

HOW DOES ATTENDANCE AFFECT YOUR CHILD'S GCSE GRADES?

Year 10 and 11 Newsletter

Key Data

Year 10 attendance 93%

Year 11 attendance 93%

KS3 attendance average 95%

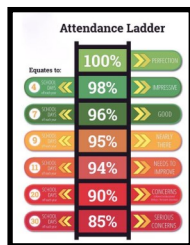
Introduction

As you will all know, being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments. In this edition we want to explore this with you and draw your attention to the support available if needed.

What Year 10 and 11's current data shows us

We have analysed our current attendance in Years 10 and 11 and wanted to share this with you:

Attendance	% of Year 10	% of Year 11	Effects on GCSE results
96-100%	53.10%	53.90%	+1.4
92-95.9%	20%	28.50%	-0.7
90-91.9%	10.30%	2.30%	-1.5
85-89.9%	8.90%	7.90%	-1.9
80-84.9%	3.40%	1.50%	-2.7
0-79.9%	4.10%	5.50%	-3.3



In Year 10 11% of pupils have 100% attendance and in Year 11 14% of pupils have 100% attendance. This is an outstanding achievement for them.

How you can support your child attending school.

All parents can access their child's attendance on Class Charts.

- Having a regular routine is important e.g. organising homework, packing school bag, getting out uniform the night before.
- Ensuring your child has a good nights sleep and turning off electric devices one hour before bedtime.
- Talk positively about school and let your child know you're there to support their learning at home, support them at exam time, attend parents' evenings etc. Take an interest in their school day and what they have learnt.
- Talk to your child about the importance of daily attendance and how it helps their learning.
- Make every effort to schedule doctor, dentist, and other appointments out of school hours.
- Plan family holidays in school holidays.
- Only let your child stay home if he/she is truly sick. Sometimes complaints of a headache or stomach ache might be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. Contact school for support if you think this might be happening.
- Talking regularly with your child about how they are finding school will quickly identify barriers they may have and we can support with in school.
- Talk to us at school if you are concerned.

How we can support your child attending school.

It's never too late to improve attendance!

- Provide a mentor or buddy for your child to talk to who they can trust.
- Put together a bespoke support programme to build confidence in returning to school and catching up with missed learning.
- Attendance clinics to support parents and carers in identifying barriers and action planning to address them.
- Parents/carers know their children best and are well-placed to support them to recognise and manage their normal emotions. Having regular meetings with school to discuss and support your child's needs.
- Providing additional support where needed for example, the school nurse, emotional coaching, mental health support teams etc.

Please contact us at school if you feel we can support in any way.