



## 5/2/26 End of Half Term attendance reminders

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining strong attendance right up until the last day. It is common to see a dip in attendance during a final week – students are often feeling tired after a long term, and there can be a tendency for families to be less strict about coming in when faced with low-level illnesses. In some cases, a few may even consider taking an early holiday.

However, every single day in school counts. Research across the UK has shown that attendance has a significant impact on a young person's educational outcomes. For example, data from the Department for Education reveals that pupils with no absence are almost five times more likely to achieve strong GCSE results in English and Maths, compared to those with persistent absence. Even missing a few days across a term can add up, making a real difference to learning and progress.

- Pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to build the skills and knowledge they need for success later in life.
- According to national statistics, students with attendance below 90% (approximately one day off every two weeks) are much less likely to reach their full academic potential.
- Each day missed is a learning opportunity lost; the last week of term includes important lessons, activities, and preparation for the next stage after we return from the half term break.

We are asking all families to do everything possible to ensure that students are in school every day, especially in the final week of the half term. Your support in this matter truly makes a difference.



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This is of course even more important for our **students in year 11** for whom it is the first of their two mock exam weeks. As always – we are keen to help and support families if needs arise during this potentially stressful time. Please don't hesitate to contact the KS4 team if you need our help.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding attendance, please feel free to get in touch with the relevant Key stage team or our attendance team.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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