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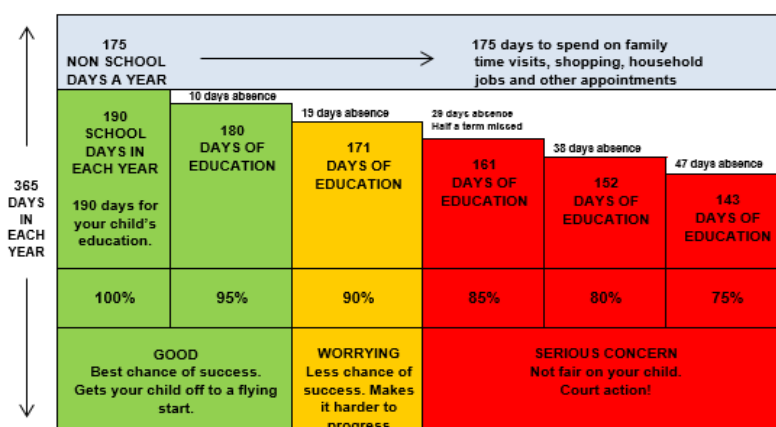
Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Important Information - Attendance

Research shows us that students with the highest levels of attendance have the best chance of achieving or exceeding their target grades in all areas of assessment from internal, to GCSE, and right up to Sixth Form examinations.

This may seem obvious but when you analyse the research, from which the following image has been taken, poor attendance seriously jeopardises your child's potential achievement.

Research suggests at Key Stage 4 (end of Year 11), " . . . the findings were that; 'students with no absence are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs 9 - 5 or equivalent and 2.8 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs 9 - 5 or equivalent including English and mathematics than students missing 15-20% of Key Stage 4 lessons.'



We do appreciate that for some students, medical appointments are necessary, but we would urge you to send your child(ren) into school every day to give them the routine of regular attendance as well as preparing them for the world of work, where poor attendance would not be permitted. Ultimately, regular attendance gives your child(ren) the best opportunity to succeed and move onto the courses and jobs they want to in later life.

Equally important is arriving to school on time. All students are expected to be in their form room by 8:30am as during this time vital information is shared or we undertake our Period 1 curriculum, as the image below shows over the course of a year, poor punctuality does mount up to a significant amount of learning time lost. Students who are continually late should expect to receive sanctions for this, **from Wednesday 8th March** students who arrive late will be expected to stay in school until 3:10pm

with students who are late 3 or more times in a week being placed in a 30 minute after-school detention, the date of which you will be informed of should your child be expected to attend.



If you need support in removing the barriers to your child achieving regular attendance patterns, please do contact your child's Pastoral Year Manager or Head of Year at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and all we are doing to make our school one that serves the Shoburyness community in as positive a way as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mr Banks
Deputy Headteacher