ATTENDANCE

Welcome to Oldbury Academy.

At Oldbury Academy we take attendance very seriously. We recognise that students with lower attendance do not reach their full potential and we are here to support all students to achieve their best.

Throughout this leaflet you will learn about the reward schemes in place for good attenders, how poor attendance and punctuality can impact on a student's achievements, you'll learn where to go to access support to improve attendance and you will also learn about parent/carer's legal responsibility and the consequences of failing to ensure that your child attends.

Attendance is everyone's business, it is important that we work together to ensure that all students reach our 98% attendance target!

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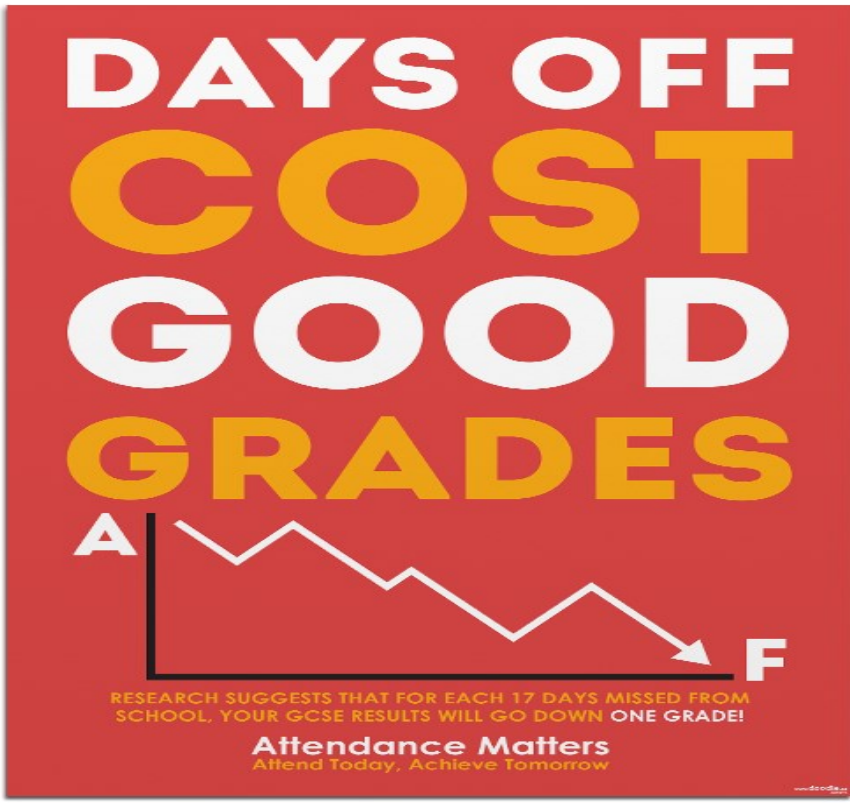

Did you know?

⇒ Children spend only 190 days out of 365 days per year in school

⇒ Absence is higher in secondary schools than primary schools

⇒ Absence is slightly higher for girls than boys

⇒ For pupils with special educational needs, absence rates are highest for those at School Action Plus

⇒ Absence is lower among those where English is not the first language

⇒ 2 weeks off school = 95%

⇒ 19 days off school = 90%

⇒ 29 days off school = 85% (HALF A TERM)

⇒ 38 days off school = 80%

⇒ 47 days off school = 75%

⇒ 5 minutes late everyday = 3 days lost per year

⇒ 15 minutes late everyday = 2 weeks lost per year

⇒ 30 minutes late everyday = 19 days lost per year

There are some myths -

Some say that students will catch up on any work that they miss through absence. Research shows that this is in fact untrue.
Students who miss lessons quickly fall behind. Any lessons that are missed are not repeated so it becomes very difficult to catch up.

Some believe that students are able to take 10 days holiday during term time. Again this is not true, we do not authorise any holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

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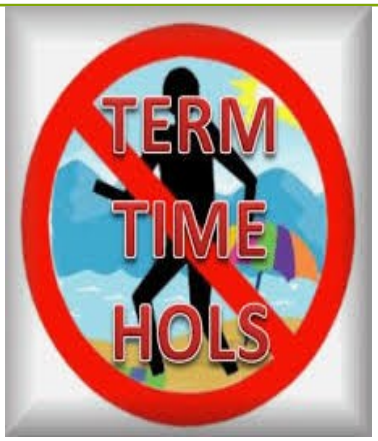
Others feel that for younger children, lost schooling does not matter. This could not be further from the truth.



Term time holidays

We do not authorise term time holidays (unless there are exceptional circumstances).

If you intend to remove your child from the academy for a holiday it is essential that you complete a leave of absence request form and return this to the academy before your holiday. You r child can get these forms from our Attendance Team.

Any parent or carer that takes their child out of school for a holiday during term time could risk facing legal action– Please speak to the Attendance Team with your enquiry.

If you do take your child out of the academy for a holiday and they do not return to the academy on the expected day, you could risk losing your child's place at the academy.

Remember, that by taking your child out of the academy for a holiday, you are risking them falling behind and feeling left out. This will have impact on their future and achievements.

Oldbury Academy Expectations.

In order for students to achieve good attendance we expect all students to :

- Achieve at least 98% attendance by being in school every day.
- Be on time to school and to lessons..
- Only sign out of school if this has been agreed with a member of pastoral staff.
- Provide notes from home and/or doctor about any absences or lates.

We also expect parents/carers to :

- Ensure that their child is in school on time every day.
- Notify the school before 9.30am if their child is going to be absent.
- Give clear reasons for absences.
- Provide note/medical note/appointment card for absences.
- Take holidays during the allocated school holidays.

As a school we will :

- Ensure that we respond to any concerns raised by parents/carers.
- Monitor attendance & punctuality regularly, keeping parents informed of their child's attendance percentage and arrange meetings to offer support to improve this.
- Raise any concerns with parents as soon as possible.
- Refer to the Attendance and Prosecution Service should attendance drop below 93% without a legitimate reason or medical evidence provided.
- Notify the Attendance and Prosecution Service of any students who take holidays during term time.
- Reward those students who attend on time every day.

Rewarding Good Attendance

We like to reward our students that get it right every time, attend every day on time, this could be those students who consistently get 100% attendance or those who improve the most. Rewards in the past have included trips to Alton Towers, Manchester United football games, restaurant vouchers and much more. So not only will students reach their full potential by attending every day, they may also receive other rewards. As well as this, we monitor form groups, year groups and house team attendance. Team work is important so it is imperative that you and your form group make best efforts to attend the academy on time every day!

Our rewards and recognition scheme at Oldbury Academy includes:

- Weekly and monthly certificates and rewards for those with 98% and above.
- Achievement points each week for 100% attendance and zero lates,.
- Power Play week every half term, where all achievement points earned during that week are doubled.

Who to speak to?

There are lots of different people you can speak to about your child's attendance. The first point of contact should always be your child's form tutor. You can also contact your child's Head of Year.

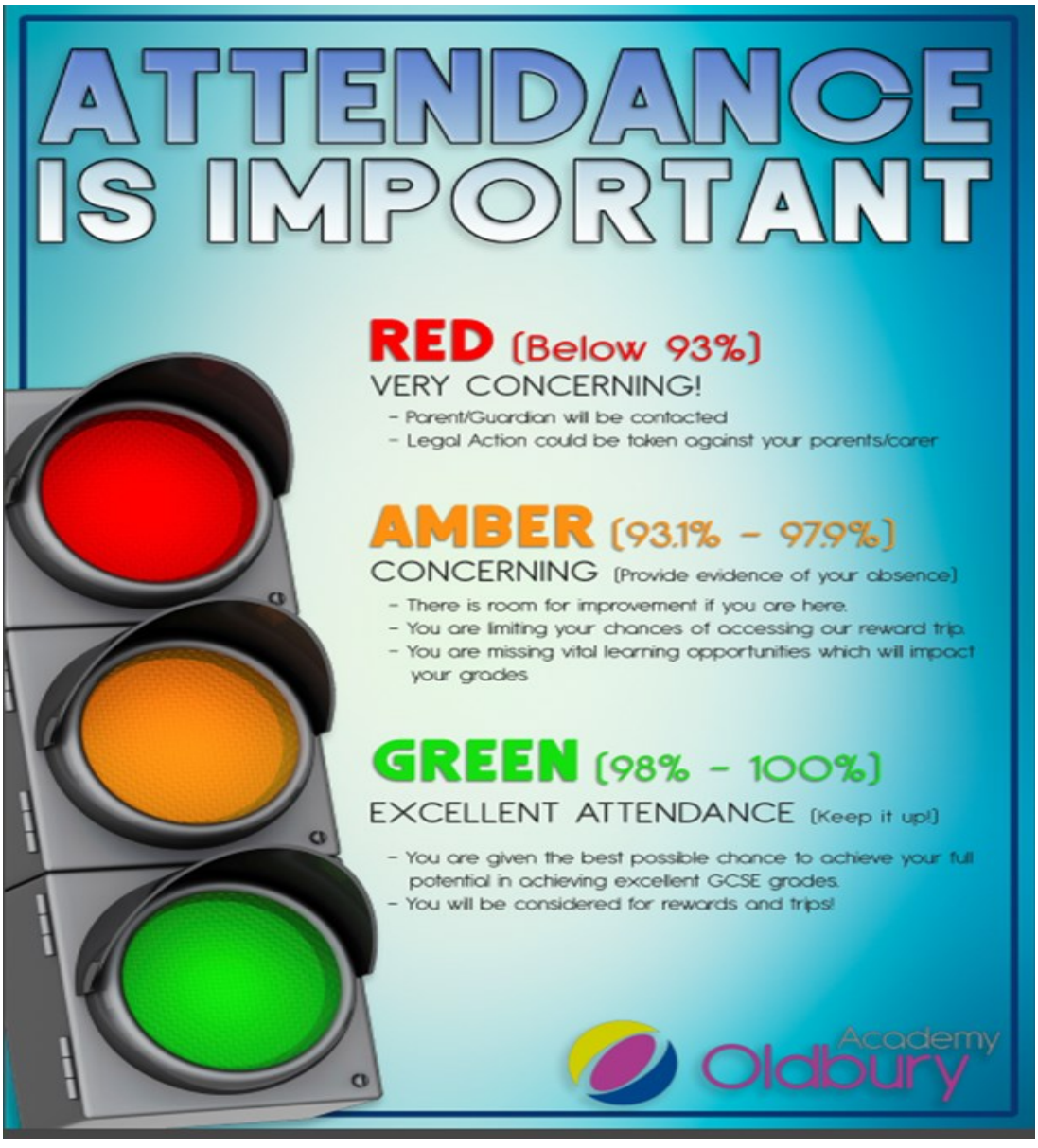
Alternatively, you can always contact the Attendance Office at Oldbury Academy and speak to the following members of staff:

Ms LaTouche (Attendance Manager & Education Welfare Officer), Mr Windmill ,Mrs Samra & Miss Gilbert (Attendance Officers).

Contact Us

If you wish to know more about our attendance policy and expectations, please give us a call

0121 533 3750

Checking your child's attendance online.

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