



PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After a busy week, we have seen our A level Geography students experience the east coast at Southwold, our hearing impaired students perform in Chelmsford as part of a music workshop. Our year 11 started their practical exams in Engineering and Food Technology and our year 10's have been out on a University taster day. At the time of writing our year 7 students are immersed in a career's experience in science.

Actions from this letter

Book your Christmas Concert tickets - now live on sale from Friday 14th November

Reminder - Year 7 Progress Evening - Wednesday 19th November

Donations to the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal are available on Parent Pay

Remembrance - Tuesday 11th November

On Tuesday we held our own Remembrance Service and observed the 2 minute silence as we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in various conflicts. We were so impressed with the number of students who chose to come in the uniforms of the organisations they volunteer with including cadets, scouts and guides alongside our service children and the College. We will be nominating them for Philip Morant Awards in the coming weeks to recognise their involvement with their other organisations and the dedication and skills they bring. As a cashless school, we have not collected for the Poppy appeal in the conventional way, so if you or your child would like to make a donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy appeal this year - please donate what you can via Parent Pay and we will pass it on to them. The donation option is live on Parent Pay.

English and Maths Resit Students in Sigma Sixth

Please be aware that students who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 in English or Maths must still attend their resit classes - even if they sat their exam in November.

This is because they cannot miss out on six weeks of learning, should they not be successful in securing a Grade 4 in English or Maths when the results are released in January.

Further, it is a requirement that students who have not yet achieved a Grade 4 in English or Maths that they are working towards achieving this and must have access to a minimum number of hours of study until they achieve a Grade 4.

Year 7 Progress Evening – Wednesday 19th November between 4-7pm

As this is the first Progress Evening our year 7 parents will have taken part in, here is a summary of the journey through the process in advance of Wednesday evening. This important evening enables you to discuss the progress of your child. Appointments are made online via Arbor and you will have been sent messages confirming the appointments that you have made. It is worth making a note of your

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timings and teacher's names so that you can click between the links in time order, as appointment slots are 5 minutes in length. This will also make it easier not to try and switch between too many programmes, especially if you are using a mobile phone.

On the day of the Progress Evening you will be issued with links for each member of staff. Please click on the link no more than 5 minutes before your appointment time. You will need to be admitted to the meeting by the member of staff. The meetings will all be done via audio and cameras should be switched off.

[Here is a trial link](#) you can use to practise accessing a google meet. You won't be able to access the meeting as you have to be accepted to join.

If you are unable to use the online appointment system or experience any difficulties during the evening please email contact@pmsc.school. We will be monitoring this address throughout the evening. If you do get in touch on the night, please provide a contact number should we need to speak to you over the phone.

Christmas concert tickets are now on sale

We are delighted to share with you the chance to join our festive Christmas concert which will take place on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December 2025. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to show the hard work they have been putting in throughout this term, please come and join in the festive fun! The concert will finish approximately 9.30pm and tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children.

The link for tickets for events is: www.ticketsource.co.uk/pmsc-events (live from 4pm today)

Say Yes to the Prom Dress - Year 11

It might be time to start thinking of outfits for next year's prom. Long standing and well established dress and suit hire available, based at the Stanway School. Their first event of the season will be held on Friday 5th December from 4.30pm - 7.00pm. They have over 450 dresses, suits and accessories to loan out for a small donation (this goes towards the cleaning / mending and alterations that need to be made upon the item's return). Students can come and look, try anything on and take it away on the evening. Plenty of changing rooms, time to browse and free parking.

Colder and wetter weather

A reminder that it would be very helpful for students to come to school with an outdoor coat, not only for their way to and from school but for lesson changeovers and social times. A reminder that scarves worn without a coat are considered additions to the uniform and will result in uniform sanction and confiscation.

Attendance

In this time of coughs and colds, please make sure your child makes every effort to come into school, we can always make adjustments to their day. 70% of our students are achieving 95% attendance (no more than 3 absences in a half term). Attendance is an important part of belonging and achievement so please make sure your child is in every day.

Key dates for the academic year - [Key date list linked here](#)

We wish you all a great weekend and look forward to seeing all of our students back in school on Monday.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher