



Wednesday, 05 February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **RE: Importance of Good Attendance in Year 11 and Its Impact on Future Opportunities**

As we approach a crucial part of the academic year for Year 11 students, I wanted to take a moment to emphasise the significant role that consistent attendance plays in their overall success and future opportunities.

Year 11 is a pivotal time in a student's educational journey, with the upcoming examinations serving as a crucial stepping stone toward their future endeavours. **It is vital that students are present for each lesson, as the content covered in class is directly linked to their examination specification.**

Having good attendance is not merely a matter of fulfilling a requirement; rather, it is an investment in your child's academic achievements and, consequently, their future prospects. Colleges, Sixth Form, apprenticeships, and potential employers all scrutinise attendance records as part of their selection process. Regular attendance and punctuality are seen as a strong indicator of commitment, responsibility, and work ethic.

If students miss lessons this can have a direct impact on examination results, potentially hindering the academic achievements necessary for successful college applications or apprenticeship opportunities. Furthermore, employers often request attendance data, including the number of late marks and instances of unauthorised absences. This information forms an integral part of their decision-making process when considering potential candidates.

It is important for parents to be aware that the school has the responsibility to determine whether an absence is authorised or unauthorised. Unauthorised absences can have serious repercussions on a student's academic record and, subsequently, their future opportunities. Please be aware that anyone with an attendance percentage below 90% will not have their absences authorised without medical evidence.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, and we appreciate your cooperation in communicating any concerns or challenges that may affect your child's attendance. Our school is committed to working collaboratively with parents to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

Thank you for your support with this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Angus, Attendance Officer if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr SN Corless**  
**Headteacher**