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Year 9 Attendance and Preparation for GCSEs

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to bring to your attention a recent decline in attendance among our Year 9 pupils.

As you will be aware, pupils have now chosen their option subjects. This makes attendance more important than ever, as the learning taking place now forms the foundation for these subjects and will directly support their success as they move into their GCSE years. Missing school at this stage can create gaps in knowledge that are difficult to close later on.

We do, of course, understand that there will be occasions when pupils feel unwell. However, where possible, we encourage pupils to attend school, as we are best able to support and care for them during the day when they are present.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact their Head of Year. Keeping us informed allows us to work together to provide the right support.

It is vital that pupils attend school every day and are present for the full school day. Strong attendance now will help to ensure they are fully prepared, resilient and confident as they progress through their GCSE courses.

We appreciate your continued support in reinforcing the importance of attendance and punctuality.

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