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Wednesfield Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

At Wednesfield Academy, we place great importance on attendance and punctuality to ensure all pupils receive the best possible education. We are pleased to inform you that the attendance at Wednesfield continues to improve, and we are incredibly proud of the progress our pupils are making in this area. Currently, our attendance is above National Average for secondary schools in England and this is a huge achievement.

It is a testament to the resilience and dedication of our pupils that they are continuing to come to school every day, despite the challenges they may face. We recognise the effort and commitment it takes to maintain good attendance, and we want to acknowledge the positive impact this has on their learning and overall development. Consistent attendance plays a crucial role in helping our pupils reach their full potential, and we are grateful for the support and encouragement that you, as parents and carers, provide to ensure that our pupils are in school and ready to engage with their education.

Unfortunately, there are a number of pupils who are arriving to school late each day and this impacts their individual attendance. From Monday 20th January 2025, any pupil arriving after 10:00am without a valid reason (e.g. a doctor's appointment) will be required to stay until 5:00pm that evening to catch up on missed learning. Our House PAs will contact parents/carers to inform them and assist with making alternative arrangements for travel home. Failure to complete this will result in a more serious consequence.

As part of our continued efforts to celebrate and reward excellent attendance and punctuality, we are delighted to share that over £1000 worth of Amazon vouchers are distributed every half term during our attendance and punctuality assemblies. We also recognise that you, parents and carers, play a part in this too and therefore we have shared over £350 of Sainsbury's vouchers to parents and carers. Additionally, every pupil with excellent attendance and punctuality receives a reward at the end of each term. During the Autumn term, a total of £2000 in vouchers was won by 50 pupils. In addition, another 487 pupils were treated to a fantastic film afternoon complete with a popcorn machine, sweets cart, and hot chocolate drinks. These rewards are our way of recognising and celebrating the hard work and commitment our pupils show in attending school each day and on time.

We would also like to thank all parents who have helped their child catch-up on any learning they have missed. Whether your absence is planned or unplanned, it is the child's responsibility to make sure they have caught up on the work missed, which their teachers will assist them with. We are very grateful for the number of parents who are contacting school when their child has missed a lesson, to ensure that their child catches up on any missed work. Thank you for your continued support in prioritising your child's education.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Phillips
Headteacher



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