



# PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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7th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week our school production team has been working incredibly hard to get ready for the opening of the Oliver Jr shows next week. They have put in an incredible amount of work both on stage and behind the scenes to get everything ready to welcome many of you next week. Please do come along and support the production, there are some seats still available. We will be welcoming our primary schools to a full dress rehearsal on Monday morning.

### **Actions from this letter**

**Book your tickets** for Oliver Jr this February - [book and choose your seats](#) here for Oliver Jr, doors open 7pm - please don't miss out

**Year 9 Parents and guardians** - register your consent for immunisations.

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### **Learning routines - Year 8 focus**

We continue our work on learning routines and the seven areas of focus to increase the amount of time students have for learning. It is yours and your child's responsibility to come equipped to school but our teachers estimate between 2 and 10 minutes of some lessons are lost just sorting out students who don't have pens.

Following the successful implementation in Year 10, from Wednesday next week we will now be moving onto year 8. Each morning our year 8 tutors will check that all students have a pen so they are ready for learning for the day. If they don't, they will replace their pen and this will be charged on parent pay at 30p each time.

Should these tutors also teach year 8 later in the day and they don't have a pen, the same will apply. Please could you encourage your child to get fully equipped this weekend.

We are delighted that we have had to issue hardly any pens to year 10 during the trial period as they came to school equipped with a pen each day.

### **'Risk Avert' programme Year 7 and Year 8**

As part of our RSHE+ curriculum, we run the 'Risk-Avert' programme in year 7 and 8. The programme aims to educate, inform and reduce risk-taking amongst young people, helping them make positive choices as they get older, as well as supporting them with their emotional health and well-being. The programme has been developed by The Training Effect, a consultancy service provider to Local Authorities across the UK.

To better tailor the programme to meet the needs of our students, all year 7 and 8s are asked to complete a short confidential survey. The survey will ask them about their experience of a range of

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issues including internet safety, friendships, emotional health and any risk taking experience they may have been exposed to socially, including alcohol or smoking.

Please contact Mrs Richards, Deputy Headteacher, by February 14th if you do not wish for your child to take part in the survey. For more information: <https://www.risk-avert.org/>

### **National Apprenticeships Week**

Next week is National Apprenticeships Week. As part of their wider careers, options and pathways education, students will learn about the range of apprenticeships in different sectors and at different levels that they may wish to consider as part of their next steps into the world of work. You can support your child by regularly talking to them about their ideas, plans and aspirations and sharing your own experiences.

### **Year 9 - Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio (DTP) booster & Meningitis ACWY immunisation.**

The NHS immunisation team will be visiting the school on 4th and 5th March 2025. Please can you register your consent for your child to receive their final vaccinations to complete their childhood immunisation schedule. We have summarised the information in a [separate document](#) which provides information about the different diseases, consent, use of data and side effects so that you can make an informed choice to provide consent.

### **[CLICK HERE TO PROVIDE CONSENT](#)**

You can contact the Immunisation team on **0300 790 0597**, if they would like any help completing the form or have any queries.

### **Year 9 Options process**

After half term the year 9 options process will begin. In the first week students will have assemblies to explain the process and the subjects open to them.

Please make a note of the date of the curriculum evening for parents and students which is on **Thursday 6th March**. Following this evening forms will need to be submitted by Thursday 13th March.

### **Key dates for the year**

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

[Terms dates for 2025-2026](#)

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher