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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

### Attendance Information Year 9

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 9, 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.

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 9. 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 Lead – Mr Loader, should you wish to discuss any concerns.

While we appreciate and understand that illness happens, students should still attend school, if they have minor ailments such as a headache, runny nose or not having slept well the night before. This also helps increase their resilience and prepare them for later life after Prince Henry's High School.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us maintain high attendance in Year 9. 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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