



## From the Headteacher

We are all very blessed to belong to a community as special as that of St Philip Howard. Like any great family, we pull together in both times of celebration and grief. I'd like to thank you all personally for your thoughtful messages, prayers and support for our community in recent days. The Roberts' family, in particular, would like me to thank you on their behalf for all your kindness towards them as a family. Izzi was a bright, brave, hardworking and exceptionally conscientious girl, a wonderful testament to her family and the school. The school community came together on Friday afternoon to celebrate her life and remember all that she gave us. We will all miss Izzi greatly but are thankful for the special times and memories she leaves us. Life, as we all know, is very precious and we thank God for the gift of family, friends and loved ones.

God Bless

David Carter

## Tour the School

Tours for existing parents are being offered to come and see the school in action. There are many new developments to be seen. Please call reception to arrange a convenient time.

## Chapel Appeal 2016

Our fundraising campaign for a new Chapel has started in earnest. Plans have been drawn up for a Chapel to be built adjacent to our school hall and at the centre of our faith community. With the help of both our school and local community, we hope to raise the £150,000 needed to complete this building! Please consider making a donation - no matter how small. More information can be found on our website.

## Arun Literary Festival

The second Arun Literary Festival event took place on 18 January in the Reading Hub. This exciting literary festival takes place every year and involves a selection of students from local primary and secondary schools, years 5-7, coming together in a series of events all focused on literacy. We were joined by a fantastic storyteller, Michael O'Leary, who came in for a story-telling workshop with the students. The students and teachers lucky enough to be involved thoroughly enjoyed the session, as Mr O'Leary played a range of bizarre musical instruments and enthralled us all with his stories of myths and legends.

## Free heart screenings available at St Mary's RC Primary School - 19/03/2016

In memory of former student, David Green, free heart screenings are available at St Mary's RC Primary School on Saturday 19 March to all young people between the ages of 14-35. To book a place visit [www.testmyheart.org.uk](http://www.testmyheart.org.uk). Places go very quickly, however St Philip Howard pupils are given priority as David was a former pupil of our school.

## Up and coming Rugby star!

Congratulations to Max Molyneux for being selected to play for the Sussex U15 Rugby team.

## Ofsted ParentView page

The views of parents, students and staff provide important evidence for any inspection. Parent View is the online portal used by Ofsted to collate feedback from parents, however this is only published once 50 or more responses have been received. The survey is very simple and consists of just 12 questions. All the information is on our website:

Student/Parent and Parent View Feedback ([www.sphcs.co.uk/index.php?page=parents&select=Parent+View+Feedback](http://www.sphcs.co.uk/index.php?page=parents&select=Parent+View+Feedback)).

We are registered as "The St Philip Howard Catholic High School" so do make sure once you have signed in that you give feedback on the correct school! Your feedback is extremely important and influential, so if you haven't already done so, please complete the questionnaire today!

## A Level Taster Day

Year 11s got to experience Sixth Form life during their Taster Day last week when students sampled a wide variety of A-level lessons. Leon Hogan, Head of Sixth Form, thanked the staff for their time and enthusiasm in making the lessons so enjoyable and informative. "Students really value the Taster Day - it plays a key part in their A-level choices. We really appreciate the time and effort that goes into making this experience such a valuable one."

## Worth Less? Campaign Update

As 2016 begins, we would like to update you on our Worth Less? campaign. The good news is that a coordinated approach by Headteachers across the county has been given universal support by parents, carers, and other key stakeholders. However, the bad news is that the government has only offered £930k as an interim payment to the 300 schools in West Sussex. Bearing in mind that that our children are funded 10% less than the national average, this is simply not good enough. Please visit our website to read more about the campaign and how you can help.

### Business students visit multi-national companies

Recently the Year 10 and 11 Business students were able to take advantage of some outstanding opportunities to visit two multi-national businesses. Building on their entry to the Coca Cola sponsored Real Business Challenge, the Year 10 visited the Coca Cola production plant. After a talk about Coca Cola and its successes and failures through its history, the group were taken on a tour of the factory to see the bottling and production taking place.

The Year 11 group visited the world famous SKY Academy where after a superb talk about how to think about careers from a senior SKY Director, they went on a tour of the SKY studios. Later in the day the group took part in a business game devised by SKY and were complimented by the SKY staff present on how well they worked as small groups and how good their presentation skills were.

### New faces in the SPH family

We warmly welcome three new Foundation Governors to our Governing Body - Kathie Hallam, Faye Flinn and Fr David King, assistant Priest at Our Lady of Sorrows, Bognor Regis. We are also very pleased to welcome aboard, David Curtis, Design Technology Teacher, Abi Vinter, part-time Receptionist and Kate Freeman, Sixth Form Secretary.

We would like to thank Fr Paul Turner, Priest at St Richard's, Chichester, for his commitment, support and guidance over the last four years as Governor at SPH.

### Another award for SPH

We are very proud to have been awarded the Discovering Democracy Award by the British Youth Council. This award, which was launched in 2015, recognises participation in a range of activities, including national campaigns, lobbying MPs and voting for youth council members.

### "Life's Lovely at 20"

Year 8 students Ben, Zach and Kacper have been busy working with Sustrans (sustainable travel) and the SCRCP (Sussex Rail Community Partnership) to encourage drivers to respect the 20mph limit in residential areas of Chichester. With the help of AS media students, the boys have made campaign films and have worked with primary school children in support of "Life's Lovely at 20".

### Students head for Rwanda – October 2016

A group of Year 11 and sixth form students will be heading for Rwanda in October 2016 to work with their counterparts in ES Kagogo, our partner school. To support our work we shall be undertaking significant fundraising. If you are able to help, or if your church or business can sponsor a student, please contact Mrs Baker at [abaker@sphcs.co.uk](mailto:abaker@sphcs.co.uk).

### Public Speaking success

Congratulations to our Year 10 students Betty Perceval and Dylan Bhopal-Myers and Year 11 student Nicholas Kabanans who recently won the West Sussex Branch Final of the English Speaking Union competition. The students challenged the audience with a thought-provoking speech about whether Britain should introduce a fat tax. The team is now through to the southern area final and we all wish them well.



### Forthcoming Dates for your Diary:

4 February – 5pm Y11 Parents' Evening  
10 February – Ash Wednesday  
15-19 February – Half term  
25 February – 5pm Y9 Parents' Evening  
3 March – Y11 Revision Evening  
7-11 March – Y10 Work Experience  
23 March – 5pm Y10 Parents' Evening

25 March – 8 April – Easter Holiday  
11 April – Inset day  
12 April – Start of term  
2 May – May Day Bank Holiday  
19 May – 5pm Y7 Parents' Evening  
30 May – 3 June – Half term