Attendance Pledge

"Attendance Matters!"

Why attendance matters?

- Students whose attendance remains between 97% and 100% are in the **best position to achieve the top grades** in their GCSEs and A-Levels.
- Students with **100% attendance have almost 75% chance of gaining 5 or more GCSEs** at grades 5-9
- Students whose attendance drops below 94% will have missed 2 weeks of school. This has a significant impact on GCSE results
- Students with a rate of attendance **lower than 95%, have lower than 50% chance of gaining 5 or more GCSEs** at grades 5-9

Where support is not being engaged with or is not working, and it is appropriate legal intervention will be implemented by the local authority (including prosecution as a last resort)

School Responsibilities

- Maintain high expectations of student attendance
- Develop and maintain a whole school culture that promotes the benefits of good attendance
- Accurately complete admission and attendance registers
- Have robust daily processes to follow up absence
- Have a dedicated senior leader with overall responsibility for attendance (Mrs Jeyes)
- Proactively use data to identify those at risk of, low attendance and develop strategies to support them
- Refer cases of persistent absence to the Local authority
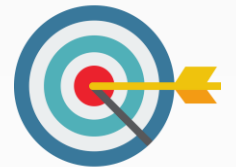
Parental Responsibilities

- Ensure our child comes into school everyday on time and ready to learn
- Contact the academy every day of your child's absence before 8am using edulink or calling us on 01536 396399
- Make any appointments for your child outside of school hours
- Providing medical evidence for unavoidable medical or dental appointments
- If your child is having difficulties attending school, contact your child's form tutor or Student Care Team as soon as possible
- Attend all meetings with regards to your child's attendance
- Not taking holidays in term time

Student Responsibilities

- Attend school every day on time and be punctual to lessons
- Only miss school for serious illness and not colds, coughs, sneezes or headaches
- Not to expect to be sent home from school unless you have a serious illness where parents will need to collect you
- Understand that lateness can effect attendance
- Be on time to school and lessons
- Know that your personal attendance target is 97%

Working Together

- The school will work with parents to remove any barriers to attendance this could include:
  - Meetings with students
  - Letters warning parents if students are at risk
  - Attendance support meetings
  - Parenting contracts
  - Referral to the local authority
- Where this intervention is unsuccessful and there are out of school barriers, the local authority and school will implement a multi agency approach to tackling poor attendance to provide each student and their family with access to services they need
- Where support is not being engaged with or is not working, and it is appropriate legal intervention will be implemented by the local authority

All students have an attendance target of 97%