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Dear Parent/ Carer

Last year The Buckingham School achieved its highest rate of attendance in recent years reaching a pleasing 95.4%. This increase in attendance was extremely positive and we want to ensure we build on this over the next year and ensure that every child should have the best possible opportunity to achieve their full potential and make excellent progress during their time in school. To reinforce this focus we want to remind both students and parents of the importance of good attendance and how regular attendance directly relates to positive attainment.

To illustrate this, last year's Year 11 student's attendance and attainment statistics were analysed. The key findings are below:

- 76% of students with 100% attendance achieved 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths
- 73% of students with 95% or better attendance achieved 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths
- 24% students whose attendance was 94.9% - 90% achieved 5 A*-C including English and Maths
- **Only 19%** of students below 89.9% achieved 5A*-C including English and Maths

These statistics clearly illustrate the direct link between attendance and attainment and how a student's chances of performing to their best are greatly increased.

As a school we are encouraging all students to aim for 96% attendance over the school year and we will monitor every student's attendance closely to help and support them achieve their potential.

With the current cold weather we appreciate that there will be some illness with our students, and as always, we encourage our students to try and attend as often as they possibly can to continue the upward trend the students made last year; and ensure that their attainment is supported by excellent attendance. We value our partnership with parents/ carers and believe strong communication between both school and home will help raise attendance and improve standards.

Thank you for your continued support and please contact our attendance team if you have any concerns regarding your child.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Wardle
Assistant Headteacher
Behaviour and Attendance

