



PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support this week. We have seen a drop in attendance this week and appreciate there are some unpleasant viruses going around. Our year 8 attendance is the highest for year 8 in the Sigma Trust so well done to all these students for remembering to make every day count and we will soon be detailing the year group awards for those who haven't had a day off in September. Our "rule of 3" continues to ensure that students can be in for 95% of the time - no more than 9 days off in the year as this has such a big impact on exam results and future earnings.

At the time of writing our year 11 residential trip to Madrid has safely landed. Staff have participated in a Macmillan coffee morning this morning and had their flu jabs. Our year 12 STEM Academy returned from a trip to the University of Essex STEM labs yesterday full of enthusiasm having been exploring the DNA of e-coli. This morning 8J had a visit from HSBC for one of our "deep learning" days. They used everything they are learning in maths about exchange rates and interest rates in a banking context as they learn about future careers.

We have welcomed year 6 students from Prettygate and Hamilton schools for taster sessions and shown many year 6 parents and students around the school on tours.

Sigma Sixth parents and carers

I would like to apologise that our new year 12 parents and carers haven't received as much information about some of the school routines as we would like to have shared. We will put this right for next year, but as a measure now are including Sigma Sixth specific notices in our letters.

Actions from this letter

Book into Sigma Sixth Open Evening on Thursday 9th October

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.

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Attendance and Punctuality

Should a student be unable to attend Sigma Sixth or school because of an unplanned absence, we require notification from their parent/carer via email to attendance@pmsc.school. Please include the student's name and the reason for their absence. For planned absences, please could our [Leave of Absence](#) form be completed.

For Sigma Sixth students:

Should a student be running late for their start time of day, they should notify their class teacher (firstname.surname@pmsc.school) and Sigma Sixth (contact@sigmasixthcolchester.org,uk) with their approximate arrival time.

From Monday 29th September, Sigma Sixth students will not be able to access the site via the Main Reception, but must go to Gate 3 to be let in by a member of staff. Sigma Sixth students may access the Main Reception to ask for Gate 3 to be unlocked, but will not be permitted entry through the Main Reception.

Lanyards

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of the importance of all students including those at Sigma Sixth wearing their lanyards around the site at all times.

For Sigma Sixth students this is particularly important so members of staff and other students can identify the students as Sigma Sixth students.

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

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