

# NEWSLETTER

News and information from PhoenixPlace

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## DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

I am pleased to introduce our latest Newsletter and, as you will see, there is much to share and celebrate.

### YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMS

It really has been a very busy term and we kick started the year with year 11s Mock Exams. I'd like to say WELL DONE to all the year 11s who geared themselves up and persevered through eight days of practice exams.



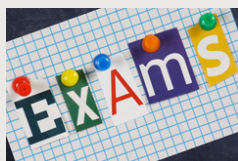
Thank you to all teaching and support staff who helped with invigilation and a big thank you to Grace (Deputy Head) for organising the Mock exam's timetable.

Also thank you to all year 11 parents/carers who came out to the year 11 Mock exam results meetings where you discussed your daughters progress and targets to improve.

### YEAR 11S - YOU HAVE 87 DAYS LEFT (INCLUDING HOLIDAYS AND WEEKENDS) UNTIL YOUR FIRST EXAMS!!



It is so important that you think about how you will spend these last few weeks in preparation for your exams. See inside for more information



Take care  
Sophie Nelson (Headteacher)

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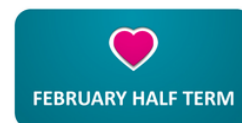
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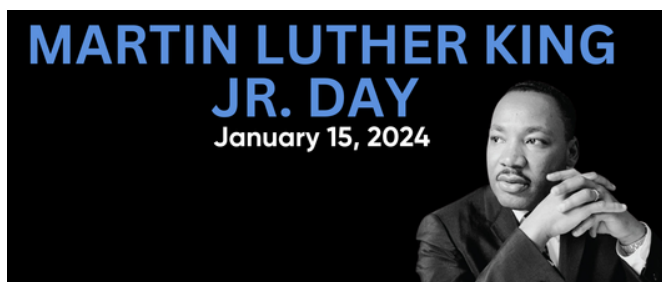
Its half term this week!!



Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Have a wonderful break and look after yourselves!!

## WHAT WE LEARNT IN ASSEMBLY THIS TERM



Martin Luther King Day (MLK) celebrates the life of the remarkable leader of the Civil Rights Movement and his vision of racial equality.

### Reflection

MLK day is a time to celebrate the life of MLK but it is also a reminder to everyone that equality in society is something we can never afford to take for granted and that the work must go on.

### The challenge

- 1.If you could change one thing in our society, what would it be?
  - 2.How can you make a positive difference in the world?
  - 3.What is your long-term dream? For yourself? For the world?
- .....



### WHAT IS HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY?

Holocaust Memorial Day, often abbreviated as HMD, is a day dedicated to remembering the victims of the Holocaust and other genocides.

### Reflection

It is a time for reflection, education, and raising awareness about the consequences of discrimination, hatred, and prejudice. The day encourages individuals and communities to stand together against hatred and persecution.

### The challenge

- 1.How can you challenge prejudice and discrimination within our society?
- 2.How can diversity be a positive thing in the world?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE 'ASPIRATIONAL?'



Being **aspirational** means having a **goal** or an **aim** that you are **determined to achieve.**

Example sentence

"my **aspiration** is to become a professional singer"



We learnt about Steven Frayne,. Steven Frayne was aspirational and resilient. He wanted to achieve great things in his life, so he persuaded his great-grandad to teach him a few magic tricks.

Despite his difficult upbringing he went on to become one of the most famous magicians in the world, DYNAMO!



### Reflection

He practiced his magic every day because he was so determined to achieve his goals.

### The challenge

- 1.What do YOU aspire to achieve?
- .....



'DO GIRLS FACE MORE PEER PRESSURE THAN BOYS?'

What's your opinion?





## WHAT WE LEARNT IN ASSEMBLY THIS TERM

### ROSA PARKS



We learnt about Rosa Parks on her birthday on the 4th February, Rosa Parks is called "the mother of the civil rights movement," Rosa Parks invigorated the struggle for racial equality when she refused to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama.

Parks' arrest on December 1st, 1955 launched the Montgomery Bus Boycott by 17,000 black citizens. The boycott lasted for 381 days.

#### Reflection

The bravery of Rosa Parks started off the civil rights movements which initiated a lot of change in America and around the world

#### The challenge

- 1.What do you stand for? What are your values?
- 2.Could you present a coherent argument about something you feel passionately about?

### CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK



How aware are you of your own mental health care or maybe someone you know?

Apparently, 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health issue each year and 1 in 6 will experience a Common Mental Health Problem.

#### CHALLENGE

1. Do you know what constitutes a Common Mental Health Problem?
2. What things do you put in place for your own mental health and well-being?
3. Would you know where to go if your mental health became a concern?

Self-care starts TODAY!

## 10 Mental Health Tips



## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING THIS TERM



In KS3 History, students have been learning about dictators of the 20th and 21st century.

They have carried out independent research as well as group discussions which culminated in creating a manifesto if they were to become leaders of the UK.

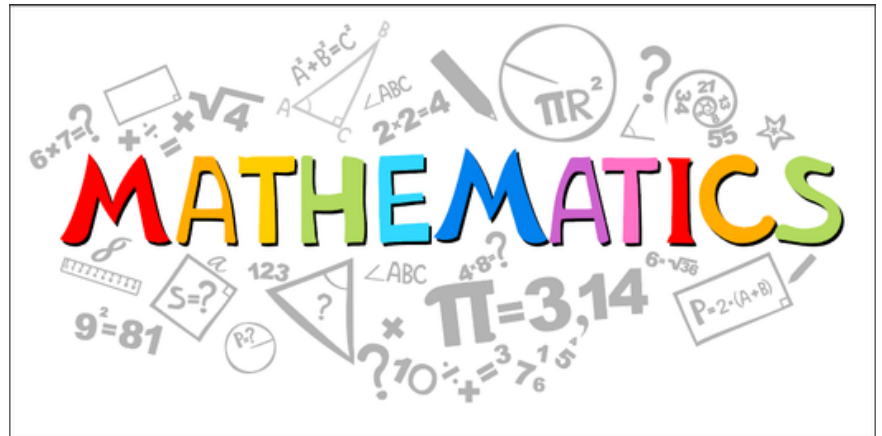
Students were able to recognise the advantages of living in a democracy as well as where our government could make changes for the betterment of their own communities.



## QUIZ TIME

1. Which communist leader's economic strategy was called the Great Leap Forward?
2. What was the name of the black-uniformed elite corps of the Nazi Party, founded by Adolf Hitler as his bodyguard?
3. Who was the premier of North Korea from 1948 to 1972 and the country's president from 1972 until his death in 1994?

If you know the answers, let your teacher know for some positive learning points!!



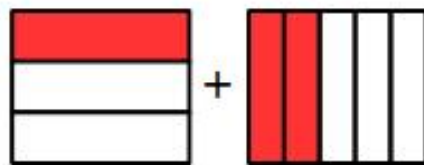
KS3 students have been learning how to correctly add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions with unlike denominators.

Year 10's have also been working on basic operations with fractions as well as learning how to calculate corresponding, alternate and co-interior angles.

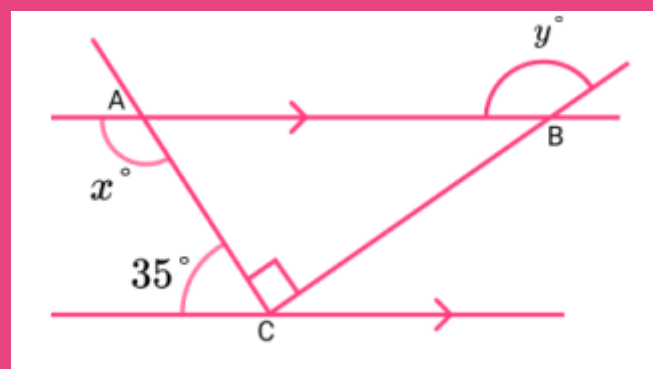
### CHALLENGE

KS3: Can you work this out?

Example:  $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{5}$



KS4: Can you calculate the value of  $x$ ?



## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING THIS TERM



### Prince's Trust

The KS3 students have been working on their teamwork skills and learning about the advantages of working in a team and how to communicate effectively in a team.

They will also be planning a charity day to showcase their teamwork skills.

### TEAMWORK

Coming together is the *beginning*  
 Keeping together is *progress*  
 Working together is *success*

#### Great teamwork skills to include on your CV

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Communication         | 6 Respect              |
| 2 Negotiation           | 7 Teaching & mentoring |
| 3 Organisational skills | 8 Problem solving      |
| 4 Decision making       | 9 Rapport building     |
| 5 Reliability           | 10 Conflict management |

### PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD

Year 11 students have been busy preparing for their transition into post 16 education.

They visited John Ruskin College and Lewisham College and were able to speak to staff about the different courses available to them.



One year 11 student also visited 'AND Digital', a Digital Tech company.

She was able to get an insight into what a working day looks like, as well as speaking to employees about the different jobs available as she is interested in a career in digital media/animation

### AND Digital



### WHAT IS PREPARATION FOR ADULTHOOD??

Planning for the future, experiencing life changes and gaining skills and knowledge for independence is an important time in any young person's life.

The term 'preparing for adulthood' is used to describe the time in your life as you move from being a child to an adult and can start from year 9.







### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY SUPERSTARS:

Well done to: **CD8, RP9, MW10, TC11, MIR11** - attending school regularly and on time!

Most improved: **TS8** - Well done for meeting your targets this term!

Reminder: **Absence Reporting** - It is important for us to know if your child will not be attending school or if they are running late as soon as possible to ensure the safety of all of our students as well as keeping accurate records.

Please see email from Jess for more information.

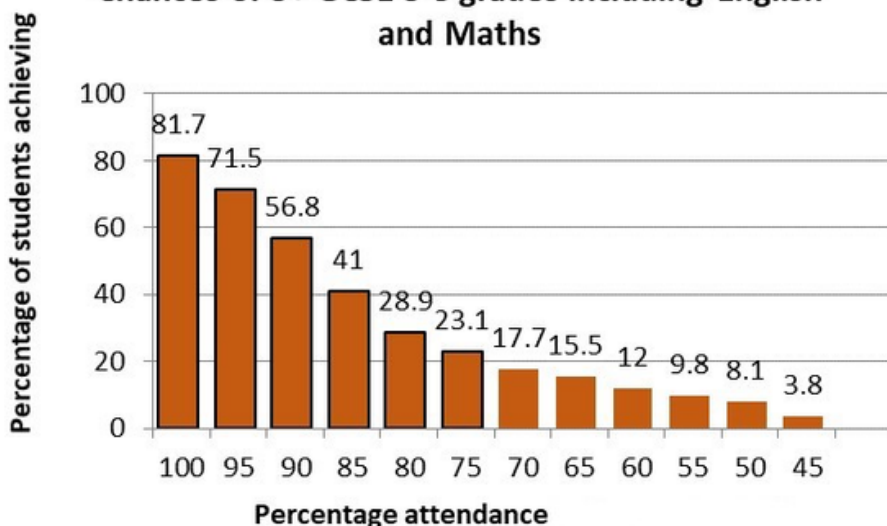
[jdollman@phoenixplace.co.uk](mailto:jdollman@phoenixplace.co.uk)

### ARE YOU REACHING YOUR POTENTIAL?.....

As you are aware there is a clear link between poor attendance and lower academic achievement and our aim is that all students are learning and progressing well and we can only achieve this if they are in attendance at school, attend all lessons and participate.

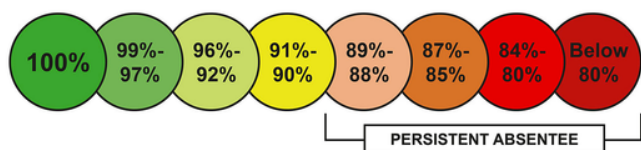
Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

### Chances of 5+ GCSE 5-9 grades including English and Maths



### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



### Which CIRCLE are you in?

Parents/carers should be letting the school know before school starts (by 8.45am) of any absences and reasons.

Our school number is: 0207 703 7189

Our Attendance Officer will follow up with our persistent absence procedures for any students whose attendance is below 90% which may include involvement of external education welfare services, legal proceedings and possible fines.

### TOP 5 ACHIEVEMENT AND BEHAVIOUR POINTS:

- LM10 = 998
- MIR11 = 928
- RP9 = 828
- TC11 = 844
- AB11 = 770

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO IMPROVE MY POINTS??

- Arrive at school ON TIME!
- Attend all lessons
- Complete all lesson tasks
- Acts of kindness
- Politeness/respect around the building
- Achieving personal goals/targets



## Year 11 Exam Preparation

Year 11s, you have **87 school days left** until your first exam.  
This is the time to really make the effort to spend time to revise but also look after yourself.  
See below Top Ten Revision tips to help you along the way.

# Top 10 Revision Tips



### Rise and shine

Starting your revision by 9am will help you get into a routine that you can stick to.



### Breakfast

Having breakfast before revising is vital as it helps you to concentrate for longer.



### Log off

Switch off all devices, a five minute peek at Facebook turns into an hour so easily. Use internet time as a reward on a break.



### Past papers

Past exam papers are a perfect way to get used to exam pressure. Time yourself and use past papers to improve your confidence.



### Get colourful

Keep your notes organised and bright. Use different fonts, pens and diagrams. Colour coding your areas also helps.



### Stick to the plan

Make a revision timetable, it will help you prioritise your areas. Plan for different ways of learning (mind maps, essays, fact cards)



### Take breaks

Take a short break (5-10 minutes) after every half hour - It's important to get away from your work area. Adding breaks into your timetable is vital.



### Teach

If you are confident with a subject, teach it to your friends and they can do the same for you.



### No last minute revision

Cramming 10 minutes before an exam doesn't work, planning your time and working hard does!



**Breathe!**

**You'll be great!**

**SUCCESS  
IS THE SUM OF  
SMALL EFFORTS,  
REPEATED DAY IN  
AND DAY OUT.**

Date	Time	Subject	Paper
Friday 10th May	AM	Science	1
Wednesday 15th May	PM	Psychology	1
Thursday 16th May	AM	Maths	1
Wednesday 22nd May	AM	Science	2
Thursday 23rd May	AM	English Language	1
Thursday 23rd May	PM	Psychology	2
Monday 3rd June	AM	Maths	2
Thursday 6th June	AM	English Language	2
Friday 7th June	PM	Science	3
Monday 10th June	AM	Maths	3
Tuesday 11th June	AM	Science	4

## YEAR 11 EXAM INFO - CONTINUED

Please note these dates are for your GCSE exams.

Other subjects will have different deadlines. Your teacher will inform you of these dates in due course.



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
REVISE,  
REVISE, REVISE**



## WHAT IS THE JACK PETCHHEY FOUNDATION?

PhoenixPlace are delighted to be running the Jack Petchey Achievement Award scheme.

The JPAA Scheme helps us to recognise the progress and achievements of individual students. All awarded students receive a certificate bundle from the Jack Petchey Foundation as well as a £300 grant which can be used towards resources, equipment, trips etc.

Our first award was given to a Year 10 student, LM10.

The nominations are made by Staff and Students and this is what they had to say about LM.



- LM is always focused and ready to work.
- She uses appropriate language all the time and is always appropriate with staff and students.
- LM is always on time and completes her work.
- LM works consistently well and is pleasant around the school every day.
- LM's confidence has grown significantly this year, she is speaking more with students and staff and is a kind friend to others.
- LM's attendance has also increased significantly compared to last term and she is making a brilliant effort.

*We look forward to awarding another student's achievements and progress this term.*

The Jack Petchey Foundation at PhoenixPlace.

We have chosen to take part in the Jack Petchey award scheme because it is a widely recognised by colleges, universities and employers. This award is great for recognising students for all their qualities not just being an excellent student.



# PHOENIXPLACE DAILY VALUES



## ORGANISATIONS TO CONTACT IF YOU NEED SUPPORT WHEN NOT AT PHOENIXPLACE

### At Risk Of Harm?

If you feel that you, or any of your family or friends are in danger or at risk of harm, then **please call 999** or you can visit your nearest police station.

#### The addresses for the local area are:

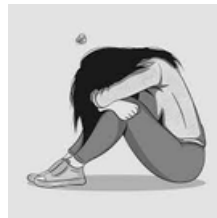
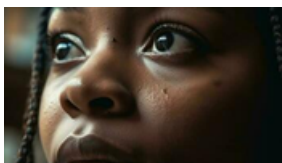
Southwark Police Station  
323 Borough High Street,  
Southwark, London ·  
0300 123 1212 ·  
Opens 10 am

#### Metropolitan Police

Walworth Police Station  
12-28 Manor Place, Walworth  
0800 555111  
Open 24 hours

#### Peckham Police Station

177 Peckham High Street,  
Southwark, London ·  
0300 123 1212  
Closes 10 pm



### Do you need Emotional support?

If you have any worries and concerns about yourself, or any of your friends & family, you can contact any of the organisations to the right.

**Samaritans:** 116 123 (open 24/7)

**Young Minds:** 0300 123 3393  
(9am - 6pm, M-F)

**Childline:** 0800 1111  
(7.30am - 3.30am every day)

**Mind:** Side by Side - Side by Side is an online community where you can listen, share and be heard.

<https://www.themix.org.uk/> to access group chat and discussion boards.

Seek counselling from **Kooth** for online support  
([www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) Monday - Friday 12pm - 10pm)

[thenest@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:thenest@groundwork.org.uk) - 020 8138 1805 a free & confidential mental wellbeing advice and support for young people aged 11 - 25 in Southwark based in Peckham.

### Are you worried about your Health?

If you are concerned about your health please speak to our SENCo (Dershna).

If you are worried about your physical or mental health and you need immediate treatment, you can visit your local A&E.

These are the addresses of the closest A&E departments.

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#### King's College Hospital

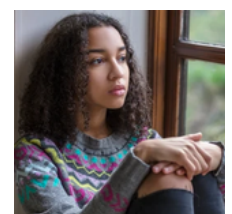
A&E Denmark Hill,  
London, SE5 9RS

Tel: 020 3299 9000  
Open 24 hours

#### St Thomas Hospital A&E

Westminster Bridge Road,  
London, SE1 7EH

Tel 020 7188 7188  
Open 24 hours



# Useful Info:

AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
<p><b>Autumn 1 Term 23</b></p> <p><b>Students Start Dates:</b></p> <p><u>Wed 6th Sept 23</u> Student Induction Meetings (appointment times will be sent out nearer the time)</p> <p><u>Mon 11th Sept 23</u> New students &amp; KS3 (7-9) in</p> <p><u>Tues 12th Sept 23</u> All students in</p> <p><b>Last Day of Term</b> 20th October</p> <p><b>Half Term (2 Weeks)</b> 23rd October - 3rd November</p>	<p><b>Spring 1 Term 24</b></p> <p><b>Students first day back</b> 4th January</p> <p><b>Progress Meetings (KS3/Y10s)</b> 4th January</p> <p><b>Y11s GCSE Mock Exams Results Meetings</b> 30th January</p> <p><b>Last Day of Term</b> 9th February</p> <p><b>Half Term (1 Week)</b> 12th - 15th February</p>	<p><b>Summer 1 Term 24</b></p> <p><b>Students' first day back</b> 16th April</p> <p><b>May Bank Holiday</b> 6th May</p> <p><b>Last day of Term</b> 24th May</p> <p><b>Half Term (1 Week)</b> 27th - 31st May</p>
<p><b>Autumn 2 Term 23</b></p> <p><b>Students' first day back</b> 6th November</p> <p><b>Last day of Term</b> 20th December (12.30pm)</p> <p><b>Half Term (2 Weeks)</b> 21st December - 3rd January</p>	<p><b>Spring 2 Term 24</b></p> <p><b>Students' first day back</b> 19th February</p> <p><b>Last day of Term</b> 28th March</p> <p><b>Half Term (2 Weeks)</b> 29th March - 16th April</p> <p><b>GCSE Intervention Club</b> Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday 3rd April</p>	<p><b>Summer 2 Term 24</b></p> <p><b>Students' first day back</b> 3rd June</p> <p><b>Staff INSET</b> 28th June</p> <p><b>Progress Meeting</b> 5th July</p> <p><b>Last day of Term</b> 25th July</p>

## Half term

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024  
Have a wonderful break and look after yourselves!!

**STUDENTS RETURN ON**  
**MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024 @ 9.10AM**