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Dear Parent/Carer,

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

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

We reminded our students at the start of the year of the need for high expectations of themselves in terms of behaviour and effort. We also talked about the need to be kind and supportive of each other at all times.

We continue our work this term on promoting good mental health among our students. My last letter of 2023 listed all of the actions which we had taken last term. We continue to promote our theme for the year:

‘Being Kind, Looking out for Yourself and Others, Asking for Help’

As part of this work, we are holding another parental event later this term, details below.

Mental Health Parental Event – Healthy and Safe Use of Mobile Phones

We will be holding this event on **Thursday 15th February at 4.00pm**. It will be a practical session on how to encourage your child to use their phone sensibly and safety. It will include information on apps your children may be using, parental controls and tools to monitor usage.

I know that we all feel that inappropriate phone use is a major problem in terms of our children’s’ mental health. This session will help address some of those issues.

Year 11

Our year 11 Students will be sitting their second set of Mock exams in the two-week period beginning on Monday 26th February. 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 21st March 2024, 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





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parents should log in at the appropriate times. All other Parents' evenings will continue to be face to face events.

Parents Evenings This Term

Year 10	Thursday 18 th January
Year 7	Thursday 8 th February
Year 9	Thursday 7 th March
Year 11(on-line)	Thursday 21 st March

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 22nd January 2024. '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.'

Attendance

Since the pandemic attendances in schools across the country have dropped significantly. Moat continues to have student attendance which is above the national average. However, I would still like to remind you of the vital importance of good attendance. High level of school attendance is closely linked to higher exam results. All students should aim for attendance of at least 95%.

When attendance drops to 90%, this is equivalent to missing four weeks in a school year.

When attendance drops to 85%, this is equivalent to missing eight weeks in a school year.

Missing this number of weeks in a school year will clearly have a detrimental impact on students' achievement.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Killeen
Principal