

Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: The Importance of Attendance

We hope you and your child had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. It is always a pleasure to return after the holidays and welcome our pupils back to school. As we embark on this new academic year, I want to take a moment to highlight just how important good attendance is for your child's success—both in their academic progress and personal development. Regular attendance helps build a strong foundation for learning, personal growth, and future success.

Pupils who attend school nearly every day (95-100%) are almost twice as likely to achieve a Grade 5 or higher in their English and Maths GCSEs compared to those with 90-95% attendance—and three times more likely than those attending only 85-90%. A difference of just a few weeks in school can have a big impact.

To celebrate and encourage all pupils' attendance, we will offer a range of rewards and incentives throughout the year to support and recognise their commitment to learning.

We understand that occasionally, absence is unavoidable due to illness or exceptional circumstances. However, we are committed to working closely with all our families to ensure every pupil can maintain strong attendance. Where attendance becomes a concern, parents may be invited into school for a support meeting. These meetings are a chance to work together, identify any challenges, and put support in place to help improve attendance moving forward.

If you have any concerns around attendance or if there are challenges impacting your child's ability to attend regularly, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Let's work together to make this a successful and fulfilling year for your child.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Draper
Deputy Headteacher

