



Moat Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to welcome our staff, students and parents back to school for the new year. Students have returned with renewed determination and purpose. The school feels calm and focused. The behaviour and attitude of the students has been excellent. Long may it continue!

The term started with an excellent set of GCSE results. These the best that the school has ever obtained, in terms of student progress. We are very proud of our students and what they achieved. Particularly, as this year group lost so much vital time from school due to Covid. I think that it is also crucial to recognise the hard work and professionalism of the staff who supported our year 11; without them these results would not have been possible.

Taking Care of Students Wellbeing

This is a vital area of our work. In the first assembly of the year, we introduced a theme for this year:

'Being Kind, looking after Yourself and Others, Asking for Help'

We will be working with our students and parents to promote good mental health and wellbeing throughout this year.

As part of this work, I would like to invite you to an information event on Thursday 21st September at 4pm when we will share information on the subject. This event will include information from the NHS and Mental Health professionals.

Students Arriving Early to School

Many of our students do arrive early to school and can use the school reading room for independent study from 8.00am. We ask that they do not arrive before 8.00am, as staff will not necessarily be available to supervise them.

Open Evening

The Open Evening will take place on Thursday 28th September 2023, from 5-7pm. During the evening, we will demonstrate the excellence of Moat Community College. Staff will be available to talk about our curriculum, our pastoral care and wider school life. If you have friends or family who are interested in a place at Moat, please let them know.

High Standards

Thank you for your support with maintaining our high standards at Moat. These include our students being in very smart school uniform and arriving at school on time.

The new punctuality policy worked very well last year. The number of students who were late dropped very significantly. **This year students need to be at the school gate by 8.30am, to avoid a 'same day detention'**. This allows for a prompt start to learning at 8.35am. The change to the start time of the school day, was taken in response to a new government regulation about the length of the school day. The college had to increase the length of the school day by five minutes to be compliant.





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Year 11

We would like to wish our new Year 11 students the best of luck as they start the most important year of their education. The results in their English Literature GCSE taken at the end of year 10, were outstanding.

Many of them have already started revising for their exams. They are taking the challenge very seriously. Their mock exams start on Monday 20th November 2023. We are expecting good results!

School App

All parents have received details on how to download our school app. We use the app to communicate details of school events and messages. We also upload all homework tasks on the app, so that you can monitor your child's homework.

Nut Allergies

We have many students who have peanut allergies. These allergies can result in serious and possibly life-threatening reactions after any contact with nuts. Some of the reactions can even be triggered by the smell of nuts. **For this reason, we are going to become a nut free school. Please do not send your child into school with any products that contain nuts as part of their packed lunch.**

Thank you for your continued support. As always it is the partnership between parents and school which supports our students' success.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office, if you have any concerns.

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