



PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all of your support this week. This has been a much better week for attendance, despite the temperatures, so thank you for ensuring your child is well equipped for a cold day moving around the school. 70% of students have attendance above 95% which is an exceptional achievement and will have a lifelong impact on GCSE grades and income.

On Thursday next week in the early hours of the morning, our Sigma Sixth students head off to Geneva. Throughout their 3 days they'll visit CERN, the United Nations and the Red Cross Museum. This is the first residential in Sigma Sixth for a very long time and we are delighted to be widening our offer including our Football Academy trip to Las Vegas in May next year.

Actions from this letter

Review the Sigma Sixth Parent Guide

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

Note Gate change during year 11 and Year 13 mocks 1st December - 15th December

Poppy Appeal donations

Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute to the poppy appeal following our recent Remembrance Day service. We have already collected £238.50 thanks to your generous donations which we will be passing onto the charity this week.

Sigma Sixth Information

Please find a link to the [Sigma Sixth - parent guide](#) If you have any questions or concerns currently, and would like to speak personally with a member of the Sigma Sixth Team this can be arranged for you. Please email contact@sigmasixthcolchester.org.uk to request this.

Year 10 Minimum Expected Grades

Year 10 Minimum Expected Grades are now available to view on Go 4 schools. These are set from Key Stage 2 SATS data and are based on national progress typically made from SATS to GCSEs. On Monday 1st December there will be a focused morning with year 10 students where they will look at these targets, explore their approaches to study for their GCSEs, find out about the rewards trips being put in place and the launch of prefect applications.

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

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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)

Non pupil day

A reminder that **Friday 28th October** is a non pupil day and the school will be closed. We return on Monday 1st December.

Temporary gate change

There will be a change of gates for year 9 and year 11 starting on **Monday 1st December** and up to and including Monday 15th December due to the year 11 and year 13 mock exams.

Year 9 will move from gate 5 to gate 2 for the start and the end of the day.

Year 11 will move from gate 2 to gate 5 for the start and the end of the day.

Awards Evening

Our annual awards evening takes place on Tuesday 2nd December. All award winners have been invited and many other students will be participating by helping or through performances. This is an exciting part of our school year and we are delighted to recognise the achievement of all those students in years 7 to 11 last year. This year Lieutenant Colonel Ed Rankin, Colchester Garrison Commander, will be our guest of honour.

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



Mrs S Neill
Headteacher