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Dear Parent / Carer

### **Can we buck the trend in Year 8 at George Pindar School?**

Before half term we wrote to you about Year 8 attendance and highlighted a recent report from ImpactED evaluation who aim to improve student outcomes and life chances. In their recent report entitled 'Understanding Attendance' they found that the largest drop in attendance for students in secondary schools is during the transition from Year 7 into Year 8. We have put this to the test and have found that attendance currently in Year 8 has dropped compared to last year when children were in Year 7. Unfortunately, Year 8 attendance was 2% lower in October than it was in September.

There are many students in Year 8 who have excellent attendance; 35 have had 100% attendance for the whole of the half term and a massive 90% of the year group have had no late marks after morning registration closed. Students need to continue to be in school by 8.40am and to go straight to morning registration for their morning attendance mark.

Regular attendance makes a difference in keeping your child on track. Every day of learning builds on the last and when students miss days here and there, they can quickly fall behind. We really want to see improvements within this year group in the coming weeks and therefore ask families to do all you can to ensure that your children are attending school every day. In Year 8, Friday is statistically the worst for attendance.

Every week that your child attends every day they will get a 100 club reward raffle ticket to go into the end of the half term prize draw. They have to be in to win and we would love to see Year 8 attendance improving and lots of prizes being given out.

I would also like to give a big thankyou to the families who are making daily attendance a priority. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and we truly appreciate your support in helping your child stay engaged and present in school. We would like to encourage all Year 8 families to continue to focus on attendance, especially at the end of the week so that students can make the most of every school day.

Thank you for working with us as we help your child navigate Year 8 with confidence.

Yours sincerely

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