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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: The importance of excellent attendance in the final half term

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 settle into secondary school and make positive progress this year. Year 7 attendance remains slightly above the national average and we want to keep this going until the end of the academic year.

This last half term is extremely important - every lesson counts and regular attendance gives students the best opportunity to consolidate their learning, build confidence and finish the year strongly. While the summer holidays are approaching, there is still a great deal of valuable learning taking place across all subjects. We know that good attendance is linked directly to academic success and positive wellbeing and research shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to keep up with their work, participate fully in lessons and feel connected to their school community.

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 have a significant impact on learning and progress.

During this half term, Year 7 students will be:

- Completing Endpoint Assessments in all subjects
- Preparing for a successful transition into Year 8
- Celebrating their achievements and progress throughout the year.

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. Tomorrow we will launch our final whole school attendance challenge of the year and students who achieve **over 95% attendance in the next five weeks** will be entitled to attend the Rewards Afternoon we are holding in school on Tuesday 7th July. As ever, students need to be 'In To Win' and there are weekly and half termly rewards on offer for those who attend school every day. 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 7 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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