



Hall Green School An Academy

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Dear parents or carers

I am writing to you at the start of a new year to highlight the importance of good attendance at school. There is a very strong link between pupils' attendance in school and the progress they make at GCSE. An analysis of this summer's GCSE results showed that, on average, year 11 pupils gained a GCSE grade in one of their subjects for every two extra days that they attended school. This also means that, on average, they lost a grade for every two days of absence.

Please ensure that your child attends school every day that they possibly can and that they only miss school if it is absolutely necessary. This will give them the best possible chance of succeeding in their GCSEs.

You can help further by:

- Ensuring that your child goes to bed at a reasonable time and does not use an electronic device with a screen too close to bedtime, as research shows that this makes it harder for children to get to sleep.
- Making routine medical appointments outside of school hours where possible. If this is not possible, make sure that your child returns to school as soon as the appointment is over.
- Always phoning a message into school to explain your child's absence each day that they are absent.
- Avoiding taking holidays during term time.

If your child has an ongoing health condition or is struggling emotionally and this is affecting their attendance, please do telephone their head of house to discuss the situation and to see how we, as a school, can offer support.

It is also important that pupils arrive at school punctually, so that learning time is not lost. The expectation at the start of the day is that pupils are in their seats, ready to learn, at 08:45. In order to achieve this, they should arrive in school by 8:40.

May I thank you for your ongoing support and wish your child every success at Hall Green School this year.

Yours sincerely

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