

22nd September 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a busy start to this half term with some trips and events taken place: -

- Year 7 have settled in well and we are looking forward to the Settling In Evening which will take place on Thursday 12th October, 3.45 – 6.15pm.
- Maths coding event took place for all years on Wednesday 13th September as part of the National Coding week.
- Year 11, as part of their Geography GCSE Coursework, have visited Edale and thoroughly enjoyed their fieldwork and seeing the countryside.
- Year 11 have visited Oldham College and Oldham Sixth Form College on Taster Days to give them an experience of what it will be like to continue in further education.
- Assemblies this week have been delivered by Greater Manchester Police to all year on the subject of Anti-Social Behaviour.

Our annual Open Evening will take place on Wednesday, 27th September, 3.00.6.15pm where we welcome families and students looking ahead to their secondary education. It is never too early to come and see us in action! This is a great opportunity to meet our leadership colleagues and the OAO Team and hear about our successful school improvement journey. Please note that the academy will finish early on **Wednesday 27th September at 1.35pm** to afford staff the time to set up.

Attendance

I am proud that student's attendance has got off to a good start this term but we all must ensure that students do not miss vital learning time in school. The link between attendance and pupils' success is easy to see.

We ask you to consider the following points which may help to keep your child's attendance as high as possible:

- Holidays during term time will not be authorised and a fixed penalty notice will be issued.
- Please report absences by telephone, text or email, to the Academy daily (unless signed off, in writing, by a medical professional such as a GP). If a reason for absence is not given, the absence cannot be authorised.
- If your child is late to school, their attendance is affected it may contribute to a penalty notice fine being issued. Your child will receive a 30-minute same day late detention for each day they are late. If they are more than 30 minutes late this will mean a morning absence mark, 60 minutes detention and a possible fine.
- Please try and arrange medical appointments outside school hours. We know sometimes this may be difficult, but it will make a difference and ensure your child is not missing out on important learning time.

The attendance team are here to help and work with you and your child to resolve any attendance concerns. Please contact our Attendance Team on 0161 344 8451, press option 1.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'M. Dillon'.

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