

A unique place to be

Parliament Hill (PHS) is a large, fully comprehensive girls' community school for 11-18 year olds in the inner London Borough of Camden. In 2023 we formed an alliance with Torriano Primary School to form North Alliance Research School



The North London Alliance Research School is a collaboration between lead Research School, Torriano Primary and secondary partner, Parliament Hill School. Additional associate schools are Eleanor Palmer and Brecknock Primary. There is a shared culture of using evidence-informed practice to develop skilled and knowledgeable teachers across the North London Alliance. As a Research School, we will build on these foundations, supporting local and regional schools to translate the best research evidence into classroom practice.

Through a range of training and exemplification, covering different pedagogical approaches and subject themes, we aim to reach a wide audience of teachers and leaders in our region.

Some facts and figures

1. Economically and socially, the school reflects its complex, challenging inner London environment. Although the school enjoys the confidence and support of local middle class families, many of our students come from low income families and many face high levels of economic deprivation and the associated social disadvantages e.g. housing difficulties, overcrowding, family stress, ill health and low aspirations for education and employment:

- Over a third of our students are disadvantaged young people with 37% eligible for Pupil Premium.
- The overall economic deprivation indicator is higher than the national average. PHS is one of the 20% most deprived schools in the country.
- Significant number of students are carers, plus the informal carers, e.g. families with drink or drug problems.
- 2 official looked after children (LAC), plus several students in formal private fostering and a significant group in informal kinship arrangements.
- 24.5% of students have special educational needs

2. PHS is proud of its rich cultural and racial diversity. There is a very strong ethos of valuing and respecting multiculturalism:

- 37% non-White British students
- 53 different languages at PHS
- After English, Bengali is most common home language, with Arabic third
- 32.77% (7-11) - 30.11% (7-13) EAL students
- 22% of students are Muslim



Sarah Creasey (Headteacher) receiving the Gold Potential Plus UK Award for 'Excellent provision for students with high learning potential'.

We are the first secondary school in the UK to achieve this award.

3. GCSE attainment and progress in the top 10% of schools nationally 2026:

- Top grades 7+: 47%
- English and Maths grade 4+ 84%. English and Maths 5+ 68%.

4. Consistently good Post-16 standards & achievement with A*-A (2026 31%) and A*-B grades (2026 63%) in line with national performance. There are 35 A Levels offered across LaSWAP plus 14 vocational courses. Above the national average progress to Russell Group Universities and Oxbridge entrants every year.



Parliament Hill was recognised by the SSAT for being in the top 10% of non-selective schools nationally for student attainment in the 2025 end of KS4 exams.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT, commented: "Congratulations to Parliament Hill School on winning an SSAT Educational Outcomes Award. This success is down to the superb learning and teaching, outstanding support and inspirational leadership of staff. You have made a huge difference to the lives of the young people in your school."

5. Year 7 intake:

PHS has a thriving intake of students in Year 7 with 640 applicants for a place in September 2026:

- PHS students come from over 50 feeder primary schools.
- 17% of students live out of the borough
- Attainment on entry is above the national average at KS2.
- 4% KS3 and KS4 students arrive after Y7

Neera Dhingra (Well-Being Project Manager) and Donna Billington (Inclusion Lead) who successfully applied for Well-Being and Good Mental Health provision at Parliament Hill School to be recognised as an Area of Excellence by Challenge Partners.

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