



ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2024



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Welcome once again to our half-termly attendance newsletter. In this edition I am delighted to share with you some of our recent successes and focus areas related to school attendance.

As the summer exam series draws ever closer, we have been bowled over by the positive attitude of our Year 11 students in their January mocks. In our summer 2023 exams, **students that attended school at least 95% of the time achieved academic progress above the national average.**

With this in mind, seeing an improved attitude towards attendance, and exemplary engagement in exam prep and boosters from this fantastic group of students, we are confident that a super set of mock exam grades are on their way.

We would love for our younger year groups to follow this example set by Year 11. Year 7 have had strong attendance all year, and should look to keep this up. Years 8, 9, and 10 all have important phases of their academic year coming up, with options, mocks, and wider opportunities just around the corner.

We look forward to continuing to work with you all to give our students the very best experience possible.

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

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PASTORAL SUPPORT AND ATTENDANCE PROCESSES

There is wide-ranging support available for families and children related to attendance. Our fantastic pastoral and attendance team are always on hand with check-in calls to support when your child is absent, and also to see how we can help out with attendance improvement.

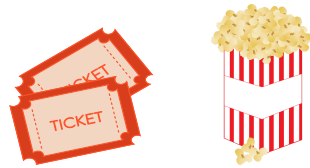
Your child's Coach and Pastoral Leader can make themselves available for a phone call or meeting to discuss attendance and any issues you may be facing. Our website is also a useful source of information;

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

Follow the link to access a wealth of support material available on our academy website aimed at both parents and students, ranging from sleep, to anxiety, and mental health.

SUPPORTING EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

Here are some of the things children look forward to when attending TDA.



Enrich Programme

Our Enrich programme gives a wide range of opportunities outside the "classroom". Projects this term include Chess, TDA Newspaper, Volunteering, Sports Leaders, and Young Enterprise focused on Valentines Day!



100% Rewards

We love to recognise improvements, but also excellence. Students with 100% attendance each week this half-term have been surprised with prize draws including Greggs and Costa, but also £25 family Odeon vouchers! We hope our winning families enjoyed their days out.

Free Breakfast Club

TDA 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.



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	7.2JSP
2nd	Y11	2nd	9.3AB
3rd	Y9	3rd	11.3EV
4th	Y10	4th	8.1JFO
5th	Y8	5th	7.1JS

Competitions

In the final three-week drive up to half-term, we once again turned to our coaching teams to work on their attendance to earn a prize for themselves and their coach. The results are below;

1st

7.2JSP - 96.7%

2nd

11.3EV - 96.3%

3rd

9.3AB 95.4%

Well done to 7.2 for being really consistent this half-term, taking the win both for the whole half-term and the final three weeks. We hope you enjoyed your prize and hope Mr Wright shared!

