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Dear Parent/Carer

Attendance and the impact on what your child will achieve at Hall Park Academy

We have done an analysis of attendance and the results achieved by Year 11 students in the summer exams in 2023 and 2024. The pattern is clear: students who had an attendance of 95% or higher achieved almost an entire grade higher in each subject. This shows that **when students have good attendance at Hall Park Academy they achieve highly and do very well.**

To achieve 95% attendance students must have less than 10 school days off per year. When students had attendance of between 90 and 95%, their achievement and progress dropped significantly. This clearly shows that **good attendance dramatically impacts the outcomes students achieve which will affect their future, including destinations on leaving school and future earnings.**

We regard 'good' attendance as being at least 96%. We enjoy celebrating a wide range of successes in school with students, including rewarding those who have 100% attendance and those who have good attendance. We will, as always, be rewarding those students who meet these thresholds through a range of activities and rewards during the school year. The first of these rewards will come in the second half of the autumn term when students with 100% attendance of the first half term will take part in a rewards day.

Please send your child to school every day. If they are reluctant, challenge them, encourage them, remind them of the benefits of achieving well in their future lives. NHS guidance states that it is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold. If students are ill during the school day, they should tell a member of staff and not contact parents themselves. Staff will act accordingly, and I assure you that if your child is ill and needs to go home, a member of our pastoral team will contact you.

Please refrain from taking holidays during term time. We are working with the local authority and considering penalties for families taking unauthorised holidays during term time. This means if you take a holiday without the headteacher's consent, you may be fined. We understand the financial challenges of holidays in school holiday windows, however, the law is clear, and we will, as always, follow national guidance.

For further information regarding recent updates on attendance, please click on our [information leaflet](#).

If you are concerned about your child's attendance and would like to discuss support that is available, please contact our attendance team on HPAattendance@hallparkacademy.org.uk or call the academy reception on 01773 786212, or text the attendance mobile on 07483 112156.

Yours faithfully

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