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Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance

As I am sure you are aware, achieving good attendance is a priority for us at the academy. This is because research has shown a clear correlation between time attended at school and higher attainment at GCSE. To illustrate this, 80% of students with 97% attendance or more achieve 5 passes at GCSE grade 4 and above. Conversely, only 10% of students whose attendance is less than 90% achieve 5 passes at GCSE grade 4 and above. The majority of our students achieve 97% attendance and we are very proud of this.

We want all our students to achieve beyond their potential and therefore every student should be aiming to have an attendance of at least 97%. We are working extremely hard to support students in achieving this and we ask for your support in maximising the attendance of your child. Before Christmas, we were pleased to appoint Ms Clark as our new Home School Liaison Officer and Mrs Shannon as her assistant. We were also happy to welcome back Mrs Bright, our Attendance Officer, from her absence. Please contact any member of the team if you wish to discuss your child's attendance.

Attending school means attending all lessons on time. Since the introduction of our new behaviour system in December, we have seen a dramatic reduction in students arriving late to lessons and causing disruption. Students arriving more than 3 minutes late to any lesson, without a note from staff, will continue to have consequences put in place. It is our expectation that every student attends all lessons at all times, punctually, with the correct equipment.

I would ask again that you please support the efforts that we are making to improve school attendance and maximise every student's chances of achieving their potential.

Yours sincerely

Fergal O'Rourke

Assistant Head Teacher – Holistic Provision

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