

Our Ref: PRC/JYD

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Just two updates from me, one of which you have heard before.

Attendance

Gosforth Academy staff work with students and their families to ensure each student attends school regularly and punctually. Excellent attendance and punctuality prepare your child for the world of work and supports the development of friendships and relationships. Gosforth Academy wants your child to have the education and skills they need to live a happy and fulfilling life. Regular school attendance is essential for all our students to make good progress. Every student at Gosforth Academy, in line with the Government's expectations, is expected to maintain an attendance level of 97% and above. All stakeholders have the responsibility to ensure this is achieved. There is the expectation that all students will attend the academy when it is in session.

The table below shows how school attendance equates to days absent from school.

Attendance over One School Year

<i>98% attendance</i>	<i>less than 4 days absent from school</i>
<i>95% attendance</i>	<i>less than 10 days absent from school</i>
<i>90% attendance</i>	<i>4 weeks absent from school</i>
<i>85% attendance</i>	<i>5 ½ weeks absent from school</i>
<i>80% attendance</i>	<i>7 ½ weeks absent from school</i>

We hope that you appreciate how crucial good school attendance is to your child's progress and achievement and look forward to working with you to ensure that your child's attendance is the very best it can be.

Year 11 Revision Guides

Performance tables were released this week and Gosforth Academy students continue to lead the way in the region with their exceptional performances. With less than two terms to go before GCSE External exams start, we turn our attention to our new exam year groups. Year 11 parents are

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reminded that students have been given revision guides. It is important that these are used at regular intervals to consolidate the learning in the classroom. It would be helpful if parents could support us by ensuring these are being used; revision that is little and often is always better than intense cramming which is why I am raising this now.

Once again, we are all appreciating some of the simple things in school that we missed during Covid. We had a hugely successful on-site Year 8 Open Evening on Tuesday evening. The sixth formers who acted as student guides and the musicians on the night represented the school in fabulous style. This morning I also said goodbye to our German exchange colleagues who have enjoyed a week with us; it is great to have this exchange up and running again after a three-year gap.

We wish students a well-deserved break and look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 31st October at 8:40am.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Preit Chahal', with a horizontal line underneath.

Preit Chahal
Principal