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Dear Parent/Carer

ATTENDANCE AFFECTS EXAM RESULTS

At The Buckingham School, we believe that every child should have the best possible opportunity to achieve their full potential and make excellent progress.

To develop and increase each student's progress, we encourage them to understand the importance of good attendance and how regular attendance directly relates to positive attainment and exam success.

Last year's attendance for Year 11 and GCSE attainment statistics have been analysed. The key findings are:

- 71% of students with 100% attendance achieved 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths
- 65% of students with 95% or better attendance achieved 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths
- Only 40% students whose attendance was 94.9% - 90% achieved 5 A*-C including English and Maths.
- Only 30% of students below 89.9% achieved 5A*-C including English and Maths,

As the statistics show, students who attended more frequently have an increased chance of performing to their best and increasing the range of options available to them Post 16. As a school, we continue to encourage all our students to aim for 96% attendance over the school year and emphasise the link between attendance and achievement.

We value our partnership with parents/carers and believe that strong communication between school and home will help to raise attendance and improve standards.

Please contact the student Attendance and Welfare department if you have any concerns regarding your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr M Wardle
Assistant Headteacher
Behaviour and Attendance

