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Dear Parent,

At Stockport Academy, we are committed to providing every pupil with the best possible education, and as we reach the end of the first half term of the year, we want to highlight the crucial role that attendance plays in your child's academic success. Research shows that regular school attendance is closely linked to increased academic achievement. Missing even a few days can disrupt learning, making it harder for pupils to stay on track and keep up with their peers. Each day in school is an opportunity for pupils to engage with new material, ask questions, and build upon previous knowledge.

Your child's Year 11 mock examinations take place from **5th November**. Regular attendance will play an important part in your child's ability to perform at the best of their ability. Nationally the picture is clear - where pupils are regularly present in school their health and well-being are elevated, their school experience is more enriched and they are more successful. Research by the Department of Education clearly demonstrates that pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE results. At school level, analysis of Year 11 results from summer 2024 confirms this. At Stockport Academy, those who attend for at least 90% of the time achieve significantly higher results than those with less than 90% attendance. Our latest Year 11 cohort results showed 57% of pupils achieving at least 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or higher, had an attendance of 90+%. However, of those who failed to attain 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or higher, 70% were persistently absent (less than 90% attendance).

Attendance Reminders

Year 11 need to be onsite for 8.20am, ready for registration to take place at 8.25am. If your child is going to be absent, (include school specific procedures). Leave of absence during term time will not be authorised. Holidays taken during term time will impact on your child's attendance and progress and you may receive a fixed penalty notice. Please make every effort to book any appointments out of school hours. If there are any barriers or challenges affecting your child's ability to attend school, please do not hesitate to contact our Attendance Officer on 01612860330. We are here to help and work together with you to provide the necessary support and resources to ensure your child can attend school regularly and thrive.

We are looking forward to the rest of Year 11 being both productive and successful for your child, filled with many achievements and positive experiences for all our pupils. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to working with you to make this year one of great progress and success.

Yours Faithfully,

Christopher Farnworth
Director of Year 11 and Attendance Lead
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