



# PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had our Christmas concerts this week. Both nights were sold out with over 250 students participating. Our primary school students enjoyed their own event on Thursday morning. It was wonderful to see such talent, participation and leadership from so many students.

Today starts our days of events and trips with year 11 at Lakeside and year 7 at the cinema.

## Actions from this letter

**Complete** applications to Sigma Sixth if in year 11 - <https://www.sigmasixth.org.uk/sigma-sixth-colchester/>

**Note** the new communications for the SEND team

**Read the last week of term arrangements** that affect different year groups

**Check skirt lengths** and order new skirts for January if they are getting too short.

## Last week of term arrangements

There are a large number of arrangements for the last week of term which have been shared on student updates which are in your child's google classroom. Normal lessons will continue from Monday 15th December until Friday 19th December. These are important and will include assessments during this week that are used to make decisions on class setting and identifying progress of students.

## Christmas Lunch

During the last week of the Autumn term we will be offering a Christmas lunch for students on the 16th - 18th December. The price will be £2.50 so that it is available to everybody, but if parents wish to add anything to their child's cashless account for extras like cake or desserts then they can do so.

## Here is the menu:

Roast turkey and cranberry sauce, sage and onion stuffing, pigs in blankets or roast quorn fillets and vegan sauce (gluten free options also available).

These are accompanied by yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, carrots, peas, brussel sprouts and honey roast parsnips.

When Christmas lunch is served, there will be other food available to all students but this will be a restricted offer.

## Monday 15th December

This is year 11 final mocks day. We also have a Sigma Sixth A-level Taster day in the afternoon from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. We have year 9 vaccinations. Some year 10 and 12 students are out at the Christmas science lecture at ARU. Students in year 8 with 100% attendance in November, have their attendance reward periods 3 and 4.

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### **Tuesday 16th December**

Our year 8 are on their reward cinema trip and year 10 and year 11 have their Christmas lunch. Our year 7 and year 9 100% attendance in November rewards will also take place.

### **Wednesday 17th December**

Our year 9 are on their reward cinema trip and year 7 have their Christmas lunch. Our year 10 100% attendance in November reward event takes place. Year 11 will have a reward session as mock exams end and will have the opportunity to complete college applications.

### **Thursday 18th December**

Our student conference for all of our house council representatives will take place today. Years 8 and 9 will have their Christmas lunch. The pop choir will be visiting a local care home.

### **Friday 19th December - last day of term - non-uniform day**

On Friday 19th December we will be celebrating the end of term with a Christmas Jumper Day so Christmas themed non-uniform is encouraged. As normal lessons will still take place on this day alongside other arrangements it is important that students adhere to our usual non-uniform rules. Donations can be made on parent pay and we can confirm the charity after discussing with the student management team on Monday

Non-uniform clothing needs to be appropriate to the learning atmosphere.

- Shorts, skirts and dresses, if worn, must fit closer to the knee than the hip. No items should be see-through.
- Leggings, if worn, must not become see-through when stretched and should ideally be worn with a top, of at least mid-thigh length.
- Any items of clothing must be respectful - so not contain any slogans or messages that do not convey our school vision of belonging.
- Expectations regarding jewellery, piercings and makeup remain the same as normal
- **All usual lesson equipment and/or kit and lanyard must still be brought to school. If you don't have your lanyard you will have to wait to get your break.** As we only have break on the last day and a fast turnaround on food service, it is essential if they wish to purchase food that they remember their lanyard and cashless card.

### **Last day finishing times**

On Friday 19th December, following normal lessons periods 1 and 2, there will be a slightly extended food service at break and there will not be a food service at lunchtime.

Students will have an end of term celebration with their year group and will then leave at the following times:

Years 7 and 8 leave at **12:15pm**

Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 leave at **12:20pm**.

### **Lost property**

We have a number of unclaimed coats in our lost property section. Given the recent weather conditions there might be some children missing their coats. Please can you remind your child if they have forgotten a coat or anything else to visit the lost property table which will be in the main hall for next week (Mon-Thur). We will also make an announcement on our student updates. Any coats not claimed after next week will be donated to charity at the end of term.

### **Skirt lengths**

We have noticed a number of students who need to get a longer skirt. Please can you check the length of your child's skirt and if it is more than a cashless card width above the knee, then it is too short. Please use the time over the school holidays to order a new one so they are in the correct uniform for the Spring term. There are now many female students who choose to wear grey trousers instead of skirts.

### **Applications to Sigma Sixth Colchester**

Although the deadline to apply for Sigma Sixth Colchester is not until the end of December, we are strongly urging students to apply as soon as possible. We will also be providing support with this next week. To apply, please complete the **Google Form** [here](#).

### **Attendance**

There are 5 school days left of this term. Our target this term was to maximise the number of students who achieved 95% attendance (no more than 3 days off) as national evidence shows the impact this has on the likelihood of achieving a grade 5+ in English and Maths and the impact on future earnings. Please don't think there is no work going on so your child might as well not be in school. We have assessments, feedback on year 11 mock exams, preparation for year 10 prefects as well as a whole lot of learning.

Those students with 95% attendance on Thursday 18th December will be entered into a prize draw for an Amazon voucher. That will be 70% of the school, entered into this draw as that many students have managed to ensure they have had no more than 3 days off this term.

### **SEND provision**

Over the last two years our numbers of EHCP students have doubled. As a consequence we have put some additional leadership support into the team to support Mrs Gaze as our SENDCo. Mrs De Bruyn is Assistant SENDCo for years 7-9, Mr Garner is Assistant SENDCo for years 10-13. All exams access arrangements are now with our new exams access coordinator Miss Payne. Please address any SEND queries to [send@pmc.school](mailto:send@pmc.school) so your message can be sent to the best person to answer your query.

### **Vaccinations**

Vaccination UK East Anglia have advised that they have several community flu catch-up clinics:

Parents can check and book on our website here, [Catch-up clinics | Essex](#)

Any queries please call the Vaccination UK office on 01245984145.

Please note that GPs are not providing flu vaccinations for healthy children in Reception through Year 11.

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

Have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing all our students next week. We will continue to have a strong focus on attendance over the next week as ending the term well, always indicates a good start to the new term.

Yours sincerely



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