



LYDIARD PARK ACADEMY

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The Importance of Attendance in Year 11

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this letter finds you well. As Year 11 pupils approach the exam season, I want to take the opportunity to emphasise the critical role that attendance plays in your child's success, particularly as they approach their final GCSE examinations.

The latest research from the Department for Education (DfE) has reinforced a well-established link between attendance and attainment. Findings from the most recent report (March 2025) indicate that pupils with an attendance rate of 95% or higher are significantly more likely to achieve Grade 5 or above in English and Maths at GCSE compared to those with lower attendance. Alarming, the data suggests that missing just ten days of school in Year 11 can reduce the likelihood of achieving these key grades by as much as 50%.

At Lydiard Park Academy, we are fully committed to supporting every Year 11 pupil in reaching their full potential. Our dedicated teaching staff are going above and beyond to provide additional learning opportunities, including:

- **Session Six Classes** – Extra lessons provided outside of regular school hours by our teachers to reinforce key topics.
- **Morning Revision Sessions** – Subject-specific booster sessions before the school day begins to consolidate knowledge and skills.
- **PSHE Time Used for Targeted Support** – Structured intervention during PSHE lessons to focus on key areas for improvement.
- **One-to-One Interventions** – Personalised support tailored to individual pupil needs.

With coursework deadlines fast approaching in some subjects, every lesson counts. Each absence represents a lost opportunity to improve grades, reinforce understanding, and build confidence ahead of the exams.

We are keen to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child maintains a strong attendance record and maximises their potential. If there are any barriers to attendance that we can help address, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 11 pastoral team.



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Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child makes the most of their education. Together, we can help them achieve success in their GCSEs and beyond.

Best regards,

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