

12th December 2022



Dear Parent/Carer

Importance of attendance: final week of the Autumn Term

As we approach the last week of this academic term, I am writing to ask for your support in ensuring that your child has good attendance and attends the Academy every day in these last five days. Whilst we are aware that there is some illness in the local community at present, we ask that your child attends unless there is medical proof that they have been advised by a medical professional not to attend the Academy.

This week is crucial in preparing students for their important mid-year assessments in Years 7-10, which commence immediately in January in the Spring Term. These are an important event for your child; helping teachers to understand how much individual progress has been made and where there are still areas to improve.

For our Year 11 students, we now have only 30 Academy days until the second programme of mock examinations commencing the week before February half-term from 6th February. Every day is crucial to ensuring success in these and the final examinations, and in providing teachers the opportunity to thoroughly prepare your child for these.

The Department for Education and Oasis Academy Lord's Hills target for attendance is 96%.

We will contact parents to address and improve attendance, using support from Education Welfare Service as appropriate, where:

- A pupil's attendance falls below 96%,
- A pupil has a number of unauthorised absences
- A pupil has a regular pattern of absence e.g. Fridays

Absences must be reported EACH day of absence for safeguarding purposes, regardless of whether this is an ongoing reason for absence.

An average attendance of 80% or less across a child's school career adds up to missing a whole 2 years from school

Being late for school reduces learning time and progress

If your child is 5 minutes late every day, they will miss 3 days of learning each year
If your child is 15 minutes late every day, they will miss 2 weeks of learning each year

Make every day count

Thank you for your support in ensuring great attendance for your child.

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Karen Riding
Vice Principal

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