



September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance Matters

We are delighted with the positive start made by students to the new term and thank you for your support with this.

In assemblies we have been celebrating the achievements of last year's Year 11 and Post 16 students and making clear to current students the direct link between attendance and achievement. We have told them that we want 'every student in every lesson every day'.

We have shared the figures below about the amount of learning lost if attendance falls to 95% or lower.

There are 39 weeks in a school year.

95% attendance	= 10 days missed	= 30 lessons	= 50 hours
90% attendance	= 19 days missed	= 57 lessons	= 95 hours
85% attendance	= 29 days missed	= 87 lessons	= 145 hours
80% attendance	= 38 days missed	= 114 lessons	= 190 hours

Please do not give your child excuses for poor attendance.

- Do not book holidays in term-time. Term-time holidays will not be authorised.
- Do not book routine medical appointments during the College day.
- Do not take a 'long weekend'.
- Do not allow your child to stay at home with minor ailment.
- Contact us, if your child does not want to come to College for any reason. We have staff to support them.

Key Dates 2022/23

We have listed key dates, including holidays and parents' evenings, on the following page to allow families to be organised in terms of attendance.

Parents' Evenings 2022/23

You will note that we have planned a combination of face-to-face and virtual parents' evenings this year. This is based on the feedback from the Parent Voice survey last term. We have organised the evenings to ensure that you get at least one opportunity to come into College and meet staff face-to face. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Calendar 2023/24

The calendar for 2023/24 is on the College website. Please note that there will not be an INSET Day in October 2024, which is a change from previous years. [Link to calendars.](#)

As we said in our previous letter, we start the new year with a mood of excitement and optimism. We are looking forward to our students attending College showing the College values of motivation, commitment and care and we ask you, as caring parents, to be committed to sending them to school every day; no excuses.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

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Term Dates and Key Events.

Autumn Term

5 th and 6 th	September	2022 (Mon/Tues)	INSET DAYS	
7 th	September	2022 (Wednesday)		Years 7 – 13 students return to College (staggered starts)
8 th	September	2022 (Thursday)		Years 7 – 13 students in College following normal timetable
6 th	October	2022		Year 7 Welcome Parents' Evening/Conversation – on site
6 th	October	2022		Parents' Evening for Alternative Curriculum Students – on site
13 th	October	2022		Open Evening for students moving from Year 6 into Year 7
20 th	October	2022		Year 11 Exam Information Evening and Post16 Open Evening – on site
21 st	October	2022		INSET Day. College closes for half term.
24 th – 28 th October 2022			<i>Autumn Half Term</i>	
31 st	October	2022 (Monday)		Students return after half term
7 th	December	2022		Presentation Evening (for Year 11 Leavers Summer 2022)
8 th	December	2022		Christmas Concert
14 th	December	2022		Years 12/13 Parents Evening on site (1 st of 2) – on site
16 th	December	2022		College closes for Christmas Holidays
19 th December – 2 nd January 2023			<i>Christmas Holidays</i>	

Spring Term

2 nd	January	2023 (Monday)		<u>College Closed</u> – Bank Holiday in lieu of New Year's Day
3 rd	January	2023 (Tuesday)		Students return after the Christmas holidays
19 th	January	2023		Year 11 Parents Evening (Mock results issued) - virtual
2 nd	February	2023		Year 8 Parents' Evening - virtual
10 th	February	2023 (Friday)		College Closes for half term break
13 th – 17 th February 2023			<i>February Half Term</i>	
20 th	February	2023 (Monday)		Students return after half term
9 th	March	2023		Careers Fair
9 th	March	2023		Year 8 Preferencing Evening (GCSE Options) – on site
10 th	March	2023		Year 9 Work Shadowing Day
16 th	March	2023		Year 10 Parents' Evening – on site
23 rd	March	2023		Years 12/13 Parents Evening (2 nd of 2) - virtual
30 th	March	2023		Year 11 Exam Information Evening - on site
31 st	March	2023		College closes for Easter
3 rd – 14 th April 2023			<i>Easter Holidays</i>	

Summer Term

17 th	April	2023 (Monday)		Students return after the Easter break
1 st	May	2023 (Monday)		May Day Bank Holiday (College Closed)
17 th	May	2023		Year 9 Parents' Evening – on site
15 th	May	2023		Formal Exam Season begins (ends 30 th June 2023)
26 th	May	2023 (Friday)		College closes for half term break
29 th May – 2 nd June 2023			<i>Spring Bank Holiday</i>	
5 th	June	2023 (Monday)		Students return after half term
15 th	June	2023		Year 7 Parents' Evening – virtual
15 th	June	2023		Parents' Evening for Alternative Curriculum Students - virtual
26 th	June	2023		Start of Year 6 Induction Days (ends 28 th June 2023)
28 th	June	2023		Year 6 Parents' Information Evening
30 th	June	2023		Formal Exam Season ends
5 th	July	2023		Summer Concert – on site
6 th	July	2023		Year 11 PROM
7 th	July	2023		Sports Day
12 th	July	2023		Year 8 KS3 Graduation
21 st	July	2023 (Friday)		School Closes for summer
6 th	September	2023 (Wednesday)		Students return to College after the summer

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