



PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Ref: SNL\jr\UpdateLetter

14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of another half term and hope all our students have an enjoyable week ahead. On our return year 11 will be completing masterclasses in some subjects ahead of the second set of year 11 mock exams. We have had some excellent meetings with year 11 over the last two weeks and look forward to all they will go on to achieve.

We finish the week with the highlight of 'Oliver Jr' and a pinnacle of drama and music success from our students and staff. It was wonderful to speak to so many parents last night who were so delighted with everything they had experienced in the show and the encouragement that had been given to their children.

Actions from this letter

Note that the school is **closed on Monday 24th February**. We return to week B on Tuesday 25th February. All Sigma schools have a training day on the 24th February.

Check all uniform, piercings, nails, hair colour, skirt lengths, for school return on 25th February.

Year 9 Parents and guardians - register your consent for immunisations.

Year 9 Parents and guardians - note initial information on the options process

Supporting high standards

We have been talking to students this half term about how they include themselves in learning rather than excluding themselves in learning. We have talked about how many aspects of that are within their control. We are expecting a very high level of conduct and commitment in lessons so that other students do not lose out on learning. Similarly, around the school we keep a safe and respectful environment by the way students conduct themselves moving around the school and the way they speak to others and to staff.

We need your support with this.

Under the '**Parents' undertakings**' in the home school agreement it states:

- To support the school's uniform and dress code and encourage high standards of behaviour in my child.
- To encourage my child to treat all members of the school community with respect and to treat members of the school community with respect myself.

Under the '**Students' undertakings**' it states:

- To follow all systems in school so the school community is as safe as possible.
- To adhere to the key values of The Philip Morant School and College - Aspiration, Success, Kindness
- To wear my school uniform correctly and with pride

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Signature



- To ensure I follow the school's code of conduct
- To engage with home study tasks as appropriate
- To complete all work set to the best of my ability
- To show respect to everyone

If your child receives a sanction there will be a reason for it and we will support that member of staff by ensuring that sanction is served. If poor behaviour occurs in a lesson and you want to understand more about what happened so you can support, if the teacher hasn't contacted you, please contact them directly by email and they will respond to you. Please always ensure your email asks for information rather than challenges a decision.

Supporting the development of young people with excellent academic results and strong character requires us to work together and we need you to show your support for the decisions made by the school. Thank you that so many of our parents do this.

If a detention is set, the detention is set and students are expected to attend. We require you to support this as parents as per our home school agreement.

In our assemblies in the first week back we will also explain this to students.

Year 9 - Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio (DTP) booster & Meningitis ACWY immunisation.

The NHS immunisation team will be visiting the school on 4th and 5th March 2025. Please can you register your consent for your child to receive their final vaccinations to complete their childhood immunisation schedule. We have summarised the information in a [separate document](#) which provides information about the different diseases, consent, use of data and side effects so that you can make an informed choice to provide consent.

[CLICK HERE TO PROVIDE CONSENT](#)

You can contact the Immunisation team on **0300 790 0597**, if they would like any help completing the form or have any queries.

Year 9 Options process

After half term the year 9 options process will begin. In the first week students will have assemblies to explain the process and the subjects open to them.

Please make a note of the date of the curriculum evening for parents and students which is on **Thursday 6th March**. Following this evening forms will need to be submitted by Thursday 13th March.

Road safety near the school

We have written about the drop off and pick up students further away from the school to ease the congestion and make it more manageable, and we thank everyone who has been able to help us with this. We do however, continue to receive reports of dangerous parking, road obstruction and even speeding. Please can we ask parents and carers to be observant of road conditions and space to try and make our local roads as safe as possible for students making their way to school.

Year 11 - say Yes to the Prom (dress)

Stanway school are hosting another prom outfit session on Friday 28th February 2025 between the hours of 3.30-7.00pm [For more details please view the flyer](#)

Return to school

School returns on **Tuesday 25th February** with the gates opening as always at 8:15am and all students required to be on site by 8:25am. We return to **Week B**.

Please ensure that your child is ready to meet these requirements of our uniform policy on the first day back:

- Extreme hair styles are not permitted. Hair must be of a natural colour all over.
- False nails, gel nails and acrylics are not permitted.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.
- If choosing to wear the tartan skirt, the length must be no shorter than 5cm above the knee. The skirts must be unrolled at the waist. If your child is in year 11 and their skirt is getting too short, please enquire about whether we can support them by swapping for a longer skirt.
- Shoes should be plain black leather/leather-look. Trainers or vans are not permitted.
- Jewellery is limited to: a wristwatch, a single unobtrusive ring and a single pair of ear studs (one in each earlobe).
- Students are not allowed to wear facial piercings at school. If, with a parent's permission, a student has had a facial piercing (nose, lip, eyebrow, upper ear), a clear retainer must be worn at school in place of the metal piercing.

Should students arrive at school with incorrect uniform/hairstyles/nails/jewellery/makeup, we will support them to correct their uniform by adjustments they can make themselves, loaning correct uniform or contacting parents to support. **Students will not access lessons if they are not following our uniform policy.** If you have any issues with your child returning in full uniform, please email contact@pmsc.school or the year teams on or before their first day back so we can support.

Key dates for the year

[Academic Year Key Dates for Philip Morant School and Sigma Sixth 2024-25](#)

[Terms dates for 2025-2026](#)

We hope you have all had an enjoyable or restful half-term break and we look forward to seeing all our students return on Tuesday 25th February.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher