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Dear parents, carers and students,

Spotlight on Attendance:

You will have seen in last week's news the government's focus on school attendance. Nationally, attendance rates have fallen post Covid, and it is important that schools, families, and external agencies work together to support young people to attend school full time.

Analysis of examination data shows a link between the amount of time a young person is in school and their examination success. For our Year 11 students in 2023 the data speaks for itself:

Attendance	Average GCSE Grade	Average GCSE Value Added
Above 95%	5.7	+0.5
50 – 80 %	3.3	-0.9
0-50%	3.0	-2.1

A score of +0.5 of above shows that students who were in school for 95% of the time, are making well above the expected level of progress. Those students with 80% attendance or below, are making significantly below the expected level of progress.

Please, take the time to read the attached leaflet which further outlines the importance of attendance.

And, if you are at all worried about your child's attendance, please contact their Head of Year so that we can work together to support your child to achieve their full potential.

Open Evening

Thank you in advance to all students who have volunteered to get involved in our annual Open Evening which takes place on **Tuesday 3rd October**.

To support the preparation for the event **school will close to students at 1:55 p.m.**

All school buses, apart from the 97s have confirmed that they will be able to make the earlier pick-up time. Any student who needs to remain on site for the 97s should make their way to the sixth form common room where they will be supervised until the end of the normal school day.

Training Days

Please remember that school is closed to students on Wednesday 4th October due to a staff training day. Dates for our remaining training days are:

Friday 1st December

Friday 22nd March

Monday 1st July

Monday 22nd July

And finally...

It's never too early to start thinking about sixth form – why not come and see for yourselves what our fantastic Sixth Form has to offer. Our Post Sixteen Open Evening takes place on Thursday 19th October, and we would love to see you there.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support,

Kind regards,

Miriam Oakley

Headteacher