

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of a concern we have regarding student safety and lesson attendance during the school day.

A small minority of students have been choosing not to attend some timetabled classes. This behaviour is unacceptable and presents not only a safeguarding concern, but it will have a significant impact on academic progress and wellbeing.

As a school, we treat this matter extremely seriously. From Monday 11 May, **if a student is found to be truanting a lesson, as a deliberate behavioural choice, they are highly likely to be suspended straight away and as parents, you will subsequently be invited into school to discuss this concern as part of their readmission.** This reflects the seriousness with which we view deliberate absence from lessons and our commitment to maintaining high expectations for all students.

We ask that you take a few minutes to discuss this issue directly with your child:

- If your child has previously truanted a lesson, please make clear that this behaviour must stop immediately.
- As a preventative measure, we also ask all parents to reinforce the importance of making positive choices and attending every lesson fully and on time.

As parents and carers, you form the most important knowledge base to enable us to provide effective care. Please alert us as soon as possible if you have concerns that you think might impact on your child, on any particular day, which will enable us to proactively support and guide your child through our pastoral and wellbeing support within school.

If a student is feeling upset, anxious, or experiencing difficulties, it is essential they seek help from their Form Tutor, Head of Year/Pastoral Team, or another trusted adult **rather than choosing not to attend lessons.**

We are also reinforcing this message in school via assemblies and roll call to ensure students are fully aware of this approach. Students should already understand our expectations, the consequences of truanting, and the importance of taking responsibility for their learning and conduct; this is meant as a reminder and a request for your support

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Swift
Deputy Headteacher

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