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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. There are a few items that I want to inform you about. Some of them are events which are occurring this term and some of them relate to changes that we are going to make next academic year.

### **Student Attendance**

I would like to remind you of the importance of good attendance for all our students. There is a very clear link between attendance and achievement in school. Students should attend school every day unless there is a very good reason for absence. If your son/daughter is absent, you should contact the school office to give a reason. If your son/daughter is attending an appointment, we kindly ask that you to show us documentation to support this.

### **Year 7 to 10 Exams**

All students in years 7 to 10 will be sitting their End of Year Exams after half term.

The dates are:

Year 10      Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June

Year 9              Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June

Year 7 & 8      Week Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> June

We ask for your support in encouraging your son/daughter to revise thoroughly for these exams. This year we have produced Knowledge Organisers in every subject and have shown students how to use them. The Knowledge Organisers contain all the information that students should learn and remember. Our teachers will also support students in their exam preparations.

### **Year 10 – Work Experience**

Year 10 students will be taking part in a two-week work experience starting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. We are very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity again, as work experience has been cancelled for the last two years due to Covid.

### **Year 7 – 9 Activity Days**

We will be running two activity days on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. The first of these days will involve activities in school. The second day we will be offering five different trips out of school. The details of these trips have already been circulated and



they can be booked via the school app. We are sure that our students will enjoy the exciting opportunities offered over the two days.

### **Extra-Curricular Trips/Activities**

In the last term we have launched a huge number of extra-curricular trips and activities. We are very pleased to return to being able to offer these activities following the pandemic. These opportunities occur both inside and outside of the school day. I urge you to encourage your son/daughter to take part. The activities form an important part of a broad curriculum.

The activities include:

- Leadership Opportunities
- Challenge and Aspire Groups
- Lunchtime Nurture Clubs
- Reading Groups
- Multiple Sports Teams and Opportunities
- Reading Groups
- A Citizenship Group
- Multiple Careers Events
- A Drama and Theatre Group
- A Dungeons and Dragons Group
- A Games Club
- A Green Team
- A huge number of trips
- Two Activity Days
- Any Many More...

### **Term Dates 2022/23**

The term dates for the next academic year are attached to 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 will fall during term time. The school will be closed to students on those dates:

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

### **Start of the School Day 2022/23**

We will be starting the school day five minutes earlier next year. The doors will open at 8.30am, but we will expect students to be at the door by 8.35am. This is to allow registration/lessons to start promptly at 8.40am. Students that arrive after 8.35am will be marked late. We ask for your support in ensuring that students arrive on time. Punctuality is a vital life skill to develop whilst at school.

### **Parents' Evening 2022/23**

I would like to thank all of the parents who responded to our questionnaire on the organisation of Parents' Evenings. There was a significant majority in favour of returning to face-to-face events. In response to this feedback, Parents' Evenings in 2022/23 will be face-to-face events. However, we will continue to use the on-line system to book appointments.

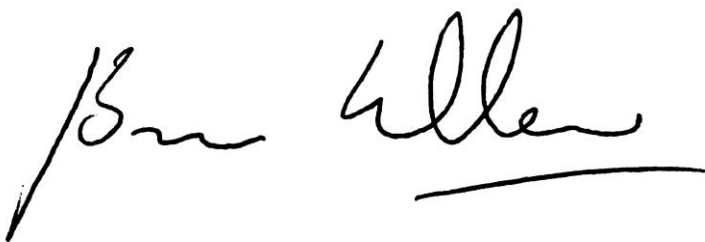
### **The Moat Staff**

On your behalf, I would like to thank all of the Moat Staff for their hard work and commitment this term.

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 encouraged by the support and encouragement we receive from our community.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Killeen'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**B Killeen**

Principal