

All Saints Catholic College

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Dear Parents,

At the end of this half term I just wanted to take an opportunity to thank you for all the continued support for all matters of the College and school life for our young people.

Exams:

Our Year 11s are embroiled in their exams and will continue to have exams until the end of June. I ask you to keep them in your prayers. This is the first year group to sit formal public exams in two years and they have felt the weight of that pressure. Let's hope they do themselves and our family proud. Year 10 pupils will soon start their exams and information regarding this is on our website in the Year 10 pupil area.

Building works:

Your children may have told you of the disruption we are currently experiencing in regards building work in the school. We are currently in the process of refitting several rooms and areas of the school with a £2 million investment from Tameside MBC. This will allow us to improve our sports and fitness facilities, our Performing Arts facilities and renovate several science laboratories. Once they are done I will send out pictures to you all. I know many of you came to this school as children and, in all honesty, the school has not changed much in the last 60 years so this is a significant and exciting development for us and I look forward to sharing the results with you.

Attendance:

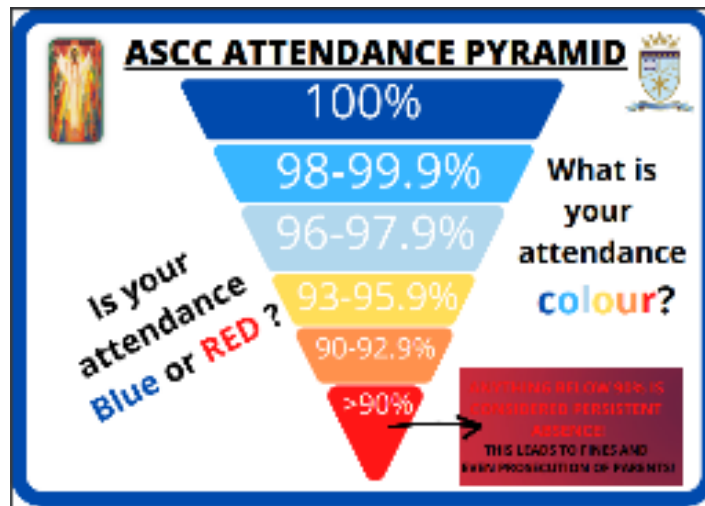
At All Saints Catholic College it is our aim that all pupils achieve outstanding attendance and punctuality. 100% attendance ensures that all pupils maximise their learning opportunities. Parents and carers play a vital role in promoting 100% attendance. As a school we ask all parents/carers for support to ensure that their children are present every day and on time (arriving before 8.55 am). We ask that parents support us in not allowing their children to stay at home unnecessarily, or by taking them out of school during term time.

Evidence shows that pupils who attend school regularly make better progress both academically and socially than those pupils who don't attend. Research shows that:

- 90% attendance is equal to half a day a week,
- 90% attendance across a school year is four whole weeks of lessons missed (100 lessons)
- 90% attendance over 5 years is six months of education lost.
- 17 school days missed a year has been proven to drop GCSE performance by a whole grade

This is why at All Saints catholic College we have an attendance target for pupils of 96+% for each pupil. Every lesson counts and it is this commitment to their learning that will have a positive effect on pupils' examinations and their future life choices.

To help promote good attendance we use the "what colour is your attendance?" pyramid around school and during form time. We ask also that parents/carers have the same discussion "what colour is your attendance?" to help promote excellent attendance.



A child who has attendance of less than 90% is considered to be persistent absentee. Small absences accumulate over time and does have an impact on loss of learning, particularly when considered over five school years.

Attendance	Days lost learning over 1 year	Lost learning over 1 year	Lost learning over 5 years
95%		9½ days 47½ hours	9½ weeks 237½ hours
90%		19 days 95 hours	19 weeks 475 hours
85%		28½ days 142½ hours	28½ weeks 712½ hours

Where we have concerns about your child's attendance, you will be asked to attend a meeting to discuss how we can work together to help to improve your child's attendance.

Please contact Ms Scott for any further advice or information regarding attendance (sscott@allsaintscatholiccollege.com)

Penalty Notice Warnings may be issued to parents/carers where their child's attendance exceeds 5 days (10 sessions) of unauthorised absence. These Penalty Notice Warnings are also issued for any holidays taken during term time. Head teachers can no longer authorise holidays unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

A summary of how we monitor attendance is included with this letter on a separate page. We do ask that you take the time to read through the information and ensure that your child is in school every day, before 8.55am so that they make the most of school and gain the most from 5 years of education.

In the meantime, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, relaxing and fun half term and especially the long Jubilee weekend. I hope you and your families enjoy it and that the sun actually shines!

Yours sincerely,

G Diamond

Headteacher