



Moat Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the half-term break, it's a great time to reflect on the start of the academic year. Our students have made an excellent start, showing positive attitudes, exemplary behaviour, and kindness toward one another. They have also worked hard to lay the foundations for a successful academic year. We are proud of their efforts, and they make us proud every day.

'Are You Okay?' – Mental Health Support

In the lead-up to each school holiday, we run an activity where students are asked to complete a questionnaire titled '*Are You Okay?*'. This is a key part of our mental health support program. If a student responds with 'No,' we follow up to check on their well-being. Support is then offered by one of our mental health first aiders or through sessions with our counsellors.

We also hold assemblies to remind students of the importance of asking for help if they feel anxious or upset. A set of helpful links is shared so that students can access support during the holiday, should they need it. Additionally, we remind them of the school's welfare email address: welfare@moat.leicester.sch.uk, which is monitored regularly over the holiday period to provide direct support if needed.

Extra-Curricular Activities

At Moat Community College, we offer a wide range of activities and trips that play a vital role in students' personal development. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the exciting activities that have taken place this term and to thank all staff involved in organizing them:

- Success for the Year 11 basketball team in a city tournament.
- Applications opening for the Moat Leadership Academy.
- A history visit from a World War I reenactment volunteer.
- Black History Month poster competition, with some impressive entries now displayed on our boards.
- Mental Health Awareness Day.
- Changing Lifestyles Club.
- The launch of the Investors Club.
- National Poetry Day, celebrated with various activities.
- Year 11 History Intervention sessions.
- Year 8 Careers Speed Networking Event.
- The exciting launch of Karaoke Club.





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- Magistrates visit and mock trial.
- International Language Day Assembly and Competition.
- The launch of peripatetic music lessons.
- Two geography trips to the Peak District.
- A visit to the House of Commons.
- A trip to the National Horse Racing Centre.
- Many students volunteering to support our Open Evening.
- Success in a Year 7 boys' football tournament.
- Outstanding achievements in the Young Writers award competition.

High Standards

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards at Moat. This includes ensuring that students arrive at school in full uniform and on time. Please note that students must 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.

Mobile Phones

As you are aware, we have adopted a strict policy of mobile phones being 'never seen or heard' at Moat Community College. I am pleased to report that we have had to confiscate very few phones this term, and while it is still early to assess the long-term impact, incidents related to mobile phones and social media appear to have significantly decreased.

We continue to remind students about the importance of limiting mobile phone and social media use, as this is linked to good mental health. We also stress the importance of being kind online, which reflects the values of their families, community, and school.

Nut Allergies

We have several students with peanut allergies, which can trigger serious and potentially life-threatening reactions. Some reactions can even be caused by the smell of nuts. Therefore, we are becoming a nut-free school. Please ensure that your child does not bring any products containing nuts in their packed lunch.

Thank you for your support in keeping all students safe.



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Holiday Calendar

You can download a copy of the holiday calendar here: [Holiday Calendar](#). Please note the following closure days that fall within term time:

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

Year 11 Mock Exams

Year 11 students will begin their mock exams on **Monday, 28th October**. They have made an impressive start to the year, and we are optimistic about their results. Following the exams, we will hold a 'Mock Results Day' on **Monday, 25th November**, where students will experience a simulation of their final results day. We wish them every success!

Parents' Evenings

Your attendance at Parents' Evenings is crucial in ensuring you have the information needed to support your child's progress. We are pleased that we usually see over 80% attendance at these events. Below are the dates for this year's Parents' Evenings:

- **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

We look forward to continuing our close partnership with you throughout the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

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