



PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last night we welcomed over 1200 visitors for our Year 6 open evening. It was an incredibly busy evening with the opportunity to visit subject showcases, tour the facilities the school has to offer and meet with staff and students to get a feel for the school as their 2026 destination. Our student helpers did an amazing job either as tour guides, answering questions of parents and year 6 children as well as performing, cooking, designing or taking part in the wide range of subjects that the school had to offer. We thank all of them for all of their hard work and this morning they have been enjoying a reward breakfast. Our head prefects delivered passionate speeches in each of the Headteacher's presentations about the school and how it has shaped their lives so far.

Actions from this letter

Book into Sigma Sixth Open Evening on Thursday 9th October

Uniform please check the uniform reminders

Diarise key dates to be involved in school events from the calendar

Sigma Sixth Open Evening - Thursday 9th October

Bookings are now open for our Sigma Sixth Open Evening. Our sixth form is growing every year with the number of students choosing to stay on from Philip Morant School doubling in the last year. We offer a wide range of A levels and BTEC Sport Coaching and Development. This year we have been very popular in our creative subjects. We offer an exciting STEM and Global Academy programme. Our Sports Academy is very successful and students can study a full A level route and access all training in the Football, Netball and Rugby academies.

The booking form is on our website and [can be found here](#).

If your child is in years 10 or 11, please come along and find out more.

Armed Forces Families

With our proximity to Colchester Garrison it is important to recognise the opportunities and challenges our service families can face and how the school can support students from armed forces families. We currently have 80 service family students on our school roll. We like to ensure we invite our students to key city events, there are priorities on certain trips and we do receive a small amount of funding which can then be used towards these areas. Please email contact@pmsc.school if you don't think we are currently aware that your child is from a service family.

Speech and Language screening - Year 7

Over the next couple of weeks, our Year 7's will be completing their speech and language screening assessment. This is a software system which will help us to identify any students that may find

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additional support useful going forward in their school career. If you have any questions regarding this please send a message via contact@pmsc.school for the attention of Mrs Gaze our SENCO. Year 7 students are also completing "No More Marking" writing assessments which are being marked using AI. A separate letter is being sent regarding this.

Uniform

A reminder of a few aspects of our uniform that have needed to be addressed this week. Our uniform is mid-grey school uniform style trousers. This means trousers need to be mid-grey and not black.

Scarves are not permitted. In the colder months if scarves are worn as part of wearing a coat, then this is of course permitted walking around the school. However, a scarf worn on its own is an accessory to the uniform is not permitted and a number have had to be removed this week.

[Uniform poster 2025-2026](#)

Key dates

Thursday 9th October - Sigma Sixth Open Evening for year 10 and 11 parents and their children.

From Tuesday 23rd September: Year 6 taster sessions and tours

Thursday 25th September Year 12 STEM Academy visit to the University of Essex STEM Labs

Friday 26th to Monday 29th September - Year 11 residential trip to Madrid.

Friday 26th September - Year 8 Deep Learning day - Maths and banking

From Monday 6th October: Great Ormond Street fundraising Run during PE lessons

We will release a full programme of dates for the year next week.

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Neill
Headteacher