



Hawley Hall High School

'An outstanding school providing an excellent quality of education and care for its students'.



Dear Parent,

Outstanding attendance at Hawley Hall High School is an essential element in raising attainment, increasing the progress of our students and helping them to fulfil their ambitions and aspirations. From 1st September the Government has reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%. Therefore, a student is now considered to be a persistent absentee if their attendance falls below 90%.



The table below highlights the number of sessions (half days) absence which would define a persistently absent pupil.

	10% (persistent absence threshold)
Half term 1	7 or more sessions
Half term 1-2 (autumn term)	14 or more sessions
Half term 1-3	20 or more sessions
Half term 1-4 (Autumn and Spring terms combined)	25 or more sessions
Half term 1-5	31 or more sessions
Half term 1-6 (Full academic year)	38 or more sessions



What does 90% attendance mean?

- **90% attendance = ½ day missed** each week.
- Over one school year this is 4 weeks of learning lost
- Over the 5 years at Hawley Hall High School you would have missed half a year
- **17 missed school days** per year has been shown to result in a drop of a **whole GCSE grade** across all subjects taken.



Best results are always achieved when there is strong collaboration between students, staff and parents. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in helping to ensure your child achieves well through consistent high levels of attendance.



If you have any questions or queries on this issue then please don't hesitate to contact Mr Bolton pastoral Assistant Headteacher.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of School



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