

ASA ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 1: ATTENDANCE MATTERS

NOVEMBER 2020

DID YOU KNOW:

If you're 15 minutes late every day, you lose 2 weeks of learning by the end of the school year.

COVID-19 AND SELF-ISOLATION

Please note, students are only required to self-isolate if:

- they or someone in their direct household are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 and are awaiting a test/ results (symptoms are a new, persistent cough, a high temperature and/or a loss of taste and/or smell). *A runny nose is not a symptom of COVID-19.*
- they or someone in their direct household has tested positive for COVID-19
- they have been told by NHS Test & Trace to isolate due to contact with a positive case
- the Academy has told them to isolate due to contact with a positive case
- the household has been asked to isolate by the NHS prior to an operation/procedure/treatment for a household member (will be in writing from the NHS)

If someone in the household has been told by NHS Test & Trace to isolate due to contact with a person who has tested positive, but they are not displaying any symptoms themselves, only that individual needs to isolate.

If a student does not attend the academy due to self-isolation and they do not fall into one of the five categories above, this absence will be unauthorised.

DID YOU KNOW:

90% attendance might sound good but it means you are missing 19 days of education per year.

HOW DOES ATTENDANCE AFFECT ATTAINMENT?

- Students with 100% attendance have an almost 75% chance of gaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades 9-5 including English and Maths.
- Students with a rate of attendance lower than 95%, have less than 50% chance of gaining 5 or more GCSEs at grade 9-5 including Maths and English.
- Only 35% of pupils whose attendance is lower than 90% gain 5 or more GCSEs including England and Maths.

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ACADEMY SUPPORT

Every effort should be made for your child to attend school every day. If your child is so unwell they cannot attend school or there are other reasons for your child's absence, please call the academy as soon as possible to notify us (01482 781912).

If your child is absent and we have not received notification from you, the academy will call home on the first day of absence to identify the reason.

If we notice that your child's attendance is in danger of dropping below an acceptable level, we will write to you to notify you of our concerns (please note this will not be the case for genuine medical absences such as recovery from an operation etc.) Any action following this will be dependent on the situation surrounding the absence.

Please call the academy to speak to a member of the Attendance Team if you have concerns around issues that may affect the attendance of your child. This will ensure we can work with you in supporting your child to attend the academy.

HALF TERM I WINNERS:

Tutor Group with the best attendance - **7SJO**

Year Group with the best attendance - **Year 7**

House with the best attendance - **Rievaulx**

