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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well. As your child progresses through Year 11, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of the critical importance of regular school attendance during this important academic year. Unfortunately, after the completion of the first round of mocks in November, we noticed an immediate drop in the attendance of Year 11 pupils.

Year 11 is a pivotal time for students as they prepare for their GCSEs and other key assessments. Every lesson counts, and consistent attendance is essential for ensuring that students are fully equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed for their exams. Missing even a small amount of school can lead to gaps in learning, which may be difficult to fill as the year progresses.

Research shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better academic results and build positive study habits. Additionally, regular attendance helps students develop time management and organisational skills, which will benefit them beyond their school years.

We understand that illness and other unavoidable circumstances may occasionally affect attendance. However, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school regularly, unless there is a genuine reason for absence. If there are any concerns that might be affecting your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to support both you and your child through this important year.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we can help your child make the most of this crucial year in their education.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire  
Principal

Emily Lewis  
Attendance Officer & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead