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SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have welcomed year 6 students from King's Ford Academy and Home Farm primary school for taster sessions this week. We have continued to show many year 6 parents and students around the school on tours. This week students have been running for Great Ormond Street Hospital during their PE Lessons and this morning a group of year 11's headed off to Paris as part of their French GCSE. Earlier this week we had a visit from "Make Happen" who started the process of helping our year 10 and 11 students prepare for our careers fair next week and understand their post 16 and post 18 options. This morning our year 7 students have linked their learning in history to careers in archaeology following a visit from Adam Wightman, Director of Colchester Archaeological Trust.

Actions from this letter

Complete your application to Sigma Sixth if currently in year 11.

Sigma Sixth Open Evening - Thursday 9th October

Last night we welcomed over 1100 visitors to our Sigma Sixth Open Evening. With a showcase of subjects from existing college students alongside their staff, prospective students from across Essex as well as our own year 10 and year 11 cohort got the chance to ask detailed questions about their future courses, subjects and opportunities as part of Sigma Sixth Colchester.

Applications are now open and all the details can be found on our Sigma Sixth website.

<https://www.sigmasixth.org.uk/sigma-sixth-colchester/>

For Sigma Sixth students:

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

For any planned absences (sporting fixtures, university visits, etc) please could the [Leave of Absence Form](#) be completed in advance.

Flu Vaccinations at school 21st October & 9th December

Flu has had a serious impact on the health of England's population over the past two winters. Vaccinating your child helps reduce the risk of serious illness and plays an important role in protecting vulnerable individuals in your community, friends and family.

Our team will be visiting your child's school soon to offer the flu vaccine. **You can choose between the quick, painless nasal spray or a pork gelatine-free injection.**

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For further information about the vaccines, please read the attached E-consent letter. Alternatively, click here <https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/essex>. The form is available in 10 languages—select yours when it opens.

If you **do not** wish your child to be vaccinated, please **submit a decline** via the same link to avoid further contact from our team.

Note: School aged children cannot receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

Year 7 Music scholarships

Year 7 students have the opportunity to apply for a music scholarship in 25/26. This google form is to register your interest in becoming a **Music Scholar** for **2026**. Opportunities are available to learn the trumpet or trombone for 12 year 7's who will receive a free instrument and twenty 30 minute lessons on the trumpet or trombone.

The scholarship offers free weekly lessons on a brass instrument of your choice for 2 terms (during school hours), an instrument to borrow and take home to practice with and performance opportunities. All we ask in return is that they need to practise every week, attend their lessons regularly, on time. Lessons will take place in groups of 3. In Term 2, you will join the music club on your instrument (Orchestra or Brass Club) and attend weekly.

This will also be shared with students in their google classroom and will be promoted in their assembly.

To register for an opportunity to win a scholarship please complete the form below and

<https://forms.gle/KwFVfmS1iU2hCxmy7>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Neill', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Neill
Headteacher