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Dear Parent/Carer,

Many thanks for all your support in promoting great attendance at school. Through our combined efforts, Stockport Academy is enjoying its best attendance ever over the first few weeks of term. The impact of this has been incredible and the effect on student learning and engagement has been palpable. This year has seen us introduce the following new initiatives in addition to our long-standing ones:

- To support attendance, our home liaison will visit on the first day of absence to offer additional support.
- To support punctuality, students who arrive after 0825 will complete a one-hour detention after school. This has had a massive impact with less than 1% of our students now arriving late.

These have been well received and had a massive impact both on relationships with our families and improving punctuality. Attendance and punctuality are the most important factor that determines your child's success at school. The below graphic demonstrates how your child's non-attendance can worsen their life chances over time:



Stockport Academy expects students to attend more than 95% of the time. The impact of not attending school more than 95% can be as high as a grade lower in all of your child's GCSE subjects. As a school we refuse to allow students to fall behind due to non-attendance.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that continued, unauthorised absence can lead to Educational Penalty Notices. Specifically, that short absences can add up quickly if your child already has unauthorised absences due to extended holidays. Once an EPN is issued, the following may happen:

1. EPNs will increase from £60 to £80 if not paid within 21 days (and from £120 to £160 if not paid within 28 days).
2. If a parent is issued with a second EPN in relation to the same child within a rolling three-year period, it will be at the fixed rate of £160.



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3. If a parent commits a third offence in relation to the same child for which they would otherwise be fined within a rolling three-year period, they cannot be offered the chance to pay a fine and will therefore simply be prosecuted.

To avoid these, you must continue to ensure that your child does not generate unauthorised absence. Furthermore, you must notify us of your child's absence each day that they cannot attend.

Students who attend well at Stockport Academy achieve outstanding academic outcomes. The school would like to once again thank all parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that every child in our community realises their potential. We have had an incredible start to the 2025/26 academic year and are excited to see what the year will bring.

Yours Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Farnworth', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Christopher Farnworth  
Director of Year 11 and Attendance Lead