



Moat Community College

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we start another half term, I would like to update you on a few issues.

We have had a very good start to the half term; students have worked hard and behaved very well.

Year 11 students are busy with their second set of mock exams. These are an important part of their preparation for their GCSE exams and have contributed to a very good set of results in recent years.

### **Culture Day**

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February we held our Culture Day. Students wore clothes and carried flags that reflected their culture. Staff shared information about their cultural history and background during lessons. It was a day that united the college more than ever. Our students are rightly proud of our diversity and shared values. We also collected money for charity. Students had decided on the World Wildlife Fund as the recipients. We raised £705.58.

### **The Importance of Good Sleep Patterns for Young People**

We recently shared some information on our app, which showed the responses of year 9 and year 11 students to a question about their sleep pattern in an NHS survey.

The responses showed that many of our students are not getting the recommended amount of sleep.

The NHS guidelines suggest:

- 6 to 13-year-olds should have 9 to 12 hours sleep.
- 13 to 18-year-olds should have 8 to 10 hours sleep.

It is vital that our students get enough sleep so that they can learn well and enjoy school the next day. Good sleep patterns are also closely associated with good mental health and wellbeing.

We ask for your support in ensuring that students get the required amount of sleep.

### **Parental Events**

We recently held a successful parental meeting/workshop on managing children's mobile phone use. This included the use of monitoring and control apps on phones, so that parents can reassure themselves that phones are being used safely. If you would like advice on the safe use of mobile phones, please contact the school office and we will be able to offer advice and support.

We will be holding a coffee morning and information event on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.





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### End of Year Exams

Our year 11 are working hard for their GCSE exams. Our year 10s are also working hard towards their GCSE English Literature exam which they are taking at the end of the year.

We would like to give you advance notice of our end of year exam dates for all year groups.

Please encourage your children to start revising. It is never too early!

- Week Beginning 3rd June                      Year 10 Exams
- Week Beginning 10th June                    Year 19 Exams
- Week Beginning 17<sup>th</sup> June                    Years 7 & 8 Exams

### Extra-Curricular Activities

The Moat Staff work very hard to give our students a huge range of experiences beyond the curriculum. We recognise how important these are in opening our students minds to what they can achieve. We try to organise these during the school day, as well as after school, so that all students can take part.

Just in the last half term (6 weeks), we have offered these opportunities:

- A French play for years 7 to 10
- A Spanish café for year 8
- Year 7 Challenge and Aspire Group
- 'Blind Date with a Book' being launched in the reading room.
- The Moat Leadership Academy application process
- Apprenticeship week
- The year 7 careers event, which featured 30 employers in school.
- Sports Leadership opportunities
- Violin Lessons
- Comic Relief Activities in Music
- The year 9/10/11 Maths Challenge
- Culture Day!
- Two basketball finals – A great victory for year 7 girls and our year 10 boys came very close to winning.
- Many, many sporting activities.
- Year 9/10 Careers in Medicine Event
- National Citizenship Service Assembly
- Preparations for the Year 7 'What's my job' careers event.
- A Spanish Play for year's 7 to 10
- Year 7 Library Visits
- Great Success in the History Association Debating Competition
- MFL competition – We came 6<sup>th</sup> in the UK.
- City Dance Competition
- Medical Webinar
- DMU Trip for year 10 Students
- Maths DMU Trip for year 9 students





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### **Behaviour Policy**

Last year the government issued new behaviour guidance to school. In response to this guidance, we updated our behaviour policy. The behaviour policy is available to parents via the school website:

<https://moat.leicester.sch.uk/about-us/policies-and-procedures>

As you are aware, excellent behaviour in school is vital for students learning, care and happiness. We have worked very hard on our behaviour and culture over many years. Staff and students are rightly proud of behaviour at Moat. We are also very grateful to our parents for their support in this area.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.  
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

*Mr B Killeen*

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