



# PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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6th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

## Actions from this letter

Book your tickets for the KS3 Drama Club Pantomime taking place on Monday 9th December  
Join us at this year's Christmas concert on either 11th or 12th December and purchase your tickets  
Remind students to collect lost property - especially coats

## Lost property

We have a number of unclaimed coats in our lost property section. Given the recent weather conditions there might be some children missing their coats. Please can you remind your child if they have forgotten a coat or anything else to visit the lost property table which will be in the main hall for the next three days (Mon-Wed next week). We will also make an announcement on our student updates. Any coats not claimed after next week will be donated to charity at the end of term.

## Maths homework on Sparx

We have become aware that a number of students are using an app to scan a question and get the answers. This means that students are losing out on the opportunity to practice their new learning in their own time and are therefore struggling when topics come back up in lessons and assessments.

In addition, Sparx adapts the difficulty level of the questions it gives students based on how easily they have answered previous questions. If you become aware that your child's homework has become too difficult for them to complete independently, their class teacher is able to manually reset the homework back to an easier level.

Please encourage your child to work independently on their Sparx homework, using notes in their books and the Sparx videos to help if they get stuck.

## LAMDA provision

Our LAMDA students have been working on a wide range of contemporary monologues written by some of the country's leading playwrights. LAMDA sessions are at Philip Morant every Friday during the school day. You can have a solo session or pair up with a performing buddy. Arrangements for booking and payment are made directly with Ryan Penny but we will oversee, in a similar way to musical instrument lessons. [LAMDA letter Philip Morant](#)

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### **KS3 Drama club Pantomime**

KS3 pantomime on **Monday 9th December 2024** with doors opening at 6.00pm and the performance starting at 6.30pm. Get into the festive spirit nice and early with a showcase of Snow White V Peter Pan. [www.ticketsource.co.uk/philip-morant-school-and-college](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/philip-morant-school-and-college)

### **Christmas concert**

Tickets are on sale - (Wednesday - sold out) Thursday 12th December 2024 from 7.00-9.30pm (doors opening at 6.30pm) To book your tickets please click on the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/pmsc-events>

We are also looking forward to our local primary schools joining us on Thursday morning for their own concert performance.

**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](#)

### **Reward trips next week**

We are looking forward to our year 7 trip to the cinema on Tuesday 10th December. Congratulations to our year 7 students who have made such a great start at Philip Morant School and College.

On Friday 13th December, after two weeks of excellent attitude and commitment to their written mock exams, our year 11 students will be heading off to Lakeside for a reward trip on Friday afternoon/evening.

### **Arrangements for the last week of term**

Throughout the last week lessons will continue and assessments will be taking place. In addition to this we want students to enjoy the run up to Christmas.

We will be serving Christmas dinner as follows:

Tuesday 17th December: Years 10 and 11

Wednesday 18th December: Years 8 and 9

Thursday 19th December: Year 7

There will continue to be a hot food service for students not having Christmas dinner on these days.

Year 9 and 10 students will be completing their student conferences where they reflect on their attainment, behaviour and attendance for the term and set themselves targets for the term ahead.

All year groups will have a "theatre experience" complete with ice creams. We will use our amazing Q theatre to invite all of our students to the theatre, using streaming of excellent productions from different theatre venues.

Our year 11 students need to book **this weekend** if they intend to attend our taster sessions. These are A level taster sessions for all students considering an A level pathway and will take place from 2pm-4pm on Tuesday 17th December.

Please find the application form [here](#) and it has been shared in their year group google classroom.

This year on the last day of term we would like to invite students to get involved with a non uniform day/Christmas Jumper day. To enable all students to wear a Christmas jumper should they choose to, we would be grateful for any donations of pre-worn or presents never worn, festive jumpers or tops

that we can offer for any other students wishing to take part in. Donations can be dropped off at school Reception or handed into your child's year office.

We will finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 12:15pm for Years 7 and 8 and at 12:20pm for years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

**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 that reads "S Neill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'S' and a distinct 'N'.

Mrs S Neill  
Headteacher