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Dear Parent / Carer

Attendance Matters

As you are aware, one of our key priorities following our recent Ofsted inspection is attendance. Evidence published on the Government's Education Hub shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. We strongly believe that nothing makes more of a difference to students' results than attendance and we therefore encourage all students to aim for 100% day in, day out.

Our attendance rewards strategy has been reworked for the remainder of the academic year and we launched this to students in a special assembly last week. With four weeks to go until the Easter holidays, please encourage your child to attend school every day! Students who achieve 100% attendance every week will receive a ticket for our 100 Club rewards draw and at Easter we will select six £100 winners of shopping or gaming vouchers. Every fortnight, students could be lucky enough to win a £5 voucher simply for telling a member of the attendance team their year to date total. Tutors share this figure with tutees every week so please remind your child to arrive at school on time. In school we run attendance competitions between Houses and Tutor Groups so please remind your child that every day they attend supports their group and every fortnight, the top tutor group per year will win a special prize. Overall, we want to encourage students to be in to win and we greatly appreciate your support in sending your child to school.

We are really grateful to all the families that are prioritising attendance; your commitment is making a huge difference and it is appreciated. We do understand that for some children maintaining regular attendance at school feels harder and if this is the case, we strongly encourage you to contact school on 01723 582194 or by email to hello@gps.hslt.academy or news@gps.hslt.academy Our attendance team are here to help.

In other news, and with the Easter holidays in sight, we have been asked by the Local Authority to remind all eligible families about the FEAST Holiday Activities and Food programme. All families whose children receive benefits-related free school meals will be issued vouchers to access free places on FEAST activities this Easter. You should receive this via email or text, from a platform called Holiday Activities by noon on Tuesday. Follow the link in this email/text to

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redeem your voucher and book your child's place on some of the fantastic activities on offer in our area. If you cannot find your voucher, please contact the school office. To learn more about FEAST, and for information on activities, eligibility, paid-for places and how to manage your bookings, <u>visit the website</u>.

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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