

6th February 2024

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Dear families,

It is a pleasure to write to you as we approach the end of another busy half-term.

I would like to thank you for your continued support in our mission to create a remarkable school where no child is left behind. To achieve this high standard for our young people, we need 100% attendance and punctuality.

In this half-term, I am pleased to inform you that our Year 7 and 8 cohorts achieved an average attendance of 90% (close to national average). However, whilst we have some excellent individual student attendance, we remain concerned with the overall attendance of Year 9 and 10 cohorts. **I am confident that you will do everything possible to ensure your child is punctual and attends school 100% of the time from next half-term.**

Year 11 students have now completed their second mock examinations. On the first day of the mock exams, their overall attendance was 94%. This showed that our Year 11 students care about their GCSEs. Last summer, students who attended school over 95% of the time, achieved significantly higher GCSE grades. We have an excellent staff body and subject specialist teachers to help get the best from your child. **PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL ON TIME AND EVERY DAY.**

Over 95% of our students behave very well in school each day. They are polite, wear their full school uniform with pride and are respectful towards visitors. However, we have a small number of students, particularly in Key Stage 3, who are making the wrong choices. **Whilst we will work hard to support these young people, we will not tolerate internal truancy, defiance and walking away from members of staff.** I am sure you will support the school in ensuring your child attend lessons on time, remains in their classrooms, and engages with their learning 100% of the time.

We have seen many students seeking first-aid support for seasonal colds, coughs and headaches. You will appreciate the importance of your child remaining in lessons. First-aiders cannot provide support for these symptoms and doctors rarely prescribe medications for these conditions either. Such symptoms are part of life, and we need to educate our students to show more resilience. The role of a first aider is to provide support to someone who has become injured or ill at school.

Thank you if you attended recent parents' consultation evenings. The weather during these evenings was not good at all. However, we appreciated your attendance and for completing our school surveys. I am happy to share with you some of the key feedback received.

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Questions	Percentage agree or strongly agree
My child feels safe and happy at this school	92%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	85%
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly	83%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	86%
My child can take part in clubs and activities at school	90%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	80%

Please continue to monitor your child's school planner on a weekly basis for homework set. Please also use the planner to communicate between home and school.

Thank you again for all your support and feedback. We are extremely positive about our young people and the great potential they have. We firmly believe that every young person can achieve if they attend school 100% of the times.

We look forward to welcoming all our students back to school on **Monday 19th February at 8.00am.**

Yours faithfully,



Mr B K Dey

Head Teacher

