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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to specifically welcome all of our year 11 students back to school in their final year at Stockport Academy. There have been lots of ups and downs, not least a pandemic since year our students joined us in year 7 and now we reach the final stage of their Stockport Academy career.

Summer 2024 saw the strongest academic results achieved by the Academy with students overall making better progress than their peers nationally from their starting points; this was a reflection of the hard work, commitment and determination from students and the support of all of our staff and of course our parents and guardians working together to support them.

The team around year 11 consists of:

Mr Farnworth – HOY Year 11/ Progress Assistant Principal

Miss Porter – Pastoral Manager year 11

Miss Appleby – Vice Principal (Pastoral)

Mr Walker – Vice Principal (Outcomes and Curriculum)

Mrs McCann – Principal

We aim to support all of our students with the assistance of our wider pastoral team in ensuring that students achieve and access the best possible futures.

You will recall that our year 11 students completed end of year 10 exams in the Summer term, these results were shared with parents/carers. The report also included marks achieved and marks from the next grade. We will be working with year 11 in utilising this information and making small steps and positive progress through our Gain at least a Grade strategy, this was incredibly successful with our previous cohort.

We will be working with students to develop habits of revision over time throughout the whole of year 11 and focusing revision on specific and targeted knowledge and skill gaps. We would expect with consistent efforts in lessons, revision sessions and independent study/homework over the course of the Autumn term that year 11 students should Gain at least a Grade in each subject in the mock exams in November. Prior to this mock exam season, we will also share with you a more specific list of material on which to focus. There will be significant prizes available to students who gain grades between June 2024 and November 2024 including vouchers or trips; we will be consulting with year 11 students to clarify rewards and prizes available.



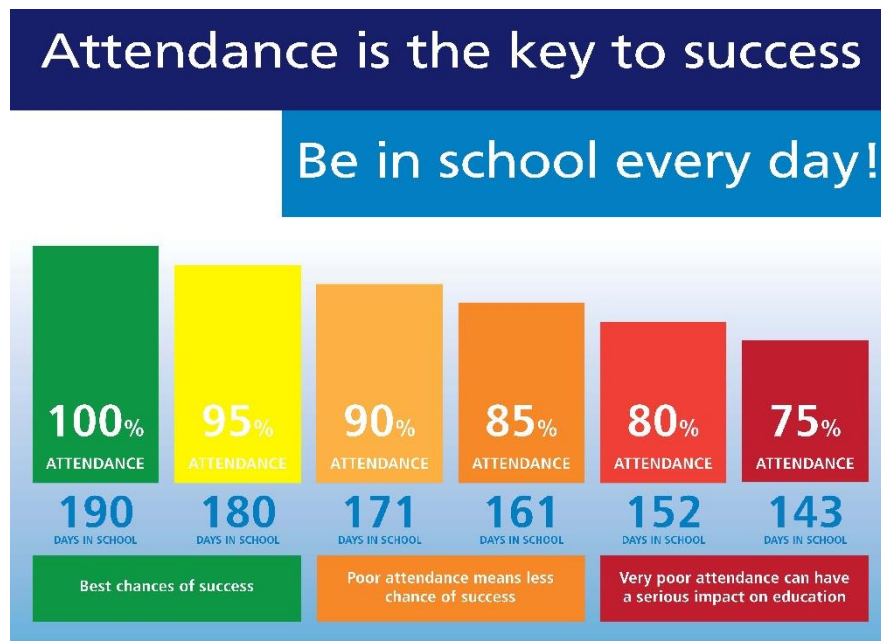
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In year 11 2024-25 we will be looking to amend our intervention plan in order to support more students in targeting gaps in knowledge, skills and coursework in smaller groups, therefore our previous period 6 interventions will be in a new format, this will be initially for a trial period until analysis of our mock exam series in November. Until November small numbers of students will be invited to attend period 6 with subject teachers – this may not be every day or every subject as previously – you will be informed if your child is expected to attend a weekly intervention to support them in fulfilling their potential. Please note that if students are required to attend intervention this is compulsory, students will be identified based on level of support needed. Following the November mock series this model may continue or revert back to our previous model of all students attending period 6 each day – we will keep you up to date with this.

Attendance is vital for all students in all year groups, in particular year 11. Every lesson counts and makes a difference to overall performance.



In order to support year 11 in making a strong start in their attendance in year 11 – students who attend every day in September will be entered into our Year 11 Attendance tombola where students will be able to win a range of potential prizes of varied value. Students will need to have 100% attendance for September and no late marks to be able to qualify.

Myself and the year 11 team are really looking forward to working with you to support our year 11 in their academic achievements over the course of the year and creating 'Opportunity to Succeed'.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Janine McCann

Principal