

The Gilbert School

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Dear Parent/carers

Re: Year 10 Foodbank Fun Run event – Tuesday 16th June 2026

Following the continual success of our annual event, I am delighted to confirm that Year 10 will once again be holding a Foodbank Run event, on **Tuesday 16th June**.

The event is a short loop fun run, where students will donate items to Colchester foodbank during each lap of the course. The route begins on The Gilbert School field and follows the perimeter of The Gilbert site on its way to the drop off point by The Ark Church and Bluebell Surgery, before looping back to the start point.

Staff will support the event across the route, positioned at regular intervals and key safety points, to ensure the event runs smoothly and safely; prefects will provide additional support and encouragement. Some staff, me included, will even be joining in and running alongside the students.

A phenomenal 112 students signed up last year, with even more joining later, to take part by running, jogging or walking the route – this year, we will see if we can go even bigger! Those who are not running, will be cheering the runners on from our own 'Event Village' where the rest of the year group and tutors will be gathered.

If your child has signed up to take part in this event, please provide them with an item for them to donate during their run. They will need to ensure that they have their PE kit with them on the day. Please also complete the **Consent Form [here](#)** to confirm that you are happy for your child to take part. This must be completed by **4.00pm on Friday 12th June 2026**.

Please make sure that your child is planning to run before returning the consent form. It can cause complications and delays on the day if we are expecting a student to run, but they are not present or planning to take part.

If your child is not taking part but you would still like to donate to the food bank, this would be very much appreciated. Items can be brought along on the day.

Items often in demand include: **Small bags of sugar; Coffee (instant); Washing up liquid; Nappies (size 5 and 6 are most popular); Tins of veg/fruit; Tinned meat; Ladies sanitary wear; Deodorant; Shower gel; Shampoo; Conditioner.**

We will look to provide a list of most needed items closer to the event, but all donations will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your support. Wish us luck for some sunshine!

Yours faithfully

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