



26th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you about the importance of school attendance and asking for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day unless they are unable to for a genuine reason or because of an exceptional circumstance.

As a school, we want to maintain our high expectations around attendances as we know the positive impact excellent attendance has on pupils. Pupils who attend school more regularly are able to get the most from their education as well as develop important personal and social skills. Furthermore, pupils with excellent attendance (and who are punctual) are attractive to potential employers, colleges and Sixth Form, as they have been able to demonstrate that they are reliable.

We also know that there is a strong correlation between absence and exam results. We have analysed our own GCSE results data from 2023 and were not surprised to find that pupils with high attendance perform exceptionally well when compared to pupils with poor attendance.

The table below shows these results:

Attendance %	5+ 9-4 inc En & Ma %	9-4 En & Ma %	9-4 En/EI %	9-4 Ma %	Average Grade
100%	90.5	95.2	100	95.2	7
98% and above	86.7	89.2	90.4	94	6
95% and above	87.7	89.6	90.9	94.2	6
90-95%	67.3	73.5	83.7	75.5	5
90% and below	41.9	48.8	55.8	62.8	4

We appreciate that there may have been genuine reasons why your child has missed school this academic year so far, but we ask that if your child is well enough that they come to school every day. Could I also take this opportunity to remind you that holidays taken during term time will not be authorised. A two-week family holiday is the equivalent of 50 hours of missed learning which will undoubtedly have a negative impact on your child's education.

We will of course always work with pupils and their families where any support may be helpful or there is a need or issue preventing a student from attending school. We will also always seek to involve parents/carers of pupils who are anxious about attending school and look at any ways we can help.

If you would like to discuss an attendance related issue, could I direct you to your child's Head of House in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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