

Tuesday 20th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to restate once again the values of our academy. These are: Resilience, Aspiration, Excellence and Respect. Respect is a vital component of the smooth and successful running of any school.

We highly respect all of our students which is why our expectations of their conduct is so high. We want them to build resilience, have aspirations, demonstrate excellence and respect, this is why we want them to be in all of their lessons, learning and showing respect for others. Attending lessons, responding to teachers in a positive way shows respect, being defiant does not.

We expect pupils **to attend all lessons** and to work with their teachers in a respectful way to enable them to teach and other pupils to learn. **Truancy** shows a lack of respect for learning, for teachers and other pupils in the academy. We respect our pupils and recognise that failure to attend their lessons will have a detrimental impact on their learning as well as the learning on others. Not only this, but truancy is a serious safeguarding concern. This is why we are taking very serious action on any pupil not attending their lessons.

Moving forward, any pupil not in their lessons will receive a suspension. This will be followed by a reintegration meeting that must be attended by parents and a period of time in a behaviour room. We will, of course, offer support or intervention that a student may need to attend lessons. Working together with parents and our pupils is the way forward in building respectful working relationships. Not attending lessons is never an option.

It is only ever acceptable for a pupil to be out of their lesson if they have a pass which allows them to go to the toilet or to leave the class with permission.

In an attempt to ensure that all students are respectful around the academy and in all lessons, assemblies will take place this week to spread this important message around truancy and meetings with individual students will have also taken place.

Please have a conversation with your child/children around our expectation of attending all lessons. Truancy is disrespectful and will never be tolerated in our academy.

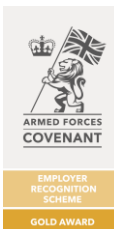
Yours sincerely,



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