



PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Ref: SNL\jr\UpdateLetter

10th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm sure we all enjoyed the return of the sunshine last week. It has been a busy week across the school including our Covid-19 reflection event, year 7 reward trips to bowling, the wonderdome for year 9 on Friday, year 11 and 13 mocks all week and our important year 9 curriculum evening which took place on Thursday.

Actions from this letter

Year 9 Parents and guardians - submit option forms no later than 13th March

Year 11 Prom 2025 - payment is now live on Parent pay to purchase tickets and book your place

Parent Pay - check your parent pay to see if you owe recharges due to lanyards or pens

Year 9 Options process

Following a very successful curriculum evening for parents and students on Thursday evening, All year 9 parents or carers will have now received a letter and form inviting students to make their choices on their option subjects which must be **submitted no later than 13th March 2025**. If you have any questions regarding this please email options@pmc.school so that we can support.

Year 11 Prom

We have sent out the Prom information this week to our year 11 parents. We are proud to be hosting this again at the beautiful Wivenhoe House on 3rd July 2025. Tickets include DJ, buffet meal, a selfie wizard and professional downloadable photographs. Please read the letter that has been sent to gain all of the information and arrange for full payment to be received no later than 2nd June 2025.

Equipment recharges

We have now completed all of the recent equipment recharges for pens and lanyards, so please log onto Parent Pay to check if there are recharges that will need to be paid to ensure there are sufficient funds in your child's account.

Learning routines

As previously mentioned, we are continuing our work on learning routines and the seven areas of focus to increase the amount of time students have for learning. Starting during next week, our remaining tutors will check that all students have a pen so they are ready for learning for the day. If they don't, they will replace their pen and this will be charged on parent pay at 30p each time.

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This means that now all tutors will have pens, all teaching staff will be checking students throughout the day and if they don't have a pen, the same will apply. Please could you encourage your child to get fully equipped this weekend.

We have already seen a very positive change where students are more settled at the start of lessons because they are well equipped and ready to learn. It is yours and your child's responsibility to come equipped to school but our teachers estimate between 2 and 10 minutes of some lessons are lost just sorting out students who don't have pens.

Requesting absence for appointments

We encourage you to make all appointments for your child outside of the school day. However, we appreciate this is not always possible. If your child does have an appointment, please ensure that they attend as much of the school day as possible, attending before or after the appointment. If your child needs to leave site during the school day or arrive late due to an appointment, then please complete [this form](#).

Please be aware that under the new attendance legislation, if your child is not in school due to this appointment between 8:30 and 9:00 or between 11:15 and 11:45 they will be marked absent for this period. Please aim to arrange appointments wherever possible outside of these times to maintain their high attendance figure.

Key dates for the year

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

[Terms dates for 2025-2026](#)

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher