



Moat Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to welcome you to a new year at Moat Community College. Our students returned to school this week, and we were impressed by their positive attitudes and the kindness they showed towards other students and staff. They also looked well-prepared and very smart in their school uniforms. In particular, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 7 students and their parents. We look forward to working with you.

Supporting Student Well-being

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

“Being Kind, Looking After Yourself and Others, Asking for Help.”

We will be working closely with our students and parents to promote good mental health and well-being throughout the year.

As part of this work, I would like to invite you to an information event on Thursday, 10th October, at 4:00 p.m., where we will share valuable information on this important topic.

GCSE Results

The term started with an excellent set of GCSE results. In recent years, our school has consistently achieved very good exam results, but we continue to strive for even greater success. I am proud to inform you that this year's results are the best the school has ever achieved, in terms of student progress. We are incredibly proud of our students and their accomplishments. It is also essential to acknowledge the hard work and professionalism of the staff who supported our Year 11 students; without their dedication, these results would not have been possible.

Catering and HMC Food

Our kitchens are now certified as HMC compliant, and we will receive regular visits from HMC staff who check our suppliers and processes. All meat served in our school kitchens comes from HMC-certified suppliers, and a list of these suppliers is available on our website.

I would also like to introduce our new Kitchen Manager, Ms. McNulty. We look forward to working with her.





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Students Arriving Early to School

Many of our students arrive early to school and can use the school reading room for independent study from 8:00 a.m. However, we kindly ask that they do not arrive before 8:00 a.m., as staff may not be available to supervise them.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening will take place on Thursday, 26th September 2024, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. During this evening, we will showcase the excellence of Moat Community College. Staff will be available to discuss our curriculum, pastoral care, and wider school life. If you have friends or family who are interested in a place at Moat, please encourage them to attend.

High Standards

Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards at Moat. These include ensuring that students are in smart school uniforms and arrive at school on time. Students need to be at the school gate by 8:30 a.m. to avoid a same-day detention. This allows for a prompt start to learning at 8:35 a.m.

Year 11

We would like to wish our new Year 11 students the best of luck as they begin the most important year of their education. Their English Literature GCSE results from the end of Year 10 were very good.

Many of them have already begun revising for their exams and are taking the challenge very seriously. Their mock exams start on Monday, 28th October 2024, and 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 information about school events and messages. Additionally, all homework tasks are uploaded to the app so that you can monitor your child's homework.





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Mobile Phones

Last year, we changed our policy so that mobile phones should not be seen or heard in school. This policy has been very successful and has positively impacted the school culture.

Thank you for your support with this policy. We all recognize that phone use and social media can be detrimental to our students' well-being. This policy change provides them with a much-needed break from their phones.

Nut Allergies

We have many students with peanut allergies, which can cause serious and potentially life-threatening reactions. Some reactions can even be triggered by the smell of nuts. For this reason, we are becoming a nut-free school. Please do not send your child to school with any products that contain nuts as part of their packed lunch.

Thank you for your continued support. As always, the partnership between parents and the school is crucial to our students' success.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any concerns.

Holiday Calendar

A copy of the holiday calendar is attached to this letter. I would particularly like to draw your attention to three closure days that fall within term time:

- Friday, 27th September
- Friday, 29th November
- Monday, 31st March or Tuesday, 1st April (This closure day will coincide with Eid and will be announced the evening before.)

Parents' Evenings

Parental attendance at these evenings is vital in giving you the information needed to support your children. We always have very good attendance, usually over 80%.

The dates for this year's parents' evenings are:

- Thursday, 28th November: Year 8
- Thursday, 5th December: Year 11
- Thursday, 16th January: Year 10
- Thursday, 6th February: Year 7
- Thursday, 6th March: Year 9





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The staff at Moat Community College look forward to working closely with you this year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with the school office.

Yours sincerely

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