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Dear Parent / Carer



Year 10 Attendance: Let's improve in the summer term!

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed the Easter holidays and that your child is looking forward to the start of the summer term.

As your child progresses through Year 10, I am writing to emphasise the critical importance of regular school attendance. During Year 10, students develop the knowledge and skills they need for their final examinations in Year 11. Every lesson in Year 10 is vital; missing even a small number of lessons can lead to gaps in understanding that are difficult to recover. Consistent attendance ensures that students benefit from high-quality teaching and opportunities to practise and refine their skills.

Good attendance also has a direct impact on academic outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are far more likely to achieve strong GCSE results, as they are able to fully engage with the curriculum, complete their controlled assessments ('coursework') and prepare effectively for assessments including the upcoming mock examinations.

As a school, we highly value attendance and students who achieve 100% each week are rewarded with achievement points which count towards half-termly reward certificates and a ticket which gives them an entry to the Friday attendance games in the dining hall and an entry to the half-termly 100 Club prize draw. Students need to be in to win!

Year 10 attendance is currently below our whole-school attendance target and we encourage all students in Year 10 to aim for 100% in the weeks ahead to give themselves the best chance of success in their mock examinations and at the end of Key Stage Four.

We understand that there may be times when absence is unavoidable due to illness or exceptional circumstances. In such cases, we kindly ask that you inform the school as soon as possible. However, we encourage families to prioritise attendance wherever possible, including avoiding holidays during term time.

We greatly value your support in ensuring your child attends school regularly and punctually. By working together, we can help every student achieve their best and make the most of their educational opportunities. If you have any concerns about attendance or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to help.

We look forward to seeing your child at **8.40am** on **Monday 13 April** and to seeing them being #BrilliantAtBarlby!

Yours sincerely

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