



NEWSLETTER

PHOENIX PARK & SEVENHILLS

A message from the Principal

Christmas provides us with a natural point to pause and look back. For many of our students, the path to success isn't always a straight line, but the resilience shown this term has been nothing short of inspiring.

From work experiences opportunities with East Marsh United to the individual breakthroughs in the classroom, our students continue to prove that their potential is limitless when given the right environment.

Our mission remains clear: to ensure every young person in Grimsby, regardless of their past experiences, has a future they can be proud of. Thank you for being part of that mission. I look forward to seeing everyone back in January, ready to tackle the challenges and opportunities of 2026.



MRS JO INDIAN

Wishing you a Happy Christmas





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PARK HOUSE



It has been a busy and productive term at Park House. Our students have shown remarkable maturity, stepping out of their comfort zones during work experience opportunities and mock exams and have shared celebrations such as a festive lunch together and Marla, the school dog's birthday.

We are proud to share some of the highlights of what our young people have achieved this term below:

Mock Exams

Firstly, we want to say a huge 'well done' to our Year 11 students for their focus and resilience during the recent GCSE mock exams. We know exam conditions can be stressful, but you faced the challenge head-on, showed great maturity, and have taken a vital step toward your success this summer.

Football vs Sevenhills Academy

In November, our football team traveled to play a friendly match against Sevenhills Academy. While we love to win, our main focus is always on sportsmanship and emotional regulation. It was a high-energy game with plenty of action on both ends of the pitch and the added bonus was the team came away with an excellent victory. Well done to all involved!

Art project and design

Y10 students completing the NCFE Level 2 Art course have begun an exciting new project by creating their very own inspirational designs to brighten up external spaces at school. The students cannot wait to begin bringing their designs to life and painting them on the school building before travelling to other schools in the area to continue the project.





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Work experience

This term, several of our students embarked on work experience placements. Stepping into a professional environment can be daunting, but the feedback we have received from local employers has been outstanding. Our students who have been renovating properties have made such an impression that it was mentioned by the organiser how they would all 'be given jobs in a heartbeat'. A testament to the group's hard work and dedication.



Marla turns one

Finally, we ended the term on a high note by celebrating a very important birthday. Our beloved school dog, Marla! Marla plays a vital role in supporting our students' wellbeing, offering a calm presence when things get overwhelming. To celebrate, students helped make her feel extra special by inviting her to their classrooms to share items they had made for her including drawings and personalised cards.

From all the staff at the Academy, we want to wish our students, parents, and carers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your continued support and partnership this term; we hope you all have a safe, restful, and happy holiday break



JOHN MANSFIELD
HEAD OF CENTRE PARK HOUSE





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Since returning in September, as a school we have made a conscious effort to provide students with increased opportunities to engage with offsite trips and visits as part of their enrichment programme. This is evidenced through our continued development of the blended Pathway 1 offer, where learners are engaging positively with both the onsite and offsite aspects of the provision. When our usual modes of transport have been unavailable, Beacon Academy have kindly assisted us with the use of their 16-seater minibus, which we are extremely grateful for!

A group of Sevenhills students recently attended a Bushcraft session to tie in with our Cultural Capital half termly focus of Australia. Despite the windy conditions, there was a great deal of perseverance shown by all of those who took part in fire making and shelter building! To tie in with our previous half termly focus of India, students took part in cricket during PE lessons and enjoyed trying different types of South Asian cuisine. Watch out for the lime pickle!



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Sevenhills' football team participated in a football fixture against Park House. It was fantastic to see pupils from both schools showcasing our values of respect, responsibility and perseverance. We were delighted to invite Brendan Tannam from GMI Construction back into school, who delivered a workshop to students which involved building a model wall using bricks and mortar. Pupils worked in teams to problem solve and trial different approaches in order to make a safe and solid structure.



Student engagement with the online Reading Plus programme has been phenomenal this term. The average completion score for every learner was above 80%, which demonstrates that pupils are not just accessing the programme but fully engaging with it too.



TOM HARDY
HEAD OF CENTRE SEVENHILL

The term concluded with a wonderfully merry Christmas dinner, where all students sat with their classroom staff and peers to enjoy turkey with all the trimmings! The atmosphere was fantastic and pupils demonstrated respect for staff who had gone above and beyond to ensure that every need was catered for.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.





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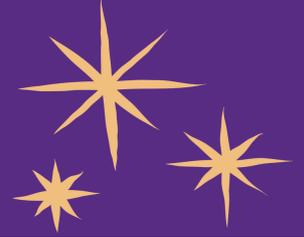
Key Stage 2 students took part in a fantastic session delivered by SEND Author- Leanne Thompson (Founder of SEND Friends). Students engaged with a variety of texts written by Leanne based on characters with SEND and explored some links to their own personal experiences. We are excited to welcome Leanne back to Phoenix House after Christmas to deliver a series of sessions to support our students to become authors of their own story!

Key Stage 3 students took part in a visit to Humberside airport this term to work with 'Run With It'. They took part in a number of academic sessions based on real life scenarios and produced some outstanding maths work, which is evidenced on our working wall in Reception as you enter the school building.





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Key Stage 3 students have been visiting 'Nunny Farm' weekly. Students have participated in a number of different activities, all of which provide opportunities to meet their EHCP targets. Students have shown fantastic resilience despite the change in temperature and immersed themselves into farm life!



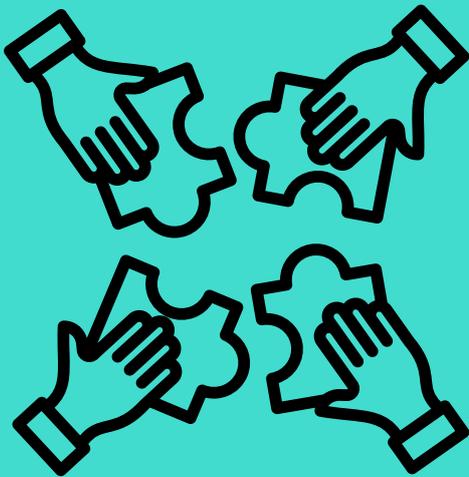
HARRIET BARBER
HEAD OF CENTRE PHOENIX HOUSE

Harry has worked exceptionally well during the 16 weeks he has been at Phoenix House. He has taken responsibility for attending his transition sessions back to mainstream, and held himself accountable for following the Academy's expectations. We are so proud of you Harry, well done!





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)

[FAMILY HUBS](#)



HAVE A LOVELY CHRISTMAS!



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 Christmas break. Our academies look forward to welcoming our students back in on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

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TERM DATES

	Academy Opens	Academy Closes
Autumn term 1	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Friday 24 th October 2025
Autumn term 2	Monday 10 th November 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
Spring term 1	Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Thursday 12 th February 2026
Spring term 2	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
Summer term 1	Monday 20 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026
Summer term 2	Monday 1 st June 2026	Thursday 23 rd July 2026

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