

31 May 2026



Dear Parent / Carer

**Re: Excellent Attendance Matters - Preparing for Success in Year 11**

As we begin the final half term of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support in helping your child progress through this important stage of their education. Whilst Year 10 attendance remains below our whole-school attendance target, we have time to turn this around in the weeks ahead!

The coming weeks are hugely important for our Year 10 students - with Year 11 and the final GCSE examinations now less than one academic year away, every lesson plays a vital role in building the knowledge, skills and confidence needed for future success.

We ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. Please avoid arranging holidays, appointments or other activities during school hours wherever possible. Even a small number of missed days can result in students falling behind in courses where content is taught at a fast pace.

During this half term, Year 10 students will be:

- Completing mock examinations in all subjects with follow-up feedback
- Completing controlled assessments for non-examined elements of vocational courses
- Developing effective revision and study strategies
- Preparing for the transition into Year 11 and the final stage of their GCSE courses
- Considering their future by completing work experience or careers activities.

We are keen for every student to benefit from these opportunities and to end the year with a strong attendance record of which they can be proud. Our Year 10 students will be offered Prom Points for excellent attendance in the weeks ahead as well as our usual weekly and half termly reward for those who attend school every day. As ever, students need to be 'In To Win' and we encourage all students to aim for 100% in the 7 weeks ahead. If you have any concerns about attendance or need support, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We are here to help and are committed to working with families to ensure every student can attend regularly and thrive.

Thank you for your continued collaboration as we work together to help our Year 10 students make the most of every opportunity in these final weeks of the academic year and be #BrilliantAtBarlby!

We look forward to seeing your child at **8.40am** on **Monday 1 June**.

Yours sincerely

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