



NEWSLETTER

PHOENIX PARK & SEVENHILLS

A message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, and Students,

As we reach the end of another school year, I wanted to take a moment to pause, catch our breath, and reflect on the last few terms.

If there's one thing I've learned in my time here, it's that life in a PRU is never quiet, rarely predictable, but always worth it. Every year brings its own set of hurdles, and this one has been no exception. But standing at the finish line of this term, what strikes me most isn't the challenges—it's how our students and staff faced them.

Celebrating the Small Wins (and the Big Ones)

In our setting, progress doesn't always look like a neat row of top grades—though we certainly have plenty of successes to celebrate this year! Progress here is often about the quieter victories:

- Showing up on the days when it felt impossible to get out of door.
- Turning a tough day around instead of walking away.
- Building trust with a teacher, a TA, or a classmate.
- Taking that next step toward a college place, an apprenticeship, or a return to mainstream education.

To our students: whether you made massive strides or just kept your head above water on the hard days, I am genuinely proud of you. You are far more resilient than you give yourselves credit for.

It Takes a Village

To our parents and carers—thank you. We know that working with us can sometimes come during a stressful or chaotic period in your family's life. Thank you for trusting us, for picking up the phone, and for working alongside us to get the best out of your young people. We couldn't do any of this without your support.

And to our incredible staff team: thank you for the endless patience, the cups of tea, the second (and third, and fourth) chances, and the unconditional care you give our pupils every single day.

Looking Ahead to the Break

The summer holidays are finally here. Whether you've got big plans or you're just looking forward to a bit of quiet time and hopefully some decent sunshine, I hope you all get a chance to recharge.

To our school leavers: You're moving on to your next chapter now. Go show everyone what you're made of. Our doors are always open if you ever need a bit of advice or just a quick catch-up.

To those returning in September: Rest up, clear your heads, and come back ready for a fresh start.

Have a fantastic, safe, and restful summer.



Jo Indian
Executive principal



CELEBRATIONS

PARK HOUSE



Farewell, Year 11!

The Summer term is always a busy one at Park House, with year 11 students completing their GCSE exams and finalising their coursework in preparation for leaving school and moving forward to their onward destinations. A huge amount of hard work has happened behind the scenes to ensure that each and every student has a clear vision of what life beyond Park House will look like.



Careers Encounters & Experiences

Students have had the opportunity to meet a wide range of employers and apprenticeship providers this year, this has been a big focus that we intend to continue with our Year 10 cohort as they transition into their final school year.

Students visited the Lincolnshire Show in June, enabling them to interact with a variety of exhibitors which provided them with lots of new ideas for their future! Students engaged positively and reported how much they learnt through their conversations whilst at the show.

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National School Sports Week

For National School Sports Week, students & staff from both Park House & Sevenhills Academy participated in an inter-school rounders match at Barretts recreation ground. This was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended!

Continuing with the sporting theme, Year 10 students visited Sevenhills Academy to take part in a football match against Year 9 students. This was a friendly match and very much enjoyed by all who took part. This also provided Year 9 students with the opportunity to meet our staff and students ahead of their transition to Park House in September.



Alfie Watts Visit

We have also been pleased to welcome Alfie Watts to Park this term, Students were thrilled to welcome Alfie to Park House who gave an insightful and engaging talk about his achievements and mental health advocacy.

The level of questioning and engagement from our year 10 students was exceptional. Staff were incredibly proud of students for the respect and maturity shown during Alfie's talk.

As this action-packed Summer Term brings us to the end of another successful academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish our students and families a relaxing and restful break!



John Mansfield
Head of Centre Park House



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SEVENHILLS

We have reached the end of another fantastic, action-packed term here at Sevenhills Academy. Our students have shown incredible resilience, creativity and determination over the past few weeks. From high-energy sports events to exciting community art projects and crucial future planning, this term has been nothing short of spectacular.

LCH Colour Dash

On Friday 12th June, students took part in a Colour Dash to raise funding and awareness for our charity partner Lifting Children's Hopes (LCH), running, walking, and occasionally dodging clouds of vibrant powdered paint. It was fantastic to see everyone getting active, supporting one another and raising smiles across the academy!



Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was also a roaring success! Students threw themselves into every event, from classic track races to team challenges. A massive shout-out to all of the staff who helped organise the day, and to our students who gave 100% effort. (And yes, the staff vs. student relay was as fiercely contested as ever!). The students finished with a staff vs students football game which resulted in a 4-1 win to the staff team!



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Immersive Art Workshop

We were thrilled to welcome local artist Fran Young to the academy for an immersive art workshop linked to a competition to support the renaming of the new suite at St Hugh's Hospital. Our students rolled up their sleeves and let their creativity flow, producing some truly stunning pieces of art. Although we were unsuccessful with our suggested name, the organisers were impressed with the quality of artwork produced and have asked for the pieces to be displayed on the walls in the renovated waiting area.

This collaboration not only allowed our students to develop new artistic techniques but also gave them a platform to express themselves and connect with the wider Grimsby community. We are looking forward to allowing our pupils to experience further community projects during the next academic year.

We are incredibly proud to have been involved in a national research project with the Careers and Enterprise Company, focusing on careers support in Alternative Provision (AP) settings. The aim of the research is to help shape and improve career guidance tailored specifically to the needs of students in AP. Our students and staff provided invaluable insights that will help guide national policies, ensuring that young people everywhere get the very best start to their working lives.



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Maths Hub Collaboration

As part of our ongoing implementation of the maths curriculum, we have been working closely with Megan Bailey from the Maths Hub. This collaboration has introduced fresh, engaging teaching strategies designed to make maths practical, accessible and fun. We are already seeing the positive impact of this partnership in the classrooms, with students tackling complex problem-solving with renewed confidence. We are in ongoing discussions with the Maths Hub regarding next steps and continuing professional development for staff.



Year 9 Transitions

Transitioning to a new setting can feel like a big leap, but our Year 9 students have demonstrated our school values of respect, responsibility and perseverance through participating in transition sessions to Park House. These visits have allowed pupils to familiarise themselves with the new environment, meet their future teachers and support staff and take part in taster lessons in cooking, physical activity and SEMH to build confidence ahead of the new academic year.

We wish all of our Year 9s the very best of luck in the next part of their educational journey and hope that all students and their families have a restful summer.



Tom Hardy
Head of Centre Sevenhill



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PHOENIX HOUSE

At Phoenix House we have been non-stop this term! The last few weeks have been packed with fantastic events that brought out the absolute best in our students. Here is a look back at some of our favorite highlights:

Sun, Smiles, and Silverware: Sports Day Success!

In July, we hosted our annual Sports Day under glorious sunshine, and we were thrilled to see a record-breaking turnout from parents—our highest ever!

During the afternoon, students pushed themselves to excel across a variety of challenges, including classic egg-and-spoon races, fast-paced relays, target games with bean bags, and an agility course inside the sports hall. The day wrapped up with a hugely competitive parent race that had everyone cheering, followed by a special presentation ceremony recognising individual student achievements. Thank you to every family member who came out to support!



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Roaring Success at Wolds Wildlife Park!

Students from Washington and Cairo classes enjoyed an unforgettable educational trip to Wolds Wildlife Park in Horncastle.

The visit gave our young learners an up-close look at an incredible array of species from majestic lions and tigers to playful primates and spotted hyenas. Textbook lessons on biology, animal adaptation, and wildlife conservation truly came to life as both classes explored the park together, sharing a memorable day out in the Lincolnshire countryside.



Beijing Class Gives Back to the East Marsh Community

Every week this term, Beijing class has been getting their hands dirty to support our local environment in the East Marsh community. Working hard towards their targets, students planted seeds for plants and flowers, weeded the area, and even upcycled plastic bottles to create self-watering systems for their plants between visits. Along the way, they gained brilliant practical knowledge about root systems and how plant biology works. We are super proud of their teamwork and community spirit!



Harriet Barber
Head of Centre Phoenix House



USEFUL SUPPORT



HAF PROGRAMME

The Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF) provides healthy food and enriching activities to children in receipt of free school meals.

The aim of the programme is to make free places available to 5 to 16 year old children in the area who are eligible for and receive benefits-related free school meals (the equivalent of at least four hours a day, four days a week and for six weeks a year).

[TTPS://WWW.NELINCS.GOV.UK/CHILDREN-FAMILIES-AND-SCHOOLS/HOLIDAY-ACTIVITIES-AND-FOOD/](https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/children-families-and-schools/holiday-activities-and-food/)

USEFUL LINKS

[HTTPS://WWW.REHAB4ADDICTION.CO.UK/COUNTRY-WIDE/DRUG-ALCOHOL-REHAB-GRIMSBY](https://www.rehab4addiction.co.uk/country-wide/drug-alcohol-rehab-grimsby)

[HTTPS://LIVEWELL.NELINCS.GOV.UK/ADULT-SOCIAL-CARE/CARERS-PORTAL/PARENT-CARERS/](https://livewell.nelincs.gov.uk/adult-social-care/carers-portal/parent-carers/)

[HTTPS://WWW.NELINCS.GOV.UK/FIS/?CATEGORY=COMMUNITY+GROUPS/+FOOD+BANKS](https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/fis/?category=community+groups/+food+banks)

[HTTPS://MONEYSAVINGCENTRAL.CO.UK/KIDS-EAT-FREE](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

[HTTPS://WWW.SAFERNEL.CO.UK/FAMILY-PARENT-AND-CARER-SUPPORT/PREVENTION-AND-EARLY-HELP](https://www.safernel.co.uk/family-parent-and-carer-support/prevention-and-early-help)

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DISCOVER THE POWER OF CONNECTION



Togetherness

An invitation to the Togetherness Course
(formerly known as the Solihull Approach)

Led by our Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead- Hollie Carr

We are delighted to invite you to The Togetherness Course (formerly known as the Solihull approach). This isn't a classroom where you'll be told how to parent. Instead, it's a friendly, judgment-free space to share experiences, understand your child's behavior, and strengthen the wonderful bond you already have.

What is The Togetherness Course?

The course is designed to help you understand what might be driving your child's emotional outbursts, changes in behavior, or communication styles. Over the sessions, we'll look at:

- Understanding behavior: Seeing what your child is trying to tell you when they act out.
- Brain development: A fascinating look at how your child's mind grows and processes emotions.
- Communication: How to talk so they will listen, and listen so they will talk.
- Looking after yourself: Because you can't pour from an empty cup!

"I came in feeling overwhelmed and left feeling like I actually understood my teenager for the first time in years. The best part was knowing I wasn't the only one struggling." — Previous Attendee



The Details

We know life is busy, so we've mapped out the dates clearly for you. Grab a coffee, pull up a chair, and join us.

Where: Sevenhills Academy

When: Wednesday mornings, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Duration: 11 weeks total (with a break for half-term)

- Week 1- Wednesday 9th September
- Week 2- Wednesday 16th September
- Week 3- Wednesday 23rd September
- Week 4- Wednesday 30th September
- Week 5- Wednesday 7th October
- Week 6- Wednesday 14th October
- TWO WEEK BREAK FOR HALF TERM
- Week 7- Wednesday 4th November
- Week 8- Wednesday 11th November
- Week 9- Wednesday 18th November
- Week 10- Wednesday 25th November
- Week 11- Wednesday 2nd December

Course Modules & Topics

The course runs for 10 weeks and covers a comprehensive range of topics:

- Introduction to brain development (Infant to Adolescent).
- The Solihull Approach Model: Containment, Reciprocity, and Behaviour Management.
- Understanding developmental milestones and emotional wellbeing.
- Addressing trauma and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).
- Navigating specific issues such as sleeping, eating, and emotional regulation.

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HOW TO SIGN UP

This course is open to parents from all sites. We recommend signing up early as spaces are limited to ensure a "cosy" and interactive environment. To book your place, please contact the school office or respond to the registration message by Friday 3rd September





HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER!



We are committed to working closely with parents and carers to support our students' progress. Your involvement is invaluable in helping them reach their full potential.



We wish you all a happy and restful Summer break. Our academies look forward to welcoming our students back on Wednesday 2nd September 2026.

TERM DATES

	Academy Opens	Academy Closes
Autumn term 1	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Friday 16 th October 2026
Autumn term 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring term 1	Tuesday 5 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Spring term 2	Monday 22 nd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer term 1	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Summer term 2	Monday 7 th June 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027

Please note – school will be closed to students for Trust-Wide staff training on Friday 23rd April 2027.

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