

Dear parent/carer,

As I have previously mentioned, when students returned following the Christmas period, we shared information around our updated attendance strategy. As you know, attendance in school has not recovered since the pandemic and we need to reinforce the importance of consistently good attendance and punctuality. We are currently sharing new visuals around the school site and we would like to ask you to reinforce this message at home. Attendance last week was as follows:

Year 7 -92%

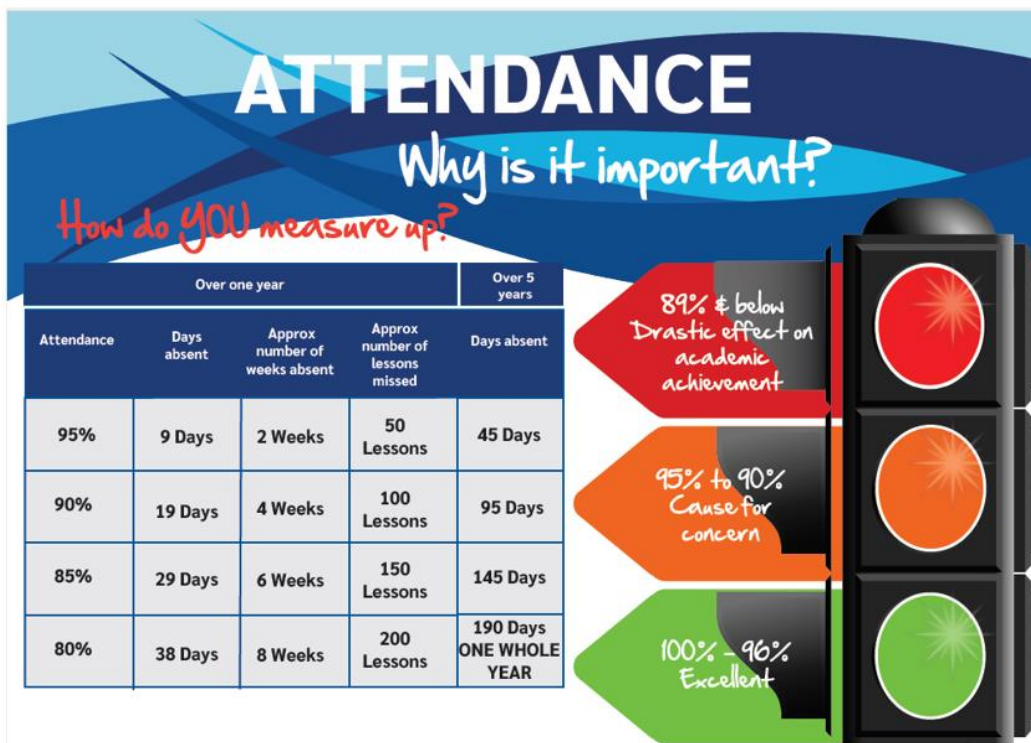
Year 8- 92%

Year 9- 92%

Y10- 91%

Year 11- 91%

Our attendance target is above 95% so we have a lot of work to do.



For year 7 and 8 parents, information about the upcoming Parents Evening has been sent out on Class Charts, so please make sure you have read that letter and book your appointment.

On Wednesday next week (18 Jan), we have our second college **Open Evening** which is running from **17.30** to 19.00 with the Head of College talk at 18.00. We look forward to seeing lots of our year 11 students there.

We also have workshops running next Thursday (19 Jan) for year 11 parents – there will be three sections:

Information on Data

Revision Strategies

General Q&A

There will be two sessions, one from 17.00 to 18.00 and one from 18.00 to 19.00. We would really urge all year 11 parents/carers to attend. <O:\JC\em letters\Parents Evening\YR11 parent sessions 1.23.docx>

We have lots of House competitions running at the moment including:

**Bird Photo Competition** – the deadline for this was last Monday and we had lots of entries – we are looking forward to hearing who the winners are.

**Chinese New Year** – students will have some lanterns to make in form time over the next 2 weeks. The aim is for them to make some Chinese red lanterns that we can decorate the school with and use them for a display when we host our Chinese New Year party on Thursday 19 January. This is an opportunity for the families of our Hong Kong students to come into school and meet some of our school community.

**Penny Wars** - each House has a bottle, and the aim is to fill the bottle with loose change (1ps and 2ps). At the end of the 2 weeks the House with the most money wins – any silver coins dropped in will be deducted from the total. The jars will be based in Polaris but will make random trips to the Main Hall at break / lunches.

Mrs Jenkinson has published our first CEIAG (Careers Education, Information and Guidance) newsletter today – you will receive a copy via Class Charts. This will be something that we do regularly now to keep you and students updated on everything that is going on.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes and take care,



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Diary dates

Wednesday 18 January - Year 11 and year 13 Leavers Photos ( individual, year group and friendships photos)



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