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ST-PHILIP HOWARD
CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



From the Headteacher

Dear Readers,

A very warm welcome to the new academic year and to our newly launched fortnightly newsletter here at St Philip Howard. As we begin another exciting chapter, the past two weeks have flown by, and we are immensely proud of how our students have returned or begun their journey with us. Their focus, determination, and commitment to success have been truly commendable. Our school motto, **#TeamSPH – Head, Heart, Hands**, continues to be lived out daily by every member of our school community.

We are delighted to share that this summer brought another set of outstanding GCSE results. We are incredibly proud of our students' achievements and progress. Their dedication, resilience, and hard work have paid off, and these results are a testament not only to their efforts but also to the unwavering support from our staff and families.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents for your support in preparing students for their return in September, particularly in relation to uniform expectations. Our pupils look exceptionally smart both in school and in the wider community, helping to foster a positive and respectful atmosphere throughout.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to offer a series of parental workshops throughout the year, addressing key issues relevant to both pupils and parents. These sessions aim to be informative and practical, equipping us all to better support our young people on their educational journey. The first workshop will take place on **Thursday, 25th September**, around Teen Mental Health and we warmly invite you to attend.

Kind Regards
Mr M Kays
Headteacher

Important dates

- Friends of #TeamSPH and Parental Workshop: Thursday 25th September.
- Year 7 Welcome Mass: Friday 26th September.
- Open Evening: Thursday 9th October 2025 – school closing at 1.10pm.
- Year 11 Parents Evening: Thursday 23rd October.
- October half term: Monday 27 - Friday 31 October 2025

#TEAMSPH – Head, Heart, Hands, together on the success journey

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Attendance Matters – We're Here to Help. A New School Year – Let's Start Strong Together:

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! The Attendance Team is looking forward to supporting all our families as we settle into the term ahead. Whether your child is returning or starting fresh, we're here to help make the transition smooth and positive. Attendance plays a vital role in your child's learning, wellbeing, and confidence. We understand that every family faces different challenges, and we're committed to working with you to find solutions that support regular school attendance. If you're experiencing any difficulties, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Early conversations can make a big difference—and we're here to listen, advise, and support.

Nut Allergies:

We have several students within school who have severe nut allergies. We aim to be a nut free school and kindly remind parents/carers and students that nuts and food containing nuts must not be brought into school.

Respectful Communication Reminder:

We kindly remind all parents and carers of the importance of treating our staff with courtesy and respect, be that on the phone or in person. Our team is dedicated to supporting the learning, wellbeing and safety of every single student, and positive, respectful communication helps us work together effectively.

From Student Leadership



Hello from Darcey and Toby, your Head Students, along with our team – Megan and Michael, Deputy Head Students, and Ella, Ciara, and Kadie, Assistant Head Students.

We are proud to represent all students at SPH and are excited to help shape the school we all care so deeply about.

We look forward to sharing information from ourselves around school life fortnightly.