

24th February 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

We hope that you and your child / children have had a great half-term. Thank you for supporting us and your child in being ready for term 4. We were delighted to see the whole school attendance at 91.8%.

Attendance to school is so important. You will recall us telling you about our previous students who had 95% or better attendance who went on to achieve nearly one grade higher in previous GCSE results.

From our data analysis and from our listening conversations from the School Council we have seen and heard that students feel that arriving on time to lessons after the introduction of our one way system has sometimes been a challenge.

Lateness to Lessons - we have listened:

To support our students there will be bells sounding 1 minute before the end of their lesson and 4 minutes into the start of their next lesson. If they arrive after the 4 minute bell, they will be classed as being late. There is a bell that will sound 5 minutes before the end of their break/lunch to indicate that they need to start moving to their lessons.

If students are late to a lesson they will need a note in their planners from the member of staff that they have been with and we will be supportive. Students without a note will have the minutes late recorded in Bromcom. Parents will be notified via MCAS and students will receive a lunchtime detention in room A22.

Truancy - we have analysed the data:

We know how important it is to eliminate truancy. We have emailed a few parents and students to set out our clear expectations from term 4. Students who do choose to truant will be sanctioned with the remainder of their day in the Matrix and a same day 30 minute detention. They will also be expected to catch up with the missed work. The number of students making these choices are now under 12 students.

We have held an online assembly this morning to set out these expectations and thank you for asking your child / children about these expectations and the assembly today. We know our students know why it is important to attend each and every lesson.

There will be a practice week from 24th February and this strategy will go live from Monday 3rd March.

With our continued thanks. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need any further information.

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