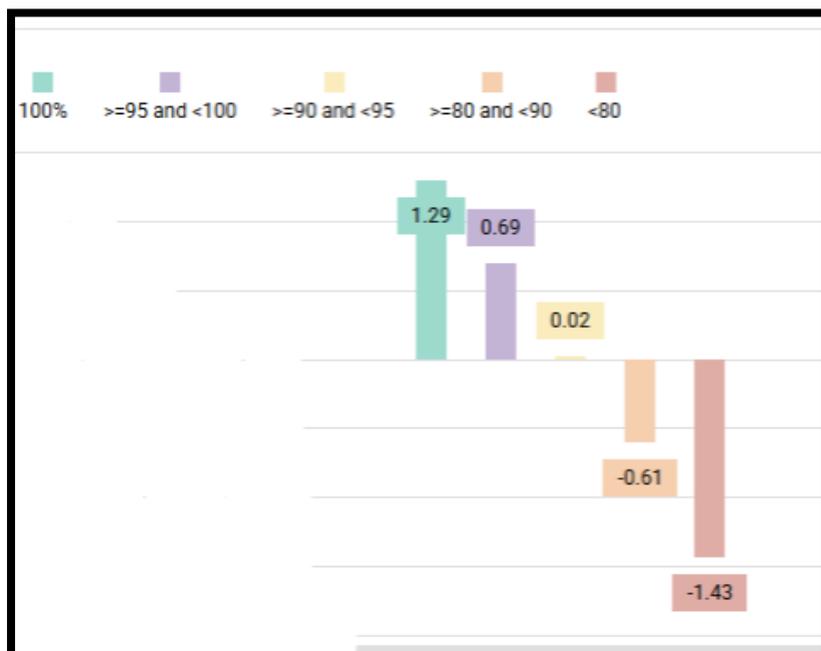


Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move closer to the examination season, I am writing to highlight the vital importance of regular school attendance for our Year 11 students.

At this crucial stage in their education, every lesson matters. The final months before examinations provide valuable opportunities for students to consolidate their learning, practise examination techniques and receive targeted support from their teachers. When students attend school consistently, they benefit fully from the high-quality teaching and guidance provided in every lesson.

The graph below illustrates the relationship between attendance and predicted grades for our current Year 11 cohort. The information shown is taken directly from our school data and clearly demonstrates a strong correlation between attendance and outcomes. Students who attend school regularly are making significantly stronger progress and achieving higher predicted grades than those whose attendance is lower.



A score of '0' represents expected progress, anything above that means students are making more than expected progress, and anything below means students are not making expected progress.

This shows students with attendance over 90% make good progress, and those at 100% achieve over a grade higher in every subject.

The pattern is very clear. Students who are in school consistently are able to engage fully with their learning, benefit from expert teaching, teacher feedback and build the knowledge and confidence needed to succeed in their examinations. When students

miss school, these opportunities are inevitably lost, and catching up can become increasingly difficult.

Our data also tells us that Year 11 attendance dips significantly on a Friday – I would like to stress the importance of students attending every day. Quite simply, when students are in school, they are taught well and achieve positive outcomes. When they are not, this progress cannot happen in the same way.

As we approach this important period, I am asking for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, arrives on time and engages fully in their lessons. By working together; school, students and families, we can give every member of our Year 11 cohort the very best chance of achieving the grades they are capable of.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support and for the commitment you show to your child's education. Your partnership makes a significant difference, and it is greatly appreciated as we approach the examination season.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Taylor'.

Mr L. Taylor

Principal