



PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

Ref: SNL\jr\UpdateLetter
23rd February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Tuesday 24th February 2026 when the gates open at 8.15am, where we return to a **week B timetable**.

Over half term our year 9 students returned from their trip to the battlefields, our A level STEM students completed some externally supported revision days and our Sigma Sixth Football Academy were drawn against Grimsby in the National EFL Cup and will head there on Tuesday morning ahead of their fixture on Wednesday. We wish them well.

Here are a few urgent reminders for the return this week.

Actions from this letter

Complete the Ramadan sign up form - by the end of Monday 23rd February

Year 10 - Information evening - Tuesday 24th February 2026

Year 9 - Curriculum Evening sign up form - Thursday 5th March 2026- please book in if you haven't already.

Support our students to be ready to return to school meeting our uniform expectations

Observing Ramadan

We would like to invite students to use this form to share their intentions regarding observing the fast and access the prayer room during Ramadan so that we can ensure the necessary arrangements are in place to support them.

Our student culture group has helped us make amendments to our curriculum so that students can remain in lessons and access their learning and have also updated our guidance to teaching staff.

Please respond by the end of Monday 23rd February so we have a central list for staff.

[Ramadan Information request form](#)

Year 10 Exam Readiness Evening - Tuesday 24th February

We look forward to seeing year 10 parents and carers on this evening.

Year 9 Curriculum Evening

This takes place on Thursday 5th March.

There will be three presentations and plenty of time to visit subjects to discuss these in more depth.

Please complete the form to register which presentation you'd like to attend, either 4.00pm, 5.00pm or 6.30pm. It is preferable to attend the presentation before visiting the subjects, but we do appreciate that this may not be possible for everyone.

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[KS4 Options Evening 5 March 2026](#)

Uniform expectations on returning to school

Please ensure that your child is ready to meet these requirements of our uniform policy on the first day back:

- Extreme hair styles are not permitted. Hair must be of a natural colour all over.
- False nails, gel nails and acrylics are not permitted.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.
- If choosing to wear the tartan skirt, the length must be no shorter than 5cm above the knee. The skirts must be unrolled at the waist. If your child is in year 11 and their skirt is getting too short, please enquire about whether we can support them by swapping for a longer skirt.
- Shoes should be plain black leather/leather-look. Trainers or vans are not permitted.
- Socks should be plain black
- Jewellery is limited to: a wristwatch, a single unobtrusive ring and a single pair of ear studs (one in each earlobe).
- Students are not allowed to wear facial piercings at school. If, with a parent's permission, a student has had a facial piercing (nose, lip, eyebrow, upper ear), a clear retainer must be worn at school in place of the metal piercing.

Should students arrive at school with incorrect uniform/hairstyles/nails/jewellery/makeup, we will support them to correct their uniform by adjustments they can make themselves, loaning correct uniform or contacting parents to support. **Students will not access lessons if they are not following our uniform policy.** If you have any issues with your child returning in full uniform, please email contact@pmsc.school or the year teams on or before their first day back so we can support.

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

Yours sincerely



Mrs S Neill
Headteacher