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**Dear Parents/Carers** 

Our very good start to the term has continued, with students very calm, well behaved and focused.

The term started with a very good set of GCSE results. In terms of student progress these are the best results that we have ever had. I would like to again congratulate our year 11 students, who worked very hard. I think that it is also crucial to recognise the hard work and professionalism of the staff that supported our year 11s; without them these results would not have been possible.

## **Open Evening**

Our Open Evening took place on Thursday 28th September 2023. The evening was very successful, with a large turnout of prospective parents. Our staff were very proud to demonstrate the excellence of Moat Community College, the curriculum, the pastoral care and wider school life.

## **Mental Health Event**

We held an Information Event on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September on the importance of good mental health. Sessions were delivered by Local Authority representatives of the Educational Psychology Service and by school staff. We discussed how good mental health could be promoted in school, at home and in the community.

In particular we discussed the danger of overuse of mobile phones and social media. We concluded that:

- Parents should monitor mobile phone use, particularly social media use.
- Students should not take their mobile phones into their bedrooms overnight. This can result in students having very poor sleep patterns.
- We should all do as much as possible to educate students about on-line dangers and overuse of phones.

There will be more events this school year on promoting good Mental Health and E-safety. We had an excellent attendance at the Information Event. However, if you were not able to attend you can watch a recording at <u>Mental Health Parents.mp4</u>

# **Parents' Evenings**

We are always happy to welcome our parents into school. Attendances at Parents' Evenings are always excellent.

We would like to give you some advance notice of the dates of our Parents' Evenings for this year:

Year 8	30 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 11	20 <sup>th</sup> December
Year 10	18 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 7	8 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 9	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Year 11	21 <sup>st</sup> March (Online event)









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# Calendar for the Year Ahead

The calendar showing our holiday pattern for the year ahead can be viewed via this link: <u>https://moat.leicester.sch.uk/termdates</u>

I would like to draw your attention to two closure days that fall 'within term time':

- Monday 27th November
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April or Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April School will be closed on one of these dates, depending on when Eid falls. Parents will be notified the evening before.

## **Behaviour Policy**

As you are aware excellent student behaviour is essential in school to create a calm and safe environment in which students can learn and be happy. To support this the school has developed a behaviour policy over many years, which we use consistently. I would like to thank you all for your support in this matter. A copy of the behaviour policy can be viewed via this link:

https://moat.leicester.sch.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures

# Period 7

We will again be delivering period 7 for our year 11s starting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October. We used this strategy last year to help prepare our students for their Key Stage 4 exams. We feel that it contributed to our very good exam results. I would like to thank all of the Moat staff that volunteer to deliver the extra daily lesson to year 11.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the college. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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