

22nd April 2026Everyday Counts: Building Strong Foundations for Your GCSE Success

Dear Year 9,

We've noticed that attendance across Year 9 has started to dip recently, and I want to be really clear about why this matters.

You've now chosen your option subjects. What you're learning right now is the foundation for those subjects, and it will directly affect how confident and successful you feel when you start your GCSE courses. If you miss lessons now, it's much harder to catch up later.

I know there will be days when you don't feel 100%. In many cases, you are still able to come into school, and we will support you if you need it. It's always better to be in, learning what you can, rather than missing the day completely.

If something is stopping you from attending regularly, you need to speak to your Head of Year or a member of staff you trust. We can help, but only if we know what's going on.

The expectation is simple: be in school, every day, all day. That's how you give yourself the best chance of doing well and setting yourself up for success in your GCSEs.

Make the right choice > **be in.**

Yours sincerely,

The Attendance Team

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 9.5 days or 1 week & 4.5 days of learning missed
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 19 days or 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed
85%	=	143 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 28.5 days or 5 weeks & 3.5 days of learning missed
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 38 days or 7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed
75%	=	237.5 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 47.5 days or 9 weeks & 2.5 days of learning missed

EVERY DAY MATTERS!

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

PERCENTAGES BASED ON 190 ACADEMIC DAYS