

12 April 2026

Dear Parent / Carer



### **Year 9 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 students progress through Year 9, attendance becomes increasingly important in preparing them for the next stage of their education. This is a key year in which students consolidate their knowledge and begin to make important decisions about their future pathways, including subject choices that may influence their GCSE studies. Regular attendance at school ensures that students do not miss vital learning experiences and guidance that support both their academic progress and personal development. Each lesson builds on prior knowledge and frequent or prolonged absences can make it significantly more difficult for students to keep up and feel confident in their abilities.

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 9 attendance is currently below our whole-school attendance target and we encourage all students in Year 9 to aim for 100% in the weeks ahead to give themselves the best chance of success in their Endpoint Assessments and beyond as they approach 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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