

Invitation

Open Evening and Open Day

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OPEN EVENING

Wednesday,
30th September 2026
6.00pm - 8.00pm

OPEN DAY

Thursday,
1st October 2026
9.15am - 12.15pm

S STRIVING FOR SUCCESS
T WORKING TOGETHER
A ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE
R RESPECT FOR ALL

Come and meet Fred the Red,
the Manchester
United Mascot



Welcome to our school

Philips High School was originally founded as a grammar school in 1688 and to this day has retained some of the nostalgia, charm and high academic standards of the old school. When you first visit Philips High School, you immediately sense the warm, welcoming atmosphere from our pupils and staff. This wonderful, vibrant community is a great place to learn and achieve. It is hard to find a school that educates the whole person both academically and pastorally. This is at the core of what we do at Philips High School.

The school joined Oak Learning Partnership in September 2024. Oak Learning Partnership is a multi academy trust that is committed to improving the life choices of children and young people, through the delivery of an excellent and well rounded education. It has a number of schools across Bury and Blackburn with Darwen. We feel that being part of this Trust, will bring our school a wealth of benefits. The Oak Learning Partnership shares our belief that high quality teaching in an inclusive environment can transform lives and communities.

Our curriculum is designed to develop the knowledge and skills that students will need for the next steps of their life. Our curriculum is designed with the child in mind, to be challenging, enjoyable and inspirational, as well as adapting to the world we live in.

All pupils at KS3 study an ambitious and broad curriculum of English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Languages, Technology, Computing, Physical Education, Performing Arts and Character. At KS4 we encourage our pupils to have free choice over their options and we provide bespoke additional support when and where needed. Pupils and parents at Philips High School can feel confident in our curriculum delivery and staff frequently undertake subject specific training to stay abreast of curriculum development, in order to deliver high quality engaging lessons. The impact of our teaching can be seen through our continuously improving GCSE results.

Our personal development curriculum enables our students to go the extra mile and develop skills in areas such as leadership, oracy, wellbeing, internet safety and British Values, as well as a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities.

We can't wait for you to experience our school for yourself, and our Year 7s enjoys a fully funded residential experience within their first term.



Philips High School prides itself on:

- High Expectations and academic standards
- Extensive Extra Curricular Activities
- Respect for All/Star Values and Awards

It is the quality of the relationships and the personalised approach that makes Philips High School successful. Our pupils are fulfilled, aspirational and form lifelong friendships:

- Our 2026 results excellent and our pupils made outstanding progress
- One of the best schools for Academic Performance in Bury
- A funded overnight residential in Year 7 to develop friendships, team building and survival experiences
- Consistently above national average attainment in most subjects
- Our curriculum intent is at the heart of what we do. Our philosophy is that each pupil is entitled to a curriculum that is ambitious, meets their needs and prepares them for life's opportunities, responsibilities and experiences
- We have a strong pupil cadet contingency with cadet officers supporting the training. They undertake numerous activities including weekend training, in conjunction with other cadets. In July, 40 of our cadets attended summer camp at Altcar Training Camp
- A high quality Arts faculty that celebrates high academic success every year, a broad enrichment programme and high quality musical theatre productions every year.
- Duke of Edinburgh is offered to all pupils, providing opportunities to achieve both the Bronze and Silver Awards. Last year students completed a two day expedition, which included overnight camping and the scaling of Rivington Pike
- Manchester United Foundation provide an effective mentoring programme and amazing free opportunities for our pupils. This includes tickets to matches and stadium tours



At Philips High School we invest in a broad range of extra curricular activities. Pupils have enjoyed trips to Naples and France, as well Geography field trips, London theatre visits & local art galleries.

All pupils are encouraged to participate in the many extra curricular activities we have to offer. For example:

- Football - boys & girls
- Basketball
- Netball
- Cadets
- Manga & anime
- Chess Club
- Book Chat & Craft Club
- Creative writing
- Musical Theatre
- Art club
- Independent learning
- History club
- Dance
- Debate club



Please come and meet our friendly team of pupils and staff.

QUOTES FROM OFSTED

“Philips High School is a diverse and welcoming community. Pupils enjoy coming to school”.

“Leaders are ambitious for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and those who are disadvantaged”

“Pupils benefit from a well-thought-out personal development curriculum. Many pupils enjoy various clubs”

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