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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Attendance Information Year 11

As we reach the end of the first half term, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day. In Year 11, every single day matters. Missing even one-day means missing important explanations, lesson content, and revision strategies that are very difficult to catch up on. When students miss multiple days, it often leads to poor routines and greater difficulty in re-engaging with their studies.

From October 2025, you will be receiving a monthly individual text, which outlines your child's current attendance percentage and how many days of lost learning this equates to.

The period after the October half term is particularly crucial. In the lead-up to the December mocks, lessons will focus on key revision content, exam practice, and targeted support. Strong attendance will give your child the best possible chance to perform well in their mocks, which in turn provides a solid foundation for their summer GCSEs.

To put attendance into perspective:

- 98% attendance = around 4 days missed in a school year - 20 lessons
- 95% attendance = around 10 days missed in a school year - 50 lessons
- 90% attendance = around 19 days missed in a school year - 95 lessons
- 85% attendance = around 29 days missed in a school year - 145 lessons

While 90% might sound like a good score on a test, 90% attendance means nearly a whole month of learning lost in a year – a serious disadvantage in Year 11. That is why we stress the importance of aiming for at least 95% attendance or higher.

Please remember, if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you must inform us *each* morning by contacting Mrs Bryson on 01386 765588 Option 1 and leave a message. You can also request a call from the Year Team Attendance Leads – Mrs Miles and Mr Heafield, should you wish to discuss any concerns. However, students should still attend school, if they have minor ailments such as a headache, runny nose or not having slept well the night before. These small challenges can be managed in school and it is much better for students to keep to their routine and learning.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain high attendance in Year 11. Together we can give every student the best possible chance of success in their school career at Prince Henry's High School.

Yours sincerely

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