



Moat Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a slightly belated Happy New Year. The term has begun very positively. Our students are working hard, their behaviour is very good, and the school feels calm and purposeful. As always, our dedicated staff continue to work tirelessly to educate and care for your children.

At the start of the year, we reminded students of the importance of setting high expectations for themselves in both behaviour and effort. We also emphasized the need to treat one another with kindness and support at all times.

In our first assembly, we explored a classic piece of Greek literature, *The Odyssey* by Homer. This timeless adventure story not only captivates the imagination but also provides thought-provoking lessons. The narrative describes a journey filled with challenges that foster personal growth, a theme we linked to students' educational journeys. Many students were inspired and have since borrowed the book from our library.

Mental Health Parental Event

We are pleased to invite you to a Mental Health Parental Event, which will take place on **Thursday, 13th March at 4:00 pm**. This event will complement a Mental Health session earlier in the day for all students. Both sessions will focus on the following key areas:

- Understanding what good mental health looks like
- Building resilience
- Seeking help when necessary

Year 11 Mock Exams

Our Year 11 students will be sitting their second set of mock exams during the two-week period beginning **Monday, 24th February**. If you have a child in Year 11, we kindly ask that you encourage them to revise thoroughly for these important exams.

We are proud to share that GCSE results at Moat have significantly improved in recent years, and we are confident that our current Year 11 cohort will continue this trend of success.

Parents' Evenings This Term

The dates for this term's parents' evenings are as follows:

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

'Period 7' for Year 11 Students

To support our Year 11 students in the lead-up to their final exams, we will be offering a six-week block of **'Period 7'** sessions starting on **Monday, 10th March**.

'Period 7' consists of additional lessons held after school each evening and is taught voluntarily by our dedicated staff. We would like to express our gratitude to all the staff involved in this initiative.





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Student Safety

We recently contacted you regarding reports of a man in the area approaching students and offering money in exchange for following him on social media. While this individual has not been seen at Moat, he has been reported near other schools in the city. The police are aware of his identity and are investigating.

Though incidents like this are rare, they serve as an important reminder to ensure personal safety. Please speak with your child about taking sensible precautions when outside the home or school. In particular they should:

- Avoid engaging with or meeting strangers.
- Stay with family or friends, especially during the evenings.
- Report anything suspicious to trusted adults.
- Always inform family members of their whereabouts and companions.

It is important that students are not alarmed, but we encourage you to provide them with practical advice to help them stay safe.

Attendance

Nationally, school attendance rates have declined since the pandemic. However, we are proud that Moat's attendance remains above the national average.

That said, I want to emphasize the vital importance of maintaining good attendance. High levels of attendance are closely linked to academic success. All students should aim for an attendance rate of at least **95%**.

- **90% attendance** is equivalent to missing four weeks of school in a year.
- **85% attendance** equates to missing eight weeks of school.

Missing this much school will inevitably have a significant impact on a student's achievement.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

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