



ST CATHERINE'S
COLLEGE
A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well.

As the new academic year commences, we wanted to take a moment to remind you of the importance that your child's attendance at school plays in their educational journey and overall development. As we embark on another school year, we wanted to highlight the fact that regular school attendance is a key factor in your child's personal growth and academic success.

- **Social and Emotional Growth:** School is not just about learning; it also provides an essential environment for social and emotional development. By attending school regularly, your child has the opportunity to interact with peers; develop important social skills; build friendships; and gain a sense of belonging within our school community.
- **Academic Achievement:** Attending school consistently allows your child to receive an excellent education and build on knowledge gained in previous lessons which will support their progress throughout their time at St Catherine's College. Attendance contributes significantly to academic achievement, and this is seen year after year on GCSE results day: students who have excellent attendance leave us with the best examination results.
- **Routine and Responsibility:** Regular attendance establishes a routine that creates discipline and responsibility in your child. It teaches them the importance of punctuality, time management, and commitment—qualities that are invaluable throughout their lives.
- **Future Opportunities:** A good attendance record is often a requirement for various opportunities in the future, such as college admissions, extracurricular activities and the workplace.
- **Legal Requirements:** It is also important to be aware that school attendance is a legal requirement.

We understand that there may be occasions when an absence is unavoidable, such as an illness. In such cases, please see the NHS website to decide if your child is well enough to come into school: [Is my child too ill for school?](#) If your child will not be in school, please inform us by 10.00am each day either on Arbor; by email attendance@stcatherines.college; or by leaving a message on our attendance line 01323 465439. Our goal is to support your child's education and overall well-being.

Please discuss the importance of regular school attendance with your child and help them establish good attendance habits. By working together, we can provide your child with the best possible educational experience and set them on a path to success so our students can stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers.

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Preparing students to stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers: locally, nationally and globally.

If you have any questions or concerns about attendance policies or need assistance with any issues your child may face in attending school regularly, please do not hesitate contact the year team (details below) in the first instance.

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Yours faithfully



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