



# PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had an exciting week with two of our year 11 students streaming live for the “Great big live assembly” for Black History Month. Next week we will continue to recognise this with our cultural dress day.

### Footwear and Coats

This is a reminder on the expectations on footwear and coats and what is acceptable. Both of these links are on our website but are repeated here:

Please **CLICK HERE** to see more information on acceptable /unacceptable coats.

Please **CLICK HERE** to see more information on acceptable /unacceptable shoes.

### Friday 25th October

On Friday 25th October we would be grateful for your donations to the Colchester Foodbank.

Those wishing to take part in the non uniform day should pay £1 via parentpay and / or bring in an item to donate to the local food bank. Items with a good shelf life including long life milk, tinned food, jars of coffee, peanut butter, jam, multipack snacks, small washing liquid or powders.

Donations will be collated by the Student Management Team and then in period 2, year 8 students will participate in a harvest event run by representatives from Colchester Christ Church before the donations are handed to the Foodbank.

Also on this date we will be recognising Black History Month by encouraging all students to wear cultural dress that reflects any culture they associate with. This will be a full non uniform day in school and students may opt to not wear cultural dress. The guidelines for non uniform will be shared with students on Monday and will be in their google classroom.

In periods 3 and 4 we will be opening the VIP room for year 7 to celebrate good attendance this half term. Students need to make sure they are in all week to participate in this.

### Great big live assembly

On Wednesday 16th October two of our students contributed live in the national “Big live assembly” for Black History Month. It was an amazing experience for them to contribute to the debate and how this can bring about change in our school community. Our year 9 students also watched this live on the day. You can see the full assembly here: [The Great Big Live Assembly Youtube Link](#)

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### **Lanyards**

This week we have processed the re-charging for non-returned lanyards for September. This is when a student has been loaned a lanyard and has not returned it within 2 weeks. Charges for the cost of a replacement which is £2 will be added to parent pay accounts with a notification message being sent via Go for Schools.

### **Year 8 progress evening**

If you haven't yet booked appointments for Wednesday 23rd October, please do so, on Arbor, as soon as possible.

### **Wellbeing Survey**

Schools sometimes carry out surveys to gather student views, to inform what we do. This term, Year 10s will be completing an anonymous survey about their views on school emotional wellbeing provision. This will take 10 minutes and will be completed during Form Time. It is part of a University College London project, which will provide our school with a report of the anonymous results for school to use. If for any reason you would prefer your child not to take part, please inform us by completing this Google Form by 25th November <https://forms.gle/yAeNb1JAm5BwUPSY6>

### **Prom Outfit events**

Colleagues based at Stanway School are hosting events with the aim to provide every student with a prom outfit without the cost! With over 300 outfits they loan out suits, dresses and accessories and it is completely free (but a donation is welcome however) Students can turn up at an event, try something on, like it, take it away! All we ask is you drop it back to Stanway School reception when the prom is over, we do the rest!! Free parking and lots of changing rooms.

Dates of the next events:

Friday 25/10/24 4.30-7

Friday 22/11/24 4.30-7

Friday 24/1/25 4.30-7

### **Next week**

We have a number of trips taking place next week so please make sure you are aware of all the arrangements:

Monday 21st October: Year 9 trip to Kelvedon Hatch Nuclear Bunker

Tuesday 22nd, Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th October: Geography field trip

Tuesday 22nd October: School council reps leadership conference

Wednesday 23rd October: Year 8 progress evening

Thursday 24th October: Year 8 student conference linked to reports

Friday 25th October: Non uniform day, foodbank donation, harvest event, year 7 VIP room, launch of year 7 reward trip.

**Key dates for the year**

[Academic Year Key Dates for Philip Morant School and Sigma Sixth 2024-25](#)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Neill', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Neill  
Headteacher