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Dear Families

Re: Attendance Update July 2025

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to update you on Academy attendance as we reach the end of the Academic year.

We are proud of the increase in attendance we have seen this year. Attendance has increased by 1.6% on last year. Although this might seem a small increase, it is the same as 3 additional days in school for every child on our roll.

This means that this year, pupils have been learning for approximately 2250 more school days.

The impact is that our pupils will learn more, be better prepared for the future and are more likely to achieve what they deserve when they leave us. This helps us deliver on our mission.

There is hard work taking place at the Academy to improve attendance every day, but this is also your work. When we work together in partnership, we can achieve anything.

I remind families often that *every child who comes to our school and has 95% attendance or higher does better than the national average* in their GCSE examinations.

However, since the May Half-Term break, attendance levels have fallen by 5%, with an increase in holidays being taken in term time, as well as a range of other reasons for absence that are not authorised.

This means that all our hard work together to improve attendance is at risk of not making the positive difference that it could have done. I do not want our children to miss out on learning or miss out on opportunities for rewards and enrichment.

Summer Term 2025

We make the most of every minute here at the Academy and over the next few weeks we have several important and exciting events and opportunities for pupils to be involved in. I have included some of them below. If our pupils are not in school, they miss out on these opportunities, enjoyment with their peers, and ultimately will make less progress than the 388 pupils who have 95%+ attendance.

Sports Day Year 8 Drumming Workshop Perform Awards Evening Oliver the Musical Alton Towers 100% Club Rewards Trip Year 7 Bridge Graduation Year 10 Mocks KS3 Final Assessments I would also note that for Year 10 pupils our Year 10 into Year 11 Plan is well underway, and we are working intensively to prepare our Year 10 pupils for their final GCSE year.

As always, if you require support with your child's attendance, please contact Mr Snowden as SLT lead for attendance or Miss Knight as our dedicated Attendance Officer.

Kind regards

M. Brett

Mr M Brett Principal

