**. If you have children currently in Year 5 or 6 who would like to visit the school, you are most welcome to attend. Please note that last year we were oversubscribed, and competition for places is becoming increasingly stronger every year.

**On Thursday 2nd October 2025, the day of our Open Evening, school will close for all pupils at 1:55 pm to allow staff time to prepare for the event.**

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Finally, to keep up to date with everything happening at Philips High School, please follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) (philipshighschool).


**Kind regards,**



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