



# ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2024

## End of Year Attendance Rewards Trip

We have created an exciting opportunity for you to earn a place on an end-of-year rewards trip to...

Invitation letters for the trip on 24<sup>th</sup> July will be dependent on;

- **Achieving 100% attendance** (between the dates of 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> July)
  - This means attend **EVERY FRIDAY!** This is our weakest day for attendance, so we can all contribute to an improvement.
- Having 0% **unauthorised** absences (between 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> July)
- Students **displaying our core values** of integrity, ambition and excellence **at all times**. This means **any tie-breaker places will be determined by students with the lowest number of behaviour points being prioritised.**

Should you meet the criteria, letters will be sent out on 10<sup>th</sup> July and will require an immediate reply to confirm your place. A small financial contribution may be requested. Details around transport, timings and other information will also be communicated in due course.

**If you want a place, you need to be at school every day, with only clearly evidenced absences authorised by the academy the exception to the rule.**



If there are not enough 100% attenders to fill the places on the trip, we will look at 98-99%.

Make sure your attendance is as high as possible!



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Welcome to our summer term attendance newsletter update. This edition focused on our summer term rewards, including our big reward with a trip to Alton Towers theme park on Wednesday 24 July. Within the newsletter you will also find some key updates looking to next academic year that all parents and carers need to be aware of.

We are delighted to offer the opportunity for students to earn an exclusive invitation on the Alton Towers trip by having a combination of 100% attendance and 0% unauthorised absences between 3<sup>rd</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> July. This must be combined with an attitude to learning that has consistently met our academy values of integrity, ambition, and excellence.

Staff and students alike are looking forward to the trip, so remember **you've got to be in to win!**

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

## Key Dates

### Summer Term

WC 24<sup>th</sup> June - Diversity Week

WC 1<sup>st</sup> July - Y10 Work Experience & Y6-7 Transition Week

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day

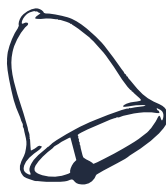
17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July - Matilda Muscial

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Y7 Bridge Graduation

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July - Alton Towers Reward Trip



## LATE BELL UPDATE AND ATTENDANCE PROCESSES



The late bell has been relaunched at school to support student's punctuality to lessons. It is important for all students to be on time for their lessons to ensure a smooth start and prevent any potential disruption that may occur as a result of late arrival.

As detailed in a letter home, from Monday 10th June a bell will sound five minutes into each lesson. If a student arrives after this without a verified reason, the teacher will issue an R30 "Lack of Punctuality" after-school detention.

Punctuality to school in the morning is also crucial for students to engage fully with Breakfast Club, Lineups, Standards Gate, and a mentally stimulating Morning Meeting. Students arriving late to school after registers close receive an unauthorised absence U code for their AM mark. This caps attendance at 50% for the day, and contributes to the attendance enforcement pathway.

Support us in continuing to raise our standards by discussing this with your child to ensure they have excellent attendance and punctuality.

## SUPPORTING EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE

During Spring Term, there were a wealth of motivating reward schemes and challenges for TDA students to engage with related to their attendance.

### Enrich Programme

Our Thursday Enrich programme gives a wide range of opportunities outside the "classroom". Projects last term included Chess, Volunteering, Emerging Sports, the Matilda school production, and Young Enterprise focused on business and marketing in raising funds for the Y11 Prom!



### Year Group Rewards

Key Stage 3 students have been battling it out with their attendance combined with points for living the academy values. Delicious lunch and treat rewards were on offer in Mr Forster's league in Y7, and as a reward for the winners of Mrs Thompson's Teddy Trophy. Well done to 7.1JS, 8.2SE, and 9.3AB who enjoyed copious amounts of pizza, doughnuts and cookies as their prize!

### 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 Spring Term are below;

### Year Groups

1st	Y7
2nd	Y11
3rd	Y10
4th	Y8
5th	Y9

### Coaches

1st	8.1JFO
2nd	7.2OS
3rd	11.3EV
4th	8.2SE
5th	9.3AB

## Fries-day Rewards!!

To encourage resilient attendance through to the end of the week, we have carried Fries-day through from Spring to Summer Term. Every Friday, 15 lucky students in attendance will receive a special cafeteria token giving them a free portion of our famous chicken & chips. The winners and a friend also get a VIP queue jump!

This token entitles the owner to;

**1x cafeteria queue jump**

**1x chicken & chips meal deal free of charge**

Hand this token over to the cafeteria staff that serves you




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# Please see attached below an important update on Penalty Notice Fines from Academy Transformation Trust



## Important Information

### *Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing*

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines **issued after 19th August 2024**.

School attendance is important. Regular attendance links directly to pupil outcomes, which is why our academies work with families to ensure that all our pupils are supported to attend school regularly. Academies will focus on a *support first* model, by ensuring penalty notices are only considered where support is not engaged with, not working or not appropriate.



#### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued to each parent for each child that was absent.

*For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.*

#### 5 Consecutive days of term time leave

The National Threshold for Penalty Notice Fines for term time leave will be for 5 or more consecutive days.

#### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence (equivalent to 5 school days) in a 10-week period

The National Threshold for Penalty Notice Fines is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

*These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of any combination of any type of unauthorised absence. This could, for example, include 6 sessions of holiday taken, 2 sessions of unauthorised absence and 2 of arriving late after registration has closed.*

#### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave, or for unauthorised absence, the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

#### Second Offence

within 3 years

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave, or unauthorised absence, the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

#### Third Offence

and any further offences within 3 years

The third time an offence is committed for term time leave, or unauthorised absence a Penalty Notice will NOT be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines up to £2,500 per parent, per child.

*Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.*

