



PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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22nd November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a busy week with practical mock exams starting in year 11, an Essex University Experience Day for A level English literature today and an opportunity for year 11 and Sigma Sixth students to attend an NHS careers fair at Colchester Stadium.

A reminder that the school is closed on Friday 29th November.

Actions from this letter

Join us at this year's Christmas concert on either 11th or 12th December and purchase your tickets
Years 7-11 complete the flu vaccination consent form (if not already done)

Cold weather

We have experienced our first snowfall of the year, fortunately only a light dusting. It is a good opportunity to ask you to do all you can to encourage your children to come with appropriate outdoor coats. We are a very large site and there will always be times during the day when students are outside. Hoodies, fleeces or non uniform jumpers are not allowed.

Student medical appointment and collection reminders

Please can we remind parents and carers that if you are collecting a student during school hours, you must come to Reception to collect them. If you are collecting by car all you need to do is drive to the gate, use the intercom to speak to the office, park in the visitor car park and then come to reception. If arriving on foot speak to the office using the intercom at the pedestrian gate and once the gate is open walk up to Reception. We do need to see you in person at reception.

If you are having to arrange medical / dental appointments within school hours as it is the only possible time you can get an appointment then please advise us on [this form](#) as to whether your child is being collected or if they are walking home to an appointment.

Christmas concert

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Christmas Concerts where we look forward to hosting an evening of festive musical entertainment showcasing a variety of solo and ensemble performances from our students. This year's events are take place on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December 2024 from 7.00-9.30pm (doors opening at 6.30pm) To book your tickets please click on the link below:

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Philip Morant School and College is a member of the Sigma Trust, registered in England and Wales, Company no. 07926573
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<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pmsc-events>

Year 7 parents, please be aware that Year 7 Singers will only be performing their Christmas song on one night, depending on their house:

[Wednesday 11th December - Year 7 Aylward, Churchill and Faraday](#)

[Thursday 12th December - Year 7 Nuffield and Ryder](#)

Pantomime

Our KS3 drama club have been working very hard on their very own pantomime. This will be performed on Monday 9th December. Tickets are now on sale (£6 adult, £3.50 child) Doors open 6pm, performance starts at 6:30. Please come and support our students and get into the festive spirit with a mince pie and panto! www.ticketsource.co.uk/philip-morant-school-and-college

Flu vaccinations reminder -Years 7-11

Annual flu vaccinations will be taking place on 5th December 2024. The deadline for parents to complete is 03/12/2024. Please click the below link to complete a consent form.

[LINK HERE](#)

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. Most children are offered a nasal spray vaccine which is a quick, simple and painless spray up the nose.

The nasal spray vaccine is the most effective vaccine. The nasal spray vaccine contains a very small amount of porcine gelatine as an essential ingredient to keep it stable and able to work. For those who may not accept medicines or vaccines that contain porcine gelatine, a flu vaccine injection is available – please call 0300 790 0597. Even if your child had the vaccine last year, the type of flu can vary each winter, so it is recommended to have it again this year or they won't be protected.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccine in schools have had the immunisation.

For further information, please refer to the following leaflets:

Secondary - [Protect yourself from flu-secondary school - English - Health Publications](#)

A confirmation email will be sent to the email address provided on the consent form. If you do not receive this confirmation within 24 hours please contact the service on 0300 790 0597.

If you have any queries, or need to discuss the alternative flu vaccine injection please Contact the immunisation team on 0300 790 0597 or at epunft.NE-Immunisations@nhs.net

Arriva Buses - Smart cards

We have been asked by Arriva buses to provide you with an update regarding the smart cards if your child holds one. Please read [the Arriva letter](#) if your child has a smart card as they will no longer be re-issued each term, but the one card will provide them with travel until the end of academic year.

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 S Neill
Headteacher