



20 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of this half term, it is an ideal opportunity to look back and reflect on all that has been going on in school since the beginning of September. Our newsletter is due out soon and is well worth a read. As usual, it is crammed full of what our students have been up to. As a reminder, you can keep up with our latest news via the [latest news page](#) on our [website](#)

Sixth form open evening 9th November

On Wednesday 9th November, we will be holding our [sixth form open evening](#) for year 11 students. I would encourage year 11 students and their parents to come along and find out about our offer and what it is like being a sixth form student at PHSG. We offer a range of A level courses taught by experienced, passionate and well qualified specialists. Sixth form students enjoy dedicated sixth form study spaces, opportunities for student leadership and high quality post 18 next steps provision and careers advice and support.

Student safety at 3.30pm

The space on St Lawrence Road just outside the school gates gets very crowded at 3.30pm. To ensure the safety of our students I ask parents to be mindful about where they park and consider alternative pick up points. Students can exit the site via Alton Road, and parents may consider this a convenient pick up point. There have been occasions where students have been late leaving for a sports fixture because parents had parked blocking the minibuses. I thank everyone in advance for their help with making the exit for our students as safe as possible.

Attendance Matters

I would like to extend a 'thank you' to students, parents and carers for their commitment towards helping us maintain excellent attendance figures across the school. PHSG are committed to working with parents and carers to enable our students to have the best possible school attendance and our attendance improvement co-ordinator, Miss Barbara Osborne, is eager to develop and maintain positive and supportive communication with parents as we work together to achieve the highest possible attendance across all years. Miss Osborne is

keen to work alongside parents and carers to better understand any potential barriers to attendance and to provide support in reaching a solution.

Student librarians

Our newly refurbished library is looking great and we are finding that students are really enjoying using it. The library team are now keen to recruit student librarians to support their work and are inviting applications from all interested students in year 8 and above. Students have been given information about this and know how to apply, but if you think your child would enjoy this opportunity, I encourage you to have the conversation at home.

Half term

Half term for students runs from Friday 21/10/22 to Monday 31/10/22 inclusive. This means that our first day back after the break will be Tuesday 1/11/22.

I wish you all a restful holiday.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Underdown'.

Simon Underdown.
Headteacher.