



Airedale Academy



AIREDALE ACADEMY | ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER – ISSUE 2

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Welcome from the Assistant Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our much valued parents and carers to the second edition of our attendance newsletter. The purpose behind the newsletter is to keep you updated around school attendance, show you how each year group is performing and offer some useful tips to help ensure 100% of the students attend 100% of the time, particularly in light of the current situation with regards to Covid-19. I hope you find the information useful. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to contact the attendance team using the contact details provided on the reverse side of this newsletter.

Mr. J. Podlewski



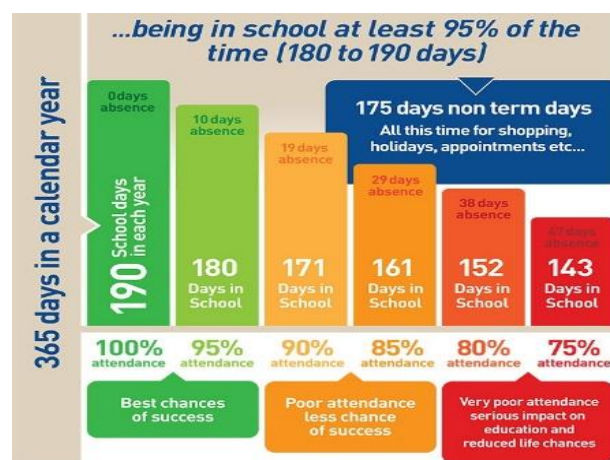
Week 1 Attendance

We are thrilled by the phenomenal attendance seen in Week 1 which was higher than last year! Let's keep it up!!

Year Group	% Attendance
1 st Day 2019	95.5
Year 7	94.7
Year 8	94.1
Year 9	98.4
Year 10	97.0
Year 11	97.8



What does the data mean?



Statistics show that students with no absence are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs at grades 9-4 or equivalent and 2.8 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs at grades 9-4 or equivalent including English and mathematics, than students missing 15-20% of Key Stage 4 lessons.

“Absences add up! Missing just 2 days a month means a student misses 10% of the school year.”

– [Attendance Counts](#)



Club 100

Club 100 will be relaunched for 2020-2021.

All students who have 100% attendance between now and Christmas will receive their Bronze Club 100 badge. On top of this, each week that a student has 100% attendance they will be entered into a prize draw for their year group. All students need to do is BE IN TO WIN! Students will have the opportunity to suggest prizes for their year group – make sure they pass on any ideas to either their Form Tutor, Progress Leader or a member of SLT.



How can parents/carers support students during this time?



There is support available for you if you are finding attendance a problem. If students are anxious or worried about going to school please do contact us and ask for support.

Every student is entitled to additional support from the academy to help them engage with learning. Please contact your child's Form Tutor or Progress Leader. Additionally, our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) Mrs. Parker would be happy to offer support. Some students may find regular support helps to improve school attendance.



- ✓ Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- ✓ Make sure your child attends regularly, arrives on time and meets academy expectations
- ✓ Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- ✓ Always inform the attendance office if your child is absent due to illness before 9am in order to avoid home visits
- ✓ Take truancy seriously – if your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk – Who are they with? What are they doing?
- ✓ Take family holidays outside term time.
- ✓ Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
- ✓ Attend parent evenings and school events.
- ✓ Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- ✓ Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.

***"When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for college, university and employment."* – [Attendance Works](#)**



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