



ATTENDANCE NEWSLETTER

Why Attendance is Important

Hello and welcome to the first issue of the Attendance Matters Newsletter this academic year.

As part of our attendance strategy our aim is to:

- Continue to raise awareness of the importance of good attendance
- Inform parents/carers of the schools policies and procedures
- Inform parents/carers of the schools current attendance figures
- Provide helpful tips on getting your child to school on time
- Promote the rewards for students who attend every day and on time

We hope you will find this helpful and information.

Kind regards,

Bexhill Academy Attendance Ambassadors

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100% Attendance

We currently have 715 students that have attended every day so far this term, achieving 100% attendance.

We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly and are therefore benefitting from their educational opportunity.

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HOUSE ATTENDANCE

CAMBRIDGE	95.2
HARVARD	95.5
IMPERIAL	94.5
OXFORD	96.3
YALE	94.4

Whole School Target:

Our target is 95% we are heading in the right direction to achieve our school target of 95% for the whole year. We are currently at 94.5%.

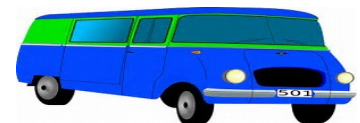
School Absence line 735516. Please note you can also use the School Absence Mobile Number 07537436325 to report your child's absence. PLEASE ENSURE YOU RESPOND TO ANY TEXT YOU RECEIVE FROM SCHOOL REGARDING YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE.

THIS IS A FREE TEXT SYSTEM FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

Do not miss out—important dates for your diary!

- 5/12/18 PTA Quiz Night
- 6/12/18 Sussex Coast Open Evening
- 13/12/18 Yr11 Parents evening
- 14/12/18 Deadline for college applications
- 18/12/18 Christmas Concert
- 19/12/18 End of Term 2
- 3/1/19 First day back in school Term 3

Bexhill Academy will be continuing our new safeguarding procedures where we may drive to houses in the school minibus when students are not in school with no reason for absence.



Did you know?

It has been proven that children who do not attend school regularly are more likely to:

- Fall behind in their school work
- Find it difficult to make and keep friends
- Be unhappy at school
- Misbehave so others cannot see that they are finding the work difficult
- Get into bad routines that can affect them getting or keeping a job later in life

IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY PROCEDURES

Good attendance at school is linked to academic success, we are therefore asking for all parents/carers support in ensuring that students achieve the highest possible attendance. You can do this by ensuring your child is in school **EVERY DAY**. Unless your child is too ill to attend. We have dedicated members of staff that support families who experience difficulties in ensuring their child's full attendance. If you are experiencing difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact our dedicated staff who can offer you support.

If your child is ill, please take them to the doctors and bring an appointment slip at your earliest convenience so we can make a copy for our records. You should phone school **EVERY** morning that your child is absent so that their attendance records are kept accurate and up to date. It is harmful to a child's education achievement to miss school regularly for minor illnesses such as colds, coughs, headaches or tummy aches. Although children may feel mildly under the weather they can often be well enough to attend school. If they are complaining of this kind of thing please bring them to school and if they deteriorate we will call you to collect them. Please only keep them at home if it is **absolutely** necessary.

The school day starts at 8.30am. The teachers are waiting in their class from 8.25am. The student entrance gates close at 8.30am. Please ensure your child is in school before the register closes. If your child arrives after 8.30am then they **MUST** report to the main reception to sign in late. If your child arrives after 8.30am in the first session you will receive a text from the school. These late procedures are in place so that every child is entered onto the register and can be accounted for in the event of an emergency.

To ensure the safeguarding of **YOUR** child, please make sure that these procedures are followed at all times.

Tips to help you get to school on time everyday

- Make sure your child understands why school is important
- Show your child that you are interested in what they have done at school
- Get everything ready the night before school
- Arrange appointments where possible before or after school or during the school holidays
- Set your alarm and your child's alarm clock. See who can beat the clock!
- Attend breakfast club
- Catch an earlier bus or set off a little bit earlier if you walk

Holidays during Term Times

They not only affect your child's friendships and sense of belonging but also their academic progress. Whilst they are not here the rest of their class are still here and learning. When your child returns they may have fallen behind. They may not understand what the rest of the class are doing and therefore, fall further and further behind. This will affect their confidence and may put up barriers to learning altogether. Your children only attend school for 190 days out of 365. This leaves 175 days for holidays. Please book your holidays during these 175 days.

Attendance Rewards

Get rewarded for outstanding attendance! Students who achieve 100% will receive instant termly awards.

Here are some of the rewards on offer:

- Certificate
- Carrots
- Voucher
- Pizza party for 100% at end of term 3
- Best form per house weekly biscuits/sweet or drink vouchers for students

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