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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 ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. Whilst Year 9 attendance remains below our whole-school attendance target, we have time to turn this around in the weeks ahead!

The coming weeks are particularly important for our Year 9 students - as they prepare to move into Year 10 and begin their GCSE courses in earnest, it is essential that they maintain excellent attendance and make the most of every learning opportunity available to them. With Year 10 in sight, the habits, routines and strong foundations students build now will ensure they are fully prepared for the increased demands of GCSE study.

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 9 students will be:

- Completing Endpoint Assessments in all subjects
- Preparing for the transition into Year 10 and GCSE study
- Developing effective study habits and independent learning skills
- 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 9 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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