



# PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We return to school on Monday 3rd November to week A of the timetable. Some students will have had some minor timetable changes.

## Actions from this letter

**Exams** year 12 and 13 students with maths and English resits to be aware of exam dates

**Check** your child has a green pen as part of their daily equipment after half term

**Be winter ready** - check for suitable winter coats, bicycle lights ahead of the half term break

**Donate** any outgrown uniform items to the school where possible to help other families

## Exams - years 12 and 13

We are entering a term of many different exams and they start this week with GCSE Maths and English resit exams for years 12 and 13 students. Please check on Arbor for the exams that have been timetabled and ensure full attendance.

## Return to school - uniform and appearance

As always, we will be checking uniform and appearance as students arrive after half term and throughout the day as we have very high expectations in this area. Please can you ensure that your child arrives on Monday in full correct uniform.

Some typical reminders are:

- Piercings - the only piercings allowed are a single pair of stud earrings - students will be asked to remove any other piercings and have their uniform card signed.
- Jewellery - the only jewellery allowed is a single ring and a watch.
- Tights or black socks below the knee - not both.
- Top buttons must be done up.
- Ties must have the logo visible below the knot.
- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Lanyards must be worn complete with their cashless card

Particularly after a break for the holidays, we remind you that:

- Make up should be subtle, natural and minimal.
- Hair should be of natural colour with no extreme hairstyles
- False nails, gel nails and acrylics are not permitted.

Students will be given the opportunity to correct any incorrect uniform including borrowing items if required or requesting you to bring in items from home or removing nails. False nails must be

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removed, coloured hair must be back to a natural colour and any piercings need to be removed or a clear retainer fitted in readiness for the first day. If uniform, make up, hair styles or piercings cannot be corrected students will not be able to access lessons until this is rectified.

### **Equipment readiness**

Our equipment list includes students having a "green pen." We haven't made this an item which we check frequently. However, after half term we will be making more consistent use of green pens across the school so please could you make sure when you return your child has a green pen as well as a blue/black pen.

In the same way as we charge 30p for black pens if a student doesn't have a pen, so we will charge 30p for green pens if a student doesn't have a green pen. These will be checked in tutor time and in lessons. In week 1 after half term we will be reminding students and will start replacing and charging in week 2.

### **Remembrance - Tuesday 11th November**

As we enter November, our thoughts turn to Remembrance and the Poppy appeal. Poppies will be on sale from Monday 3rd November. On Tuesday 11th, as usual, we will have a 2 minute silence at 11am (with a slight delay to the start of break). Our annual remembrance event will run in the main hall. We invite all students who are part of uniformed organisations to wear their uniforms to school on this day and take part in this event. (For those organisations where the official uniform is only a top, students should wear school style trousers with their uniform top). Our service family students will also be invited.

### **Be winter ready**

As we approach the latter part of the autumn term, please can you ensure that your child has an outdoor coat to wear now that the temperatures are dropping. In accordance with our uniform policy hoodies, non-uniform jumpers, fleeces are not acceptable and may be confiscated if worn. If you are unsure [here is a link](#). We would also encourage parents to check their child's bikes for good brakes, working lights and reflective clothing as the lighter days get shorter.

### **Outgrown uniform**

We will be very grateful to receive any outgrown uniform items so we can use them to support other families.

### **Key dates for the academic year - [Key date list linked here](#)**

We look forward to seeing all of our students **back in school on Monday 3rd November** when the school opens at 8.15am.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher