



Friday 28th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a privilege to welcome students back to One In A Million Free School this academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations around student attendance and timekeeping.

At One In A Million Free School we strive for excellent attendance and timekeeping.

Attending school on a regular basis is the key to a child fulfilling their academic potential. It establishes good routines, which support mental health & wellbeing, and prepares students for the working world. School also provides opportunities to socialise and increase confidence, providing a strong foundation from which students can fulfil their ambitions and aspirations.

Students with excellent attendance (96%+) and timekeeping will be included in our rewards challenges, end of year trips and pop-up prize draws throughout the academic year.

Important Attendance Facts for Parent/Carers

Attendance of 90% is the equivalent of 19 days or approximately 95 lessons missed over a school year. Days missed represent lost learning, which is proven to have a significant impact on student's attainment and progress.

School data shows that last year, our Year 11 students with excellent attendance **achieved or exceeded** their target grades in the summer GCSE exams. This means they were able to go on to their Post 16 provision at College, Sixth Form or an Apprenticeship.

Students in that year group who had attendance of 90% or below did **not** achieve their target grades overall. Consequently, some of them were unable to enrol on the Post 16 courses of their choice and many will have to re-sit their Maths and English GCSE exams next summer.

It is therefore extremely important that all students attend school on time, each day and I would like to thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child has excellent attendance.

The Home School Partnership is a key factor in ensuring students achieve or exceed their potential.

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We understand that some students fall unwell or have medical needs where attending school daily is not as achievable, please contact school if you would like support with your child's attendance.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Hobbs - Principal

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