



## Attendance Matters

Dear Parents and carers,

I hope you had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Great attendance is key to success. Students who miss fewer than 15 days a year are much more likely to get a Level 4 or higher in their GCSEs.

Last term, over 150 secondary students had 95% attendance or better, and our overall academy attendance improved by over 1% compared to the year before. While this is great progress, we still need to focus on keeping attendance high for all students.

This term, we will continue to support good attendance with the following:

- Spring attendance streaks with rewards for regular attendance
- Tutor calls to check in when students are absent
- Our attendance bus to support families
- A new "Perfect Attendance" reward for tutor groups
- Targeted letters, texts and reminders.

### Pharmacy First - Did you know that the NHS provides a service called Pharmacy first?

This NHS service allows children and adults to get quick access to healthcare advice as they can walk into a pharmacy and access the service, removing the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. Please see a video available through the following link for more information about this service.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-M8juhIO4O8>

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/primary-care/pharmacy/pharmacy-services/pharmacy-first/>

Thank you for supporting us to make sure your child learns, thrives and succeeds. If you need help, please contact our attendance team at [www.atlantic-aspirations.org/about-us/contact-forms/](http://www.atlantic-aspirations.org/about-us/contact-forms/) or call 01305 820262.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Clark

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