



# BEHAVIOUR & ATTITUDES NEWSLETTER

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## Attendance

Since the end of the pandemic, attendance has been a national issue in all schools, but in particular secondary schools. At the Academy, we appreciate that this is a difficult time and that many people have suffered with mental health issues post-pandemic and we are very pleased that those who are suffering, and are struggling to come into the Academy, are getting the support that they need. We are also pleased that attendance is improving in the Academy, which is not the national picture at the moment. Attendance is always a key priority of the Academy, because if a student is not in, they cannot learn. There was some interesting data produced from the Central Bedfordshire Local Authority that showed that only 62% of students with attendance between 85% and 90% achieved a grade 4 or better in English and maths, and that students with attendance below 85% only had a 36% chance of achieving a grade 4 or better in English and maths. However, students with 95% or higher attendance had a 79% chance of achieving these grades, and students with 100% attendance had a 87% chance of achieving the grades. This proves that good attendance is vital to achieving good grades.

**Simon Miller**

Deputy Principal—Behaviour and Attitudes

## Behaviour

Behaviour continues to improve compared to last year and we are very proud of the way that the overwhelming majority of students are behaving. There are fewer B1s, B2s and B3s compared to this point last year, proving that behaviour is significantly better in the Academy compared to the same point last year. A key focus for the Academy has been swearing, and this has seen a significant shift compared to the same point last year. On recent analysis of suspensions, these have halved compared to the same point last year, again showing that behaviour is improved in relation to last year.

## Uniform

Please support your child by making sure that they have the correct uniform for school. Students should have blazers every day and be wearing school shoes, not trainers. Nails should be clear nail polish only, and students should only have one stud earring in each ear. Trousers should not be too tight. If students do not have the correct uniform, they may be sent home to change, with parental permission. If this is not possible, they will be placed into isolation until the issue is rectified.

## Reporting an Absence

Students should attend school every day that they are able, but if your child is unable to attend for any reason, it is important that you inform the Academy by 8.30am on each day that your child will not be in.

If the absence is for a medical appointment, medical evidence must be provided so that we can authorise the absence. Evidence can include copies of appointments letters or texts from the medical practice which can be emailed to us. Students should attend school both before and after the appointment wherever possible to reduce the impact on their learning and we ask that you let us know when they will be arriving and / or leaving school.

Safeguarding students is of paramount importance and following these steps helps us to act swiftly in resolving any unexplained absences.

**Karen Mead**

Attendance Officer



## Year 11

Year 11 have made a positive start to the year, through consistently meeting expectations and managing their behaviour. It is pleasing to see the maturity demonstrated by most of the year group and the good example this sets to the lower year groups.

I am proud of the continuing efforts the year group are making towards increasing their attendance and urge parents/carers to continue to support their child by ensuring they are attending school punctually, every day.

The year group will shortly be preparing themselves for their final mock exams and may I remind students that their conduct under exam conditions must be exemplary to ensure all students are provided with the best opportunity to achieve the best grades possible.

Before long Year 11 students will be pursuing future educational or vocational paths and, with this in mind, we have started to recruit students to form a Prom Committee, where the focus will be raising funds for the event and discussing ideas for the evening which will be taking place at The Conservatory, Luton Hoo on Thursday 4th July. If your son/daughter would like to be involved and work with the committee to realise its vision, please speak to a member of the Year 11 pastoral team.

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