



# PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for a really good return to school on the first day on Tuesday. Attendance to school was excellent and the conduct of our students in assemblies and as they started the new term was exemplary. We are very proud of them all.

In more recent days attendance has been more challenging and we know the weather has not helped us. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school every day. We shared with our students that in our most recent mock exams, 43% of students with attendance above 95% (no more than 3 days off) achieved a Grade 5+ in English and Maths compared to only 26% if they had 4, 5 or 6 days off (attendance 90-95%). It does make such a big difference. Our **rule of 3** continues with regards and follow up for this term.

We have made a very promising start to the Spring term which included a theatre visit to see a musical for GCSE Music students and higher tier maths programme at the University of Essex. Tomorrow is the first of our Sigma Sixth masterclasses in maths and chemistry for year 11 students.

This afternoon, our year 11 students received their mock exam results following all of their hard work and preparation during the Autumn term. This will help to identify key subjects and areas of focus to help them prepare in the months ahead for their public exams and also enable us to support them to achieve the best possible outcomes, so they can go onto their post-16 destination, where a significant number of our year 11 students are applying to remain with us here at Sigma Sixth Colchester.

## Actions from this letter

- Book in for** Beauty and the Beast production tickets - now on sale via [Ticketsource](#)
- Give your feedback** on the Essex SEND Team no later than 9am on Tuesday 13th January
- Register for free parent workshops** delivered by the Essex Mental Health Support team
- Review** the proposed admissions plans for 2027-28

## School production

This year we see the story of Beauty and the Beast brought to life in our own theatre. Performances will run from Monday 9th February to Thursday 12th February, with a BSL signed performance on Wednesday 11th February. Tickets are on sale now so join us, be our guests and be entertained with this year's amazing performance from our students. On sale now through this link on [Ticketsource](#)

## SEND Essex survey

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting Essex to inspect the local arrangements for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). The inspectors

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want to know about the help and support that children and young people with SEND get. You can share your views by filling in a survey. What you say will be treated in confidence. The surveys will **close at 9am on Tuesday 13 January 2026**. Our SEND students are being offered the same opportunity with the help from their school support workers.

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with SEND your views are important, so please take the opportunity to complete this survey. If you have more than one child with SEND you can use the same link to complete a separate survey for each child.

[Take the parent and carer survey](#)

[Take the parent and carer survey \(Easy Read version\)](#)

Please note this is a review of the provision of Essex local authority, not a review of the school.

### **Free parent workshops to support young people**

The Essex Mental Health Support Team is offering a number of free parent workshops on a range of mental health, wellbeing and neurodiversity topics. Please see what is available by following the link:

[Free Parent webinars](#)

### **Admissions consultations 2027-2028**

The 2027/28 admissions policy consultation is live and will be open for comments until 31st January 2026. The Sigma Trust is consulting on Sigma Sixth's Admissions Policy for 2027/28.

To view the proposed admission arrangements, [please click here](#) and you will be directed to The Sigma Trust website. For full details on how to respond to the consultation, please click on the link for the [consultation letter from the Sigma Trust](#)

### **HPV vaccinations**

The NHS nurses team will be visiting the school again on 12th January 2026, for Year 8 HPV vaccinations. Requests for consent will come directly from the nursing team.

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

Thank you for such a positive start to the Spring term. We wish you a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher