



Moat Community College

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**Dear Parent/Carer,**

As we approach the end of a long but successful term, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for the unwavering support you have shown to the college. We firmly believe that our partnership with parents is the foundation of the school's continued success. A testament to the strength of this partnership was the excellent attendance at our recent Parents' Evenings: 76% for Year 8 and 86% for Year 11.

### **Catering and HMC Certification**

As you may know, our school kitchens are fully certified by the Halal Monitoring Committee (HMC). All meat served in our kitchens is sourced from HMC-approved suppliers, and a list of these suppliers is available on our website for your reference.

We have already welcomed several visits from HMC staff, who were pleased with our operations. Additionally, Taz Khan, our governor responsible for catering, recently conducted a review of the kitchens and dining areas.

In November, we held a review meeting, inviting a group of parents to provide feedback on our catering arrangements and HMC compliance. We are pleased to report that the meeting was highly constructive and well-received.

### **Parents' Evenings**

Please note that the Year 9 Parents' Evening has been rescheduled to **Wednesday, 26th February**, to avoid overlapping with Ramadan, when attendance can be more challenging for many families.

The updated schedule for this year's Parents' Evenings is as follows:

- **Thursday, 16th January:** Year 10
- **Thursday, 6th February:** Year 7
- **Wednesday, 26th February:** Year 9

### **Attendance Matters**

As mentioned in previous communications, consistent attendance is crucial for students' wellbeing and academic success. Our analysis of GCSE results shows that students with attendance above 95% consistently achieve higher grades than those with lower attendance. We greatly appreciate your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly, missing lessons only when absolutely necessary.





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We have recently received several requests for term-time holidays. Please note that such absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

If you choose to take your child out of school without prior permission, the absence will be recorded as **unauthorised**, and you may be issued a **Penalty Notice** of £160 per parent per child. Alternatively, the Local Authority may refer the case directly to the Magistrates' Court.

### **End of Term Arrangements**

The school will close earlier than usual on **Friday, 20th December**, with year groups being dismissed at the following times:

- **Years 7 and 8:** 12:30 pm
- **Years 9, 10, and 11:** 12:35 pm

The last day of term will also be a **Non-Uniform Day**. Students and staff are encouraged to make a £1 donation, which will go to a charity chosen by our School Council.

Additionally, students will have the opportunity to enjoy the much-anticipated **Moat Revue**, a highlight of the year. Best of luck to all our talented performers!

### **Appreciation for Moat Staff**

I am sure you will join me in expressing gratitude to the Moat staff for their dedication and professionalism throughout the year. Their commitment to going above and beyond for our students is truly commendable.

### **Wishing You a Happy Holiday**

On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you and your family a happy, peaceful holiday season. We look forward to welcoming our students back in the new year.

As always, thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Yours faithfully,

*Mr B Killeen*

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