



Editorial

Happy Easter to everyone! It has been a busy year already, but we've still got the summer term to complete! As it is the final term many important events will take place at the school. Year 11s will complete their GCSEs and Activities Week will commence in the final week of the academic year.

Philip Morant is delighted to announce that the editing of the School Newsletter has been handed over to Year 9 students: Thomas Richardson 9RX, Jack Simmons 9RX and Rhys Davison 9RX. The team will edit the newsletter and interview teachers to write up articles for the newsletter. On behalf of the entire school, we would like to wish you all a safe and pleasant Easter.



The Performing Arts: Busy As Always

In February, students collaborated to perform in the school's annual theatrical performance; Footloose. Between the 6th and 9th of February performances took place both in the evenings for parents and in the daytime for Year 6 primary school students. Mrs Lewis directed the show, with Mr Game as the Musical Director and a lot of support from many other members of staff. Students auditioned for a part in the theatrical performance. As well as practical roles in the performance, students also took on technical roles in the performance (e.g: Lighting, Sound and Stage Setup). All three nights of the performance were fully booked, which is such an achievement for all the team.

In March, the Colchester Rock Festival took place at the Colchester Arts Centre. Students from our school proudly took part in the festival. The first major event in the school's new theatre took place on the 19th of March; the Guitar Showcase. "It was an outstanding event" remarked Mr. Game. On the 9th of June, a HUGE concert will take place in the Q Theatre. All the school's ensembles will take part in the extravaganza! Finally, the Music department is inviting all students to extra-curricular clubs run by the department. Students are encouraged to find a new hobby by tagging along to the clubs which take place at lunchtimes and after school. All in all, it is a really exciting time for all students musically inclined!



Welcome, Mrs. Chapman & Mrs. Sullivan!

Philip Morant is delighted to welcome two new members of the House Managers team, who have replaced the former Aylward and Nuffield House Managers. We were delighted to interview Aylward's new house manager; Mrs. Chapman. "Hello, I'm Mrs Chapman, Aylward's new House Manager. I have come from the Thurstable School in Tiptree, but I felt like moving on, so I decided to apply for a House Manager role at Philip Morant. I'm delighted to be able to work with students and assist them on every step of their journey here at Philip Morant.

I grew up in Colchester, I have two dogs and two lovely children. When I was young, I was very interested in sport and exercise and I wanted to go into sports nutrition and physiology. Before I went into education, I actually did work in sports nutrition, and I was a skeletal rehab instructor in Ipswich, but I decided to move on into the education sector. Overall, I'm interested in the link between exercise and psychology. Exercise is important for students, and helps with mental health and general wellbeing.

I worked as a P.E teacher at Thurstable. I also worked in behaviour management, where I could connect with students and understand their difficulties in school. I love the gym, and I especially love cross-fit, weightlifting and gymnastics. I love horror films, and like reading thriller novels. I like 70s music, but also heavy metal, especially when I'm in the gym as I find heavy metal motivational! I am a proud holder of a BSc (Hons) in Sport & Exercise. I enjoy engaging with students and I hope to build good relationships with students."

We were also delighted to interview Mrs. Sullivan "Hello, I'm Mrs. Sullivan, Nuffield's new house manager. I have come from Icen Academy, a primary school just down the road. I have been in educational roles for 16 years, and I have been in both secondary and primary school roles. I am very experienced with dealing with all abilities and capabilities. During my time at Icen Academy I was a learning mentor, but I wanted to return to secondary education roles as I had spent significant time in primary education roles. I am delighted to be a member of the Philip Morant team, and I am looking forward to what I have ahead of me.

I grew up in East London, around the Manor Park area. All my family are from East London. We wanted to move away from the city, but somewhere where there are lots of amenities and good transport links. Colchester fit all my criteria, and the people of Colchester are very kind and compassionate. I have two dogs and I am a mother of two children. One's at college and the other one is at school. My original aspirations were to become a P.E teacher, because I love sport. I am a qualified football coach. Before I went into education, I worked in a few jobs, including a bookmaker! I have a counselling background, which is quite good for a House Manager role. When it comes to film, I can't pick a favourite genre. I quite like international films, but I do like most genres. I also have to say that I like most genres of novels and music; I can't pick a favourite! It depends on my mood, really. My mood dictates what I want to listen to or read. I like travelling and experiencing different cultures. I am also interested in exercise, I enjoy long walks with my pugs (well, I try and make the walks long but the pugs usually object!) and I enjoy yoga.

I love working with young people. I love listening to what they have to say and what stories they have. I am always intrigued about anything. Students can connect with me. I am kind and compassionate, and I will always listen. Students can come and talk to me about anything. However little, I will always listen. I'm always here, just come and chat to me. Everyone should be recognised. No-one should be ignored. I won't ever be biased. What might be right for me may not be right or you. Everyone is different, and I respect that."



The New Build: Q Theatre

As you are no doubt aware the new build was completed this term and is now being used for lessons and other activities. Year 10 parents had a good opportunity to look around as we hosted the Year 10 PTI in the new build and we will do likewise for the Year 7 PTI.

The Theatre and Dance / Drama studios are a great resource and represent the schools commitment to the Arts.

Close to the new build is our brand new AstroTurf. This is very nearly finished and will be available for our students after the Easter break. Again this is a great new resource for all of our students.



Jacob makes the school stronger!

Congratulations to Jacob Finnigan, who is now the British Weightlifting Youth Champion 2018! In early February, Jacob Finnigan, Year 11, became a British Weightlifting Champion! Jacob, who amazingly only took up the sport just over a year ago, outclassed the opposition in his weight and age categories to lift the national title. Jacob lifted 105kg in the 'clean-and-jerk' and 85kg in the 'snatch' (don't try this at home!) The pictures above show Jacob training at his club with his coach Darren Hotten and the one on the right catches Jacob's winning lift at the national championships. Miss Hutley, said, "We are immensely proud of what Jacob has achieved and how well he has managed his school work and his weightlifting. He is a talented individual, a tremendous competitor and he thoroughly deserves this success. We wish him good luck and every success in the future."



Philip Morant students first and third in regional competition

Students aged 11 to 18 from across Essex submitted stories with a local history theme in a competition sponsored by Write Wai, Essex Hundred Publications, the Gazette, Colchester Castle and Wivenhoe Bookshop. Sophie, Year 10, won first prize and Oscar, Year 9, was third.

The winners also received some fantastic prizes: Sophie won a digital camera and Oscar collected a £50 book voucher. An independent judge, Margaret Barrowman, former headteacher and an Ofsted Inspector, said Sophie's story was creative, contained local history and was well written. Gazette.

We are delighted to say that, as the competition winner, Sophie also won some books for our school worth £100. Sophie is pictured above presenting one of the books to Mrs



Philip Morant Scores Gold in Swimming

Earlier this month on the 7th of March, 32 students from Years 7-10 took part in The North Essex Swimming Gala. The Philip Morant team worked extremely hard to achieve a well-earned win drawing with The St. Benedict's Catholic School. We were privileged to interview Mr. Stretch, the member of staff from Philip Morant who supervised the event, "All students performed spectacularly" remarked Mr. Stretch. "This is the second time in a row that Philip Morant has achieved first place in the Swimming Gala. We were all very pleased with the result"

Mr. Stretch was most pleased with some students in particular who achieved a personal best. "It was Izzy Fifield's first time at the swimming gala and she performed brilliantly. Additionally, Theo Mackman also performed very well, especially in the butterfly swim!" The team have set their goals for next year. They hope to achieve first place, which would mean the school would achieve first place three times in a row! Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Trips, Trips, Trips

As always there have been lots of trips taking place this term which have provided our students with lots of exciting opportunities and experiences. Year 9 recently attended the annual Big Bang Festival. This festival showcases new ideas and opportunities in the world of STEM; aiming to encourage young people to take up careers in this area.

Year 7 students went to watch Matilda earlier in the month in London. This has become an annual trip led by Ms Tayel. Students had a great time and a very late finish! Year 11 are not long back from the Tate Modern which they visit as part of their GCSE studies in Art & Photography.

Homeless Appeal

We were overwhelmed with the kind donations received from students and staff across the school for this years 'Help The Homeless Appeal'. Some of the items donated will go to the homeless people who have been invited to the Philip Morant School for a lunchtime meal after Easter. The remaining items will go to the Colchester Night Shelter or other organisations caring for homeless people. Thank you so much.
Mr Gibbon.

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