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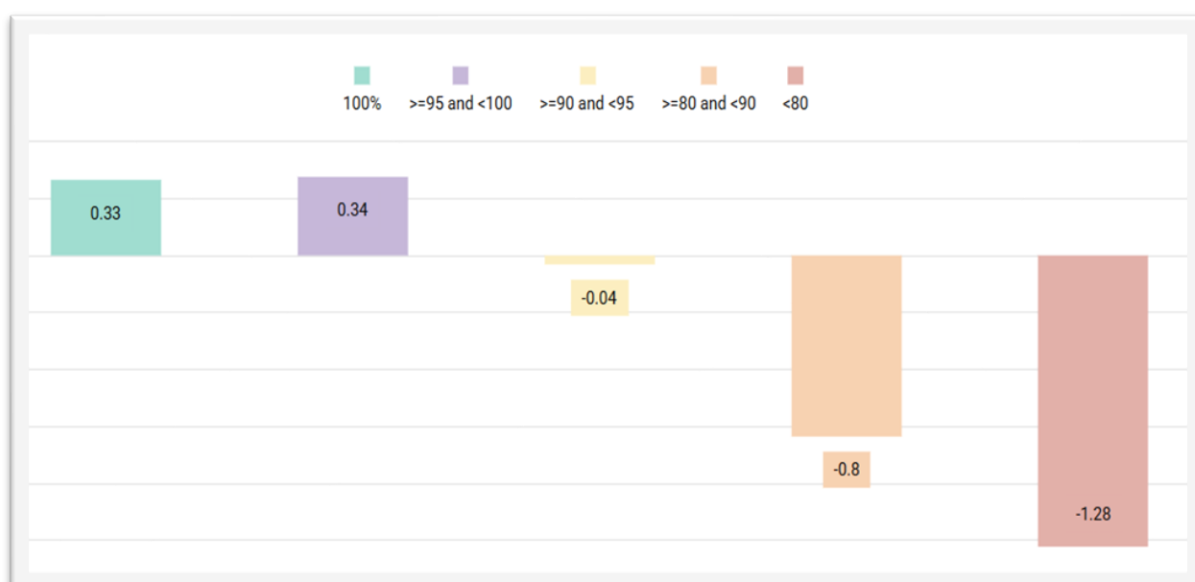
Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Year 10 into Year 11 attendance

As we move closer to the beginning of Year 11 and the important GCSE examination period, I am writing to highlight the vital importance of regular school attendance for all 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 10 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 currently Year 10 attendance dips significantly on a Friday – I would like to stress the importance of students attending every day as your child moves into Year 11. 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 our incoming Year 11 students embark on their final year at school, 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 move forward into their final year at Sutton Community Academy.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mr L. Taylor

Principal