



ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2024

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR ATTENDANCE TEAM

Welcome to our half-termly attendance newsletter, which will become a place for us to share information, successes, support, and advice on all things school attendance.

Our research and analysis of academy performance indicates that excellent attendance at school is the most important factor linked to academic outcomes.

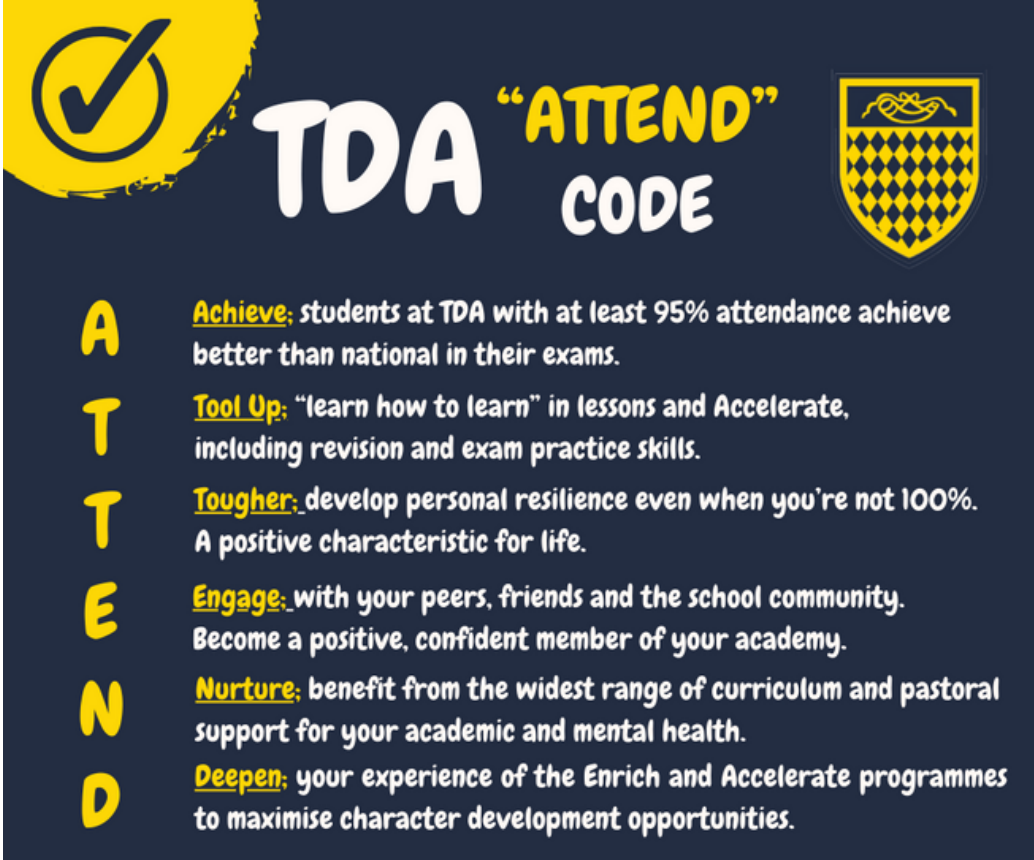
In our summer 2023 exams, **students that attended school at least 95% of the time achieved academic progress above the national average.**

As parents and carers, please continue to work with us at TDA to ensure your children attends school every day, and on time every day. **It is the best way to ensure outstanding progress in their learning, and to expose them to a wide range of personal character development opportunities via our Enrich, Accelerate and Extra-Curricular programmes.** We ask our students to adhere to the TDA ATTEND Code (see below) to equip them with everything they need to be successful at school.

We look forward to working with you all,

Mr M Snowden (Associate Assistant Principal - Attendance & Pastoral Care)

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TDA "ATTEND" CODE

A Achieve: students at TDA with at least 95% attendance achieve better than national in their exams.

T Tool Up: "learn how to learn" in lessons and Accelerate, including revision and exam practice skills.

T Tougher: develop personal resilience even when you're not 100%. A positive characteristic for life.

E Engage: with your peers, friends and the school community. Become a positive, confident member of your academy.

N Nurture: benefit from the widest range of curriculum and pastoral support for your academic and mental health.

D Deepen: your experience of the Enrich and Accelerate programmes to maximise character development opportunities.

GUIDANCE ON ABSENCE, LATENESS, AND CONTACTING SCHOOL

Should your child be too ill to attend school, please ensure you contact the academy office on 01623 860545 each day of absence. Medical and dental appointments should be made outside of academy hours to avoid missing learning unnecessarily. A helpful link to support parents and carers and school absence linked to illness is below;

www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Did you know?

If a student arrives at school after 09:10am, without an authorised reason, they will receive a "U" mark in the register. This means "Late after registers closed" and the student loses 50% of their attendance percentage for that day (there are two sessions - AM and PM)

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time so this does not happen, and they do not miss out on crucial learning in the AM session. **Ensuring they get to sleep early, and have an alarm set are two easy ways to help with this.**

TDA also **provides breakfast in the cafeteria for all students, entirely free-of-charge**, from 08:20 onwards. This helps support families from rushing in the morning and prevents lateness.



Visit our website at <https://www.dukeries.atrust.org.uk/our-academy/attendance-2/>



TOP ATTENDING YEAR GROUPS AND COACHING TEAMS

Our best attending year group and coaching teams from last half-term are detailed below;

Year Groups		Coaches	
1st	Y7	1st	11.4LC
2nd	Y11	2nd	7.1JS
3rd	Y8	3rd	8.2SE
4th	Y9	4th	9.3AT/RH
5th	Y10	5th	7.4RTM

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

We are exceptionally keen to recognise where attendance is fantastic, and to always encourage positive attendance and improvements. Just a few examples of this are detailed here.

Spot Prizes!

A huge well done to all students that won a spot prize in the final three weeks of term in our assembly random prizes draws. Students with 100% attendance in the previous week were entered into year group draws to win Greggs, Costa, or Sports Direct vouchers. Make sure you hand your completed voucher sheet back to Mr Snowden so your voucher can be emailed to you.

Recognition Certificates

All students that had 100% attendance last half-term received a certificate to acknowledge this fantastic achievement. Additionally, those with excellent attendance of 96% or higher also received a certificate.

My Child At School

To support parents and carers in knowing what their children's attendance percentage is, we will be sending a weekly update through "My Child At School" (MCAS) via our Bromcom platform. Please ensure you have signed up for this. You can request login details via the academy office.

Competitions

In the final three-week drive up to Christmas, our coaching teams were challenged to pit their attendance against each other to earn prizes for themselves (and their coach!) After a to-and-fro battle, the top 3 coaching teams were;

1st
7.4RTM - 96.3%

2nd
8.2SE - 95.7%

3rd
8.1JFO 94.8%

Well done to 7.4 for winning themselves some last day snacks and sweet treats, and a prize for Mr Tempest-Mitchell!