



10 November 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

Supporting learning towards GCSEs

As your child continues to progress through Year 10, we wanted to let you know some of the key information around attendance for this year group. Unfortunately, Year 10 had the lowest attendance in the school for the first half term and their attendance particularly dropped in the week before the half term holiday.

Every missed day means that students miss essential learning and the cumulative effect can be quite damaging. Every lesson that students are absent, they often struggle to catch up; falling behind will impact on their final GCSE results.

Attendance drops off over the week for Year 10 students and attendance on Thursday and Friday is lower than the rest of the week. Every day really does count and we would love to see Year 10 attendance improving over this next half term.

We know that regular attendance has a direct impact on students' achievement in their final GCSE examinations, with students that have 95% or higher attendance achieving on average 1.5 grades higher than those that do not. If you are struggling with getting your child into school regularly please contact one of us for support. Our new Senior Attendance Officer Miss Ager is in post and is ready to help with any attendance issues.

To the families that are continuing to prioritise attendance, we want to extend our gratitude; it is noticed and greatly appreciated. Together we can ensure that Year 10 students are supported in the next steps in their education journey. We look forward to discussing your child's progress with you at our Year 10 Subject Parents' Evening on Thursday 21 November with appointments available between 15.25 and 18.25.

We look forward to seeing your child in school tomorrow and hope that you can remind them, as ever, that they need to be in to win!

Yours sincerely

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