

21st January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and that the new year has started positively for you and your family. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the successful start we have had to 2025 at Philips High School.

The students have returned to school with a strong sense of focus and determination, and I am delighted to report that they are settling well into their studies. Their academic standards continue to be high and we are seeing good behaviour across the school. Despite the adverse weather conditions and the recent snowfall, I am very proud of how our students responded, demonstrating resilience and maturity. Their efforts have been commendable.

In the new year, I held Assemblies across all year groups to talk about the importance of making small, consistent steps every day to help achieve bigger goals. It was encouraging to see so many students engaging with this message and I am confident that it will inspire them to keep working hard throughout the term.


I was also very pleased to see so many parents attend the Year 11 Predicted Grade Event. It was a fantastic opportunity to work together to support our students as they prepare for their exams. The students involved in intervention sessions are working exceptionally hard and these sessions continue to take place daily to support their progress.

Looking ahead, I would like to inform you of an important date to note in the school calendar. To ensure that we continually work to improve our curriculum and the way it is taught, we will be adding an additional Teacher Training Day this year. The school will be closed to students on **Friday, 20th June 2025**, to allow our staff to engage in Trust-wide school improvement work aimed at enhancing teaching and learning across all of our schools.

We are really excited about the Trust-wide collaboration with regards to teaching and learning and how this will have a direct impact on your child's education.

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Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we can continue to provide the best possible education for our students. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.


Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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