



FOR A BETTER MAN

The Phelps School is a private, nonsectarian boarding and day school for boys in Grades Six through Twelve, PG. With approximately 100 students and an average class size of seven, we offer the ideal setting for boys who thrive in a small, nurturing and structured environment.

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Welcome to The Phelps School.

Humbly, we believe this is how an all-boy school should be.

The foundation of Phelps is our individualized curriculum, student-first pedagogy, and passionate faculty. Here, 'Dedicated to the Individual Boy' is as much a promise we make to every parent as it is a concise description of our school-wide culture.

Our continual focus in every learning space is on positive engagement and personal development, from a challenging middle school program, to thought-provoking high school classes, to highly competitive Advanced Placement courses.

Ultimately, we believe what we teach in our classrooms must do more than prepare your son for college. It needs to prepare him for *life*. More than College Prep, Phelps is Life Prep.

For A Better Student, For A Better Leader, For A Better Competitor, and For A Better Man, Phelps has been unlocking every boy's potential since 1946.

For A Better Student

The Phelps School offers a comprehensive and dynamic academics program that is meticulously customized for each individual. So our student doesn't just succeed - he thrives.





Curriculum

Our rigorous academic curriculum features a multitude of courses within the subject areas of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Sciences, as well as a wide range of non-core courses such as Computer Science, Robotics, Public Speaking and Personal Finance. Offerings include eight Advanced Placement courses, Honors classes and opportunities for independent study. Each student's educational program is tailored specifically for him based on ability, needs, interests and learning style.

With an average class size of seven, no one is ever sitting in the back of the classroom. Each student receives highly personalized attention and is encouraged to become an active participant in class. Outside of the classroom, teachers are available for one-on-one tutoring on weekday afternoons, and also monitor study periods in the evenings. Our faculty is acutely aware of each student's potential, and can immediately sense when a student needs additional attention.

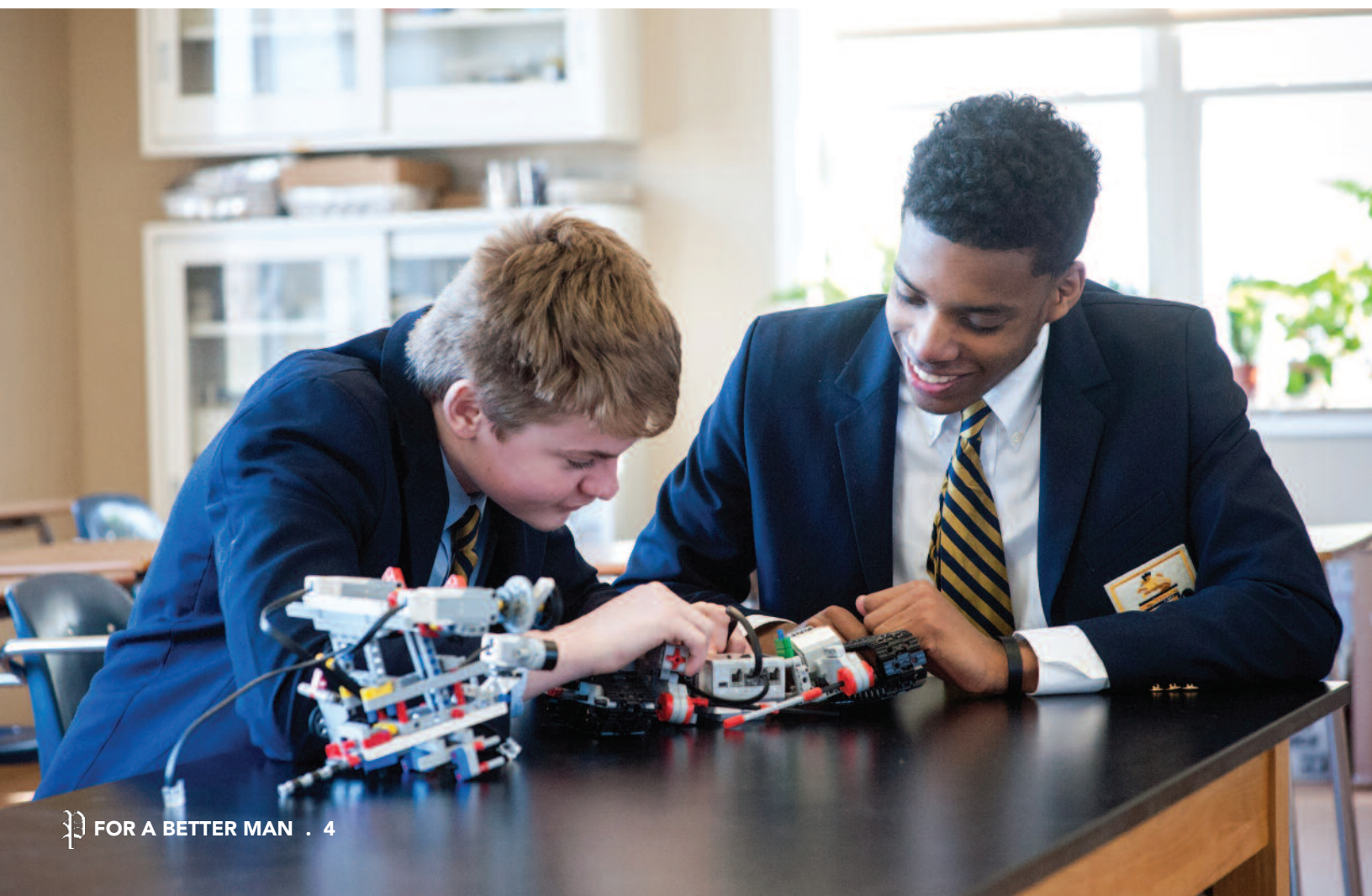
Academic Support

For boys with learning differences or other challenges

that affect their ability to reach their highest potential, we facilitate a robust Academic Support Program (ASP) focusing on four key areas: English, reading and writing, mathematics, and organizational and study skills, complemented by support across the student's regular curriculum. The program was established here more than 40 years ago, making us a true pioneer in the development of supplemental programs for boys with learning differences. Approximately 15% of Phelps students require this targeted assistance. With an average ASP class size of four students, and additional tutoring or support provided by our faculty, every student receives the personalized attention he needs to succeed.

National Honor Society

As a chapter of the National Honor Society, Phelps students in Grades Ten through Twelve who meet the Society's scholarship requirements are invited to apply for membership. Beyond the academic prerequisites, key areas considered by the National Honor Society include service, leadership and character - all aspects that are integrally woven into our students' curricula and our campus culture.





Facts

- Established: 1946
- Grades: 6 through 12, PG
- Location: Malvern, Pennsylvania
- Enrollment: 100 Students
- Boarding and Day: 65% Boarding and 35% Day
- Domestic and International: 60% Domestic and 40% International
- Student-Teacher Ratio: 7:1
- Average Class Size: 7
- Average Academic Support Class Size: 4

Campus

Our campus inhabits 70 acres of picturesque countryside in Malvern, Pennsylvania. Class buildings, dormitories, our dining hall, outdoor playing fields, a fieldhouse, and a new championship-caliber athletic center are all within easy walking distance of one another. We are located only 20 miles outside Philadelphia, and just two hours from New York City and Washington, DC.

History

Founded in 1946 by Dr. Norman T. Phelps, we continue to be directed by the Phelps family. True to our original credo "Dedication to the Individual Boy," we are ever-committed to providing a highly personalized educational experience that empowers each student to reach his fullest potential academically, individually and socially.



College Counseling

Planning for college is an exciting endeavor, but for any student, it can appear daunting. We help students manage the process every step of the way.

The college conversation begins in Grade Nine. Over the next four years, students participate in profile development, skills and interests inventories, and SAT study. They attend college fairs, visit college campuses for tours and sporting events, and investigate numerous academic and career options. Each student receives expert guidance to ensure he is identifying colleges and universities that best fit his talents and needs, and careful oversight is provided throughout the essay writing and application submission processes.

Over the course of planning, the Director of College Counseling is available for casual conversation or in-depth discussion. We also strongly encourage the ongoing participation of our students' parents throughout the process. Phelps students have matriculated to more than 50 colleges and universities

across the United States, including Penn State, Temple, St. John's, Rutgers, Syracuse, UConn, Boston University, and The United States Air Force Academy.

ESL Program

We offer an intensive English as a Second Language (ESL) program for international students who require more familiarity with the English language before transitioning into mainstream academic classes. ESL courses include multiple levels of English study, from basic grammar and writing to the development of sophisticated language skills, as well as reading, science, history and preparation for the TOEFL® test.

Beyond developing academic preparedness, the ESL program builds social preparedness through a cultural component introducing students to American experiences to which they may not be accustomed. As is the approach with all of our academic courses, methods of instruction in ESL courses are designed to meet the individual learning needs of each student.

Residential Life

Boarding students enjoy a relaxed and comfortable dorm life in one of seven dormitories located on campus.

Throughout the dorms and across campus, it is easy to sense the strong family atmosphere. Meaningful connections occur easily between students, staff and faculty, many of whom enjoy meals together in the dining hall or live just down the hall from one another.

On weekends, students can venture off-campus to enjoy local entertainment, attend social events with neighboring all-girl schools, or visit the countless attractions spanning the Philadelphia region. There is never a shortage of extracurricular activities, both on and off-campus, to keep boys busy and engaged.

Day Student Experience

Approximately 35% of our students are day students, and their experience integrates seamlessly into our school schedule and culture.

Day students arrive just after breakfast and transition from period to period along with our boarding students. With the same extracurricular requirements as our boarding students, day students do not depart from campus until after Activity Period. Many use public transportation to commute, and as such, we offer shuttle service to and from the nearby Malvern Train Station every day.

On weekends, day students often choose to return to campus to join their friends for a trip to the ballpark or another outing, or to participate in a community service activity.

For A Better Leader

We inspire a student to reach his full potential,
and to understand and appreciate the world
around him. More Than Just College Prep,
Phelps is *Life Prep*.





A Supportive Community

We are a tight-knit, nurturing community that fosters acceptance, support and inclusivity, creating powerful bonds between students and faculty and among peers.

By design and through example, we have established a caring culture that emphasizes the positive in every situation. Boys are encouraged to express their thoughts and ideas without intimidation and find an unconditionally supportive environment among their peers. Older boys model behavior for younger ones, serving as formal and informal mentors.

The small size of our campus and our classrooms means that we have more opportunity to interact with every student. We know each student, his schedule and what sport he plays. It's a safe place where a boy is not afraid to try something new, because he knows that everyone is in his corner. Opportunities abound to excel in academics, athletics and activities - opportunities that might not be afforded in a larger school.

A Holistic Approach

We prioritize a holistic approach to education, fostering the growth of intellectual knowledge, social awareness, work ethic and commitment to service. We encourage students to take on new challenges and reach beyond their comfort zones - all within a safe and supportive environment.

We have a thorough, campus-wide understanding of each student - where they come from and where they are going - through academics, activities and residential life. Simply put, we know our students better. Our students know that we have high expectations of them, and we adhere to those expectations unfailingly. In turn, our young men rise to meet or exceed those expectations.

In Service

Our students are required to participate in an annual minimum of ten hours of community service. This service must be voluntary, unpaid and on the student's own time. We offer various school-sponsored trips and events that students can put toward their service requirement, including park clean-up's, coat drives, food banks, and 5K walks and runs for several nonprofit organizations. As our students come to realize the true value and meaning of community service, many far exceed the number of hours required.

Cultivating Leaders

Like the rapidly changing world in which we live, our student population is highly diverse. We take great pride in this diversity, and we honor our longstanding policy of admitting students of every race, color, creed, religion or origin.

This school-wide embrace of differences benefits students.

While they might not always be aware of it, our teachers are continually cultivating distinct leadership traits and skills in students' hearts and minds - traits and skills like collaboration, open-mindedness, selflessness, resilience, creative problem solving, and compassion.

We understand that tomorrow's leaders must be capable of uniting people across differing backgrounds and divergent circumstances. Whether during a classroom discussion about international economic policies or while planning a service activity for a non-profit in Malvern, our students' day-to-day experiences at Phelps provide opportunities to develop these leadership behaviors until they become intuitive.

This is an enormous and enduring advantage in college and life.



For A Better Competitor

We develop boys beyond their academic skills. Phelps students are presented with an array of opportunities to explore their interests, pursue their passions, build their competitiveness, and hone their resilience.







Activities

We offer a wide range of events, outings and activities that are sure to appeal to every student and significantly expand his personal interests. There are trips to amusement parks, movies, concerts and the theater; dinners off-campus at area restaurants including Chinatown and Koreatown; shopping excursions; and dances with neighboring all-girl schools.

Sports fans will enjoy outings to games featuring Philadelphia's prolific professional sports franchises, as well as numerous college teams. For those who prefer participating in sports to watching them, there is ice skating, roller skating, go-kart racing, golfing and batting cages. And for the more adventurous, there is camping, canoeing, rock climbing, hiking and zip-lining, as well as skiing and snowboarding in the nearby Pocono Mountains.

Educational and cultural outings include visits to many of the City's gems - the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Franklin Institute of Science, the National Constitution Center and Eastern State Penitentiary, as well as visits to the region's numerous historic sites - like Gettysburg Battle Field, Valley Forge Historic

Park and Independence National Park. And there are special interest trips to the Philadelphia Zoo, Camden Aquarium, Longwood Gardens and the Philadelphia Auto Show.

Athletics

The Phelps School boasts a robust competitive sports program with teams in baseball, basketball, cross-country, golf, lacrosse, soccer, tennis and wrestling. We field teams at both the junior varsity and varsity levels. All Phelps students participate in one team sport each year, with a majority participating in two, learning leadership skills and the value of teamwork in achieving common goals.

Our athletic facilities feature outdoor baseball, soccer and lacrosse fields; championship-caliber basketball and volleyball courts; tennis courts; a fully-equipped fitness center; and a state-of-the-art, indoor turf facility for multiple athletic activities.

Because we are a small school, we offer big opportunities for students to shine athletically. A number of our student-athletes continue on to play sports in college, some receiving full athletic scholarships.

Students are always encouraged to take initiative and present ideas for clubs to School administrators. Standard clubs and extracurriculars include:

- Art
- Film Appreciation
- Intramural sports
- Gardening
- Music
- National Honor Society
- Student Government
- Yearbook (photography and design)



Attributes like confidence, leadership, sportsmanship, and resilience are essential to a boy's development and intentionally cultivated by Phelps coaches across every team. These teams include:

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross-country
- Golf
- Lacrosse
- Soccer
- Tennis
- Wrestling

Confident, compassionate, and ready to create the future, Phelps men attend diverse colleges and universities around the world. During the past two years, schools accepting our alumni have included:



American University



Auburn University



Boston University



Catholic University of America



Drew University



Drexel University



Franklin and Marshall College



Hofstra University



Indiana University of Pennsylvania



Iowa State University



Michigan State University



New Jersey Institute of Technology



Norwich University



Pennsylvania State University



Rutgers University



Saint John's University



Syracuse University



Temple University



The Ohio State University



The United States Air Force Academy



University of Arizona



University of California



University of Connecticut



University of Oregon



Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University



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