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Dear Parent/ Carer

As we enter Year 13's final few weeks before study leave begins on **Wednesday 20th May**, I am writing to emphasise how vital it is that students continue to attend school regularly during this period.

These remaining lessons are crucial. They provide structured revision, targeted examination preparation, teacher feedback, and final opportunities to address any gaps in knowledge. Regular attendance right up until study leave can make a measurable and positive difference to students' outcomes.

Data from last year's Year 13 cohort demonstrates a clear link between attendance in the Summer Term and academic success:

- Students with **70% or less attendance** achieved, on average, **one whole grade below their target grades**. For example, a student with a target grade of BBB averaged CCC.
- Students with **80% or less attendance** achieved an average of **0.7 of a grade below target**. For example, a student with a target grade of BBB averaged BCC.
- Students with **90% or less attendance** still achieved an average of **0.4 of a grade below target**. For example, a student with a target grade of BBB achieved BBC.

In short, **better attendance equals a better chance of meeting or exceeding target grades**.

As examinations approach, it can be tempting for students to remain at home to revise independently. However, evidence consistently shows that students benefit most from being in school during this period, where expert teaching, structured support, and motivation from staff and peers are readily available.

We therefore ask for your continued support in ensuring that your daughter attends school every day unless she is genuinely unwell. Your encouragement plays a vital role in helping her complete this important stage of her education as strongly as possible.

Year 13 also have much to look forward to as we mark their time with us and celebrate their achievements. I will be in contact again soon with confirmed plans for their leaving celebrations.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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