



Moat Community College

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you for your unwavering support. It is our partnership with our parents and community which sustains the school. It allows us to support and educate our students so well. We are forever grateful for your support.

This year, our students have worked incredibly hard and demonstrated excellent behaviour, making us immensely proud of them.

Our commitment to taking care of our students, keeping them safe, and promoting good mental health has been a top priority. This is summed up in our slogan:

Being Kind, Looking out for Each Other, Asking for Help

We are pleased to report that these efforts have fostered a positive and supportive environment where our students can thrive. The recent awards evening was a testament to their hard work, compassion and care with 80 students receiving well-deserved recognition for their achievements.

Year 11 students, in particular, have shown exceptional dedication, and we are hopeful for very good exam results from their efforts. Their resilience and determination have been truly inspiring.

This year, our community has also engaged in a remarkable volume of charity work. The recent appeal for donations to the Wesley Hall food bank has been a great success, demonstrating the generosity and compassion of our students and families. Additionally, our final non-uniform day on 12th July will raise further funds for Wesley Hall, continuing our tradition of giving back to those in need.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans for Sports Day and Activities Day before the end of term. We hope that all students will embrace and enjoy these days, as they provide wonderful opportunities for teamwork, fun, and celebration.

There are a number of very important reminders and notices below:

HMC Certification

Moat Community College is proud to announce that the college has adopted HMC food in its kitchens and has been awarded HMC certification. This prestigious certification ensures that all food served is Halal and of the highest quality, providing parents and students with full confidence in our meal offerings. Our partnership with the Halal Monitoring Committee (HMC) reflects our





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commitment to excellence and inclusivity in our food services, and we are delighted to uphold these high standards in our community. HMC staff will visit our kitchens on a regular basis throughout the school year to ensure ongoing compliance and quality. The list of HMC providers is available on our website. We thank parents for their support and patience while we have been making this change.

End of Term

The last day of term is Friday 12th July. We will be finishing school early:

- Year 7 and 8 will be dismissed at 12.30pm
- Year 9 and 10 will be dismissed at 12.35pm

Start of the Autumn Term

The next school year starts on Tuesday 27th August

- Year 7s should be in school by 8.35am
- Years 8 -11 should be in school by 10.45am

Term Dates 2024/25

The term dates for the next academic year are attached to this letter. The pattern is very similar to previous years. 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 three staff training days which will fall during term time. The school will be closed to students on those dates:

- Friday 27th September
- Friday 29th November
- Monday 31st March or Tuesday 1st April - This day will coincide with the celebration of Eid, parents will be notified the evening before the closure day.

Start of the School Day 2024/25

The doors will open at 8.25am, **but we will expect students to be at the school gate by 8.30am.** This is to allow registration/lessons to start promptly at 8.35am. Students that arrive after 8.30am will be marked late. When a student is marked as late, they will receive a detention on that day. You will be informed by text if that is the case.

We ask for your support in ensuring that students arrive on time. Punctuality is a vital life skill to develop whilst at school.





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Uniform

As you know we have school uniform which looks smart and professional. This is crucial in raising our students' aspirations. It has also encouraged our sense of unity and purpose. I would like to thank all parents for their support in this important aspect of school life.

A very detailed description of the uniform is on the college website:

<https://moat.leicester.sch.uk/parents-and-students/student-uniform>

Please ensure that your son/daughter has all of the necessary items for next August.

Most of the compulsory items on the list are available at school wear stockists.

The blazer, tie and jumper are available to purchase directly from our official supplier:

Uniform Direct (www.uniform-direct.com),

54-56 Humberstone Gate,

Leicester LE1 3PJ.

Telephone – 0116 2511844

School App

Over the covid years more and more of our parents made good use of the Moat College App to help stay in touch with events in the school. The app also provides general information and specific information about your son/daughter. We have sent out log-ins to all parents. If you have not already downloaded it, I urge you to do so. If you would like another set of log-in details, please contact the office.

Whole School Reading

This year a significant change was made to our curriculum to support reading. We have spent 40 minutes per week on 'Whole Class Reading'. Students read a book together, with their form tutor. All students have read three books over the course of the year. The books were chosen to be challenging, but they have enthused our students. There is a huge amount of evidence that this type of Whole Class Reading improves reading ages and leads to increased enjoyment of reading. The scheme has been a huge success; both staff and students have responded very positively. We will be continuing to read, as a school, next year. I ask for your support in ensuring that your children read widely over the summer. It really is the key to success in education.





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Staff Leaving us

I would like to mention the staff who are leaving us this summer:

Mr Bhatwadekar, Ms Lee, Ms Bowden, Ms Abowath, Mr Donaldson, Mr Bingham, Mr Wenden, Ms Brookes, Ms Aswat, Ms Sheehan, Ms Stobbs, Ms Ford and Ms Ward

They will all be sadly missed by all at Moat.

In particular I would like to pay tribute to Mr Bhatwadekar and Mr Wenden, who have worked at Moat since 1986, an incredible achievement! They have both contributed hugely to the school and between them have worked at Moat for 76 years. We wish them well in their retirement

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our exceptional staff. Their hard work in teaching to the highest standards, organizing extracurricular activities and ensuring the well-being, safety and happiness of our students is truly commendable. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated, kind, and caring team committed to every student.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Killeen

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