



PHILIP MORANT

SCHOOL & COLLEGE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your continued support this week in supporting our students to get ready for their practical exams and for the continued push on attendance so that they can maximise their learning in school. For 8 out of the last 13 weeks we have had the highest attendance in the Sigma Trust and we are seeing the impact on assessment results.

There are 5 days left of our 15 day attendance streak and 1300 students are on track to achieve that streak if they keep up their 100% attendance through the next week.

At the time of writing our year 9 students are completing their qualifying expedition for their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award and our year 10 students are completing their practice expedition for their silver award. We wish them well in their expedition and continued good weather.

We also hosted our Sigma Sixth Induction where we welcomed all of our new year 12 students as part of their academy community in preparation for a September start. Next week we will be welcoming our new year 7 parents to their first induction evening.

Actions from this letter

Learning values

This week our students have been focussing on the learning value of 'Commitment'.

Next week we add our second learning value, '**Curiosity**'. The strands of this learning value are 'Contribute fully', 'widen your thinking', 'think hard', 'learn more'.

Sigma Sixth Induction and Careers Event

Last night we welcomed over 500 guests to our Sigma Sixth Induction and Careers evening for September 2025 year 12 students. Prospective students gained the opportunity to discuss their courses in more detail, meet their teaching staff and explore careers within their chosen academies. A massive thank you to the students for supporting the event with front of house support as well as our academy ambassadors.

We are still accepting applications to Sigma Sixth. Application details can be found on our Sigma Sixth website here. <https://www.sigmasixth.org.uk/apply-now-colchester-campus/>

Year 6 Information Evening - 30th April

Next week we have our year 6 information evening for parents and carers of students joining us in September. This will be an opportunity to hear from the Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher for transition and the new year team. As our year 11 team work so hard to get all of our year 11 students successfully through GCSEs they are also preparing to start all over again with year 7.

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Blazers

Each week we check the weather forecast and advise students of when their blazers need to be worn around the school. This is in their student updates each Monday morning. At this stage of the year we are at our usual rules of blazers being worn around the school, they can be removed in lessons and they can be removed during break and lunch.

Jack Petchey Award Scheme

At Philip Morant we are committed to celebrating our young people and the Jack Petchey award feeds into this. We are able to nominate 3 winners between June and November each year and then 6 between November and June.

Winning a Jack Petchey award is not about “being the best”, it is about “**doing your best**”. Please help us to find our winners so that we are considering the whole population of the school. They may have always;

- Helped others
- Been a good role model
- Coped with adversity
- Completed community work
- Gave a service to the community
- Tried really hard!

Each winner receives £300 and helps to decide what this is spent on. It must be for the benefit of a group of young people, not an individual and not spent on standard running costs.

Some examples of how previous winners have spent their money at Philip Morant are below (there have been many more!)

- Table tennis equipment
- RAT stands (music)
- Camping equipment
- Training from professional actors
- Boxercise equipment

If you have a student in mind (including our sixth form) please use the form below to make a nomination.

[Jack Petchey Nominations](#)

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

2026-2027 academic year term dates - [26-27 Term dates](#)

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher