



Moat Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to wish you and your family a slightly belated Happy New Year.

The term has started very well. Our students are working hard, and their behaviour is commendable. The school feels calm and purposeful. Our staff are, as always, working very hard to educate and care for our students.

Closures Due to Strike Action by the NEU

You will probably be aware that members of the National Education Union (NEU) have voted to take strike action. This is part of a national dispute and will impact on all schools in the country. The NEU is the largest teachers' union and has a significant large number of members at Moat CC.

Unfortunately, it will not be possible for us to open on 'strike days'. The reason for this difficult decision is that we will not have enough staff to run the school safely and effectively. The first day of strike action has been called for Wednesday 1st February 2023. Three further days of strike action are planned for 1st March, 15th March and 16th March 2023.

I recognise that this might cause inconvenience to our families. However, staff who are available to work in school will be providing online education.

We are expecting **all** students to follow this procedure:

- Login and check TEAMS each morning of the closure days. All available teachers on those days will have set work by 9.30am.
- Students should complete the work set. If their teacher has set work, they will also be available on TEAMS during the normal lesson time to provide live support and feedback on the work.
- For some of the lessons, teachers will not be available to set work. If this is the case, your child should use their Knowledge Organisers to do revision and/or read. In particular, year 10s and 11s should use the time to revise.

We will be in touch directly with families whose children are entitled to Free School Meals about arrangements during the closure days.

We have a good working relationship with our NEU Union Representative at Moat CC and will continue to work closely together. We will let you know if anything changes around the strike action. We will send out regular reminders concerning all closure days. We will also brief students so that they are aware of what is expected of them, when the school is closed.

Year 11

Our year 11 Students will be sitting their second set of Mock exams in the two-week period beginning on Monday 6th March. If you have a son/daughter in year 11, please encourage them to revise thoroughly for these vital exams.

We will be holding a second year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 30th March 2023, to discuss the results of these Mocks and the final preparations for the GCSE exams. As this date falls during the period of Ramadan, the year 11 Parents' Evening will be an on-line event. Appointments should be booked online using School cloud and parents should log in at the appropriate times. All other Parents' evenings will continue to be face to face events.





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Period 7

In order to support the year 11 students for their second set of Mocks, we will be running another four-week block of 'period 7' starting on Monday 30th January 2023. 'Period 7' is an extra lesson held after school, each evening, for all year 11 students. These lessons are taught voluntarily by Moat staff. I am sure that we would like to extend our appreciation to all the staff involved in 'Period 7'.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. Please continue to monitor the school app and website for messages, particularly in relation to future school closures.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Killeen

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