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Dear Parent/Carer

The new term and academic year have begun very well. A record number of students have joined the sixth form and our new intake in Year 7 has got off to a flying start. I would like to thank all parents/carers for the support you provide. It is so important for children and young people to be prepared for their education every day.

The start of a new term and school year is an ideal time to establish good routines and lay the foundations for high standards. All students must be smartly dressed in official school uniform, arrive on time and carry a bag with which to hold equipment/pens/PE Kit and their planner plus any other books and folders. It is important for you to check they meet these requirements each day. Good habits are built upon consistently following the school rules and expectations.

Excellent attendance is also vital for students to learn well as I'm sure you realise. I don't allow leave of absence unless it is unavoidable such as in an emergency.

Can I remind you that parents/carers are responsible for the behaviour of their children/young people to and from school at all times. When students are wearing the school uniform their conduct reflects upon the School. Therefore, any misconduct or behaviour that may tarnish the excellent reputation of Moor Park will result in serious consequences and possibly seclusion or exclusion. 'The Moor Park Way' clearly states the responsibilities for all students. It is printed in their planner and available via the school website.

The lunch period is less than an hour and therefore I would encourage all students to stay for lunch and make the most of the facilities such as the Learning Resource Centre, Sports Hall and clubs etc. The new dining hall provides an excellent space for students to eat their lunch and many can take a pre-ordered packed lunch out onto the yard. The afternoon starts straight away at 1.50pm with period 5 so it is vital they are on time. Students who are late will have their 'home-pass' removed.

This year a new assessment system has been introduced and students in Years 7 to 11 are placed into a 'Progress Pathway' towards achieving their targets. Further information about this development is included with my letter. Throughout the year students will receive a 'Progress Report' clearly showing how well they are progressing towards their targets. The reports also include an 'ACE Grade' to show the attitude, commitment to work and effort a student applies in each subject.

I have included essential information and important dates with this letter for your convenience. I would recommend you occasionally visit the school website as it contains all the information parents/carers may need. You can also view the homework set for your child on the website via the 'Show-my-homework' link.

Moor Park is clearly growing as the new sixth form is established and many new teachers have also joined us this term. We are constantly seeking to develop and improve the education we provide. Our goal is to see all students achieve their best. Your support as parents/carers is therefore essential as working together we have a far greater impact on the future success of your children and our students. I am confident this year will once again be another successful one and look forward to meeting you at one of the many occasions throughout the year for parents/carers to visit the school; the first being the new Awards Evening on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

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