



RJA/KHA

2nd October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Regular attendance is essential for your child's academic progress, wellbeing, social development and future opportunities. Missing school has a lasting impact-lost learning time can never be replaced.

Higher attendance strongly correlates with better GCSE results, students with a 95% or higher attendance have an 81% chance of achieving 5+ GCSEs at grade 4 or above, this would be equivalent of having 9 or less days off a year. Pupils with 90-94.9% attendance have only a 50% chance of achieving 5+ GCSEs at grade 4 or above, these would be students that have between 10- 19 days absent during the school year. Sadly, we have too many students who fall into this bracket and we see each year at results day how low attendance has a lasting impact due to students not achieving the grades required to follow their chosen courses.

We also have a growing number of students who are persistently late to school and lessons, again this amounts to lost learning time, which is having a negative impact on students' progress, as well as forming bad habits that will become difficult to break when they enter employment. We will be making changes to our punctuality systems for students who are late to registration. Students who are late to registration but arrive before 8.45am will complete a 10-minute detention with their form tutor. Students who arrive after 8.45am to registration will be issued a 30-minute detention at 3pm on that same day. If punctuality to registration becomes a persistent issue parents will be invited to a school meeting to discuss our punctuality concerns.

Attendance and punctuality are a shared responsibility. By law parents are responsible for ensuring their child is attending school and receiving a fulltime education. We are also committed as a school to identify and address any barriers by working closely with you. If you ever have any concerns or need help to support your child, please reach out to us.

Attendance lead/KS4 pastoral lead: Mrs Jackson

Year 10 attendance officer: Mrs Walker

Year 11 attendance officer: Mr Scott

Year 11 Year team: Mr Tay, Mrs Wilkes and Mrs Richards

Year 10 Year team: Mr Esty and Mrs Johnson

Yours sincerely

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