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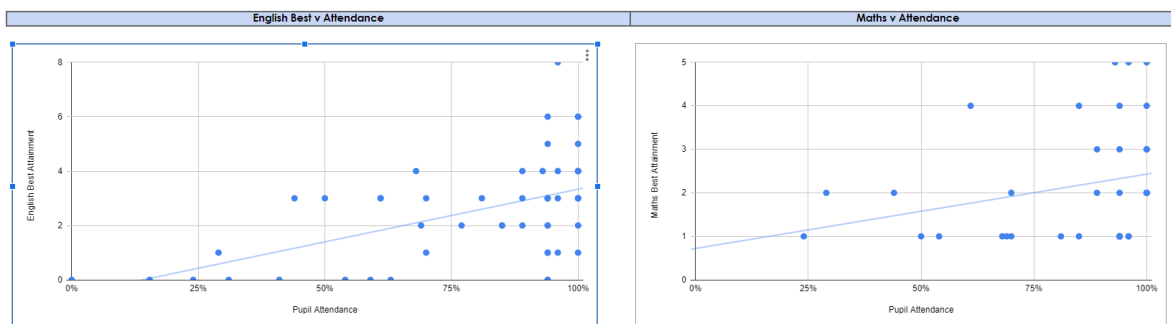
Dear Parent / Carer

### Y11 attendance and outcomes

We are writing to let you know that following our communication with families in October highlighting a crucial issue around Y11 attendance, particularly on a Friday, we started to see improvements in Y11 attendance on Fridays. This unfortunately dipped during the last 2 weeks of the half term and we are keen to ensure that improvements continue throughout the remainder of the year.

As you are, Year 11 have just started their first round of PPEs (mock exams) and having broken attendance (a day off a week or a fortnight) will have a direct impact on their results. We have shared with you before the significant correlation between absence and exam results and to illustrate this have done some more analysis on the year group's forecast grades against attendance. The graph below shows the relationship between attendance and attainment forecasts for this year group. Put simply, the students that attend the most are the students with the highest attainment grades, regardless of their entry points.

Attendance and Attainment Relationship



Our experience tells us that this is a serious concern. Year after year we watch students open their exam results in the summer. Many are ecstatic with their results and get the option to study any course they want to at their chosen provider as they have met or exceeded the entry criteria. Sadly, we also see the opposite.

Year 11 students now have 21 school weeks - or less than 100 school days - until their final GCSE examinations begin in May 2025. It is vitally important that students attend for as many of these as possible.

Thank you to all of the families who are already prioritising attendance; your commitment is making a huge difference and it is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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