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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to provide you with a copy of the latest 'Moornews' which highlights some of the achievements and successes that have taken place over the summer and during this term so far. I am very proud of our students, many of whom are keen to learn and work hard to make progress.

You will be aware that changes to the GCSE and A Level examinations as well as the vocational Btec qualifications, have made achieving good grades more difficult. As you will know we have adjusted our school assessments to prepare students for the higher standards expected. Students sit school examinations every term to test their knowledge and develop their skills.

Your encouragement and support has never been more important. Young people need to study at home if they are to achieve their target grades. School work alone is insufficient and students must expect to complete homework and revise for tests if they are to make the progress we expect. This requires self-discipline as well as support. In this regard parents and carers have a responsibility to ensure their children complete homework and set aside time for revision and study on a regular basis.

As we approach the end of a busy term, please make a note of the following information;

- Sixth Form examinations finish on 9 December.
- On Thursday 15 December, Parent/Student Consultations with Progress Tutors for Year 10 & 11.
- The 'Inter-Form' Sports Competitions take place on 15 & 16 December.
- The 'Winter Fair' takes place on Monday 19 December.
- The 'Winter Concert' takes place on Tuesday 20 December at 7.30pm in the main hall.

The Autumn term ends on Wednesday 21 December, slightly earlier than usual at 12.30pm. School lunch will be available; however, all students should be home by 1.15pm at the latest.

Spring Term starts on Monday 9 January 2016 at the normal time. Important dates for next term can be found in Moornews on page 11.

Finally, it just remains for me, for the last time, to wish you a peaceful and enjoyable holiday over the Christmas period. As I retire at the end of this term, I want to thank you for your support during the time I have been privileged to serve Moor Park and its community as your Headteacher.

My very best wishes for the New Year and the continued success of our school; Moor Park is a truly multi-cultural school serving a fantastic and vibrant community.

Yours sincerely



Mr P.J. Cunningham
Head Teacher