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Dear Parent/Carer,

Ref: Spring Term Letter 3

I hope that you and your family are well in these challenging times.
I'd like to update you on a few important issues that have arisen in school:

Term Dates 2022/23

The term dates for the next school year are attached with this letter. The pattern is very similar to previous years; however, schools have now been given more freedom on the positioning of staff training days in the school year. The overall number of days in school for students remains the same; 190 days.

I would like to draw your attention to the dates of two staff training days which fall during term time. The school will be closed to students on those dates:

- Friday 2nd December
- Friday 21st April – This will probably coincide with Eid

Social Media

We have had some significant problems with some of our students' use of social media in recent weeks. Some students have posted offensive content about staff and other students. They have also posted videos of themselves engaging in dangerous and sometimes illegal behaviour in the evenings and at weekends. Unfortunately, we have had to exclude several students for this behaviour. We have also passed the content to the police, who have agreed to take action.

I urge you all to check your child's phones regularly. I would also advise regular conversations with them about sensible and safe phone use. If we do not supervise phone use very closely; we are exposing children to potential harm.

In school, we will continue to educate students on the safe use of social media and phones. We are also going to hold an information evening for parents on the subject of On-Line Safety within the next few weeks.

Attendance

Student attendance at school this year stands at 93%. This is far above the national average but has still not returned to pre-covid levels. Very regular attendance at school is vital for students' wellbeing and exam success. I urge you to ensure that your children always attend school, unless there is a very good reason.

If they are ill, please ensure that you contact the school on the morning of the absence and explain the reason.

We do monitor attendance very closely and involve the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) when necessary.





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Year 11

Year 11 have just completed their second set of mock exams. We would like to congratulate them on how seriously they took this challenge. Early indications show that they have made significant progress since the first set of mocks in November. We wish them well with the final few months of revision.

Year 11 have benefited this year from an extra period each day, taught by the Moat staff. This was part of our provision to help students make up for learning lost through covid. I would like to pay tribute to the Moat staff who have delivered these lessons. Their work shows commitment and dedication to their students.

National Tuition Programme

We will be offering many students in year 7 to 10 some additional support between now and the end of the school year. This will take the form of extra teaching in many subjects. As with year 11, this teaching will be delivered by the Moat staff. We have identified where students have missed learning during covid and will give them work to fill any learning gaps. You will be contacted directly if your child is selected to be involved in this support.

Please contact me at the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you, as always, for your support of the school. Our staff are always very grateful for the support and encouragement we receive from our community.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Killeen
Principal

