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Dear Parents and Carers

Attendance

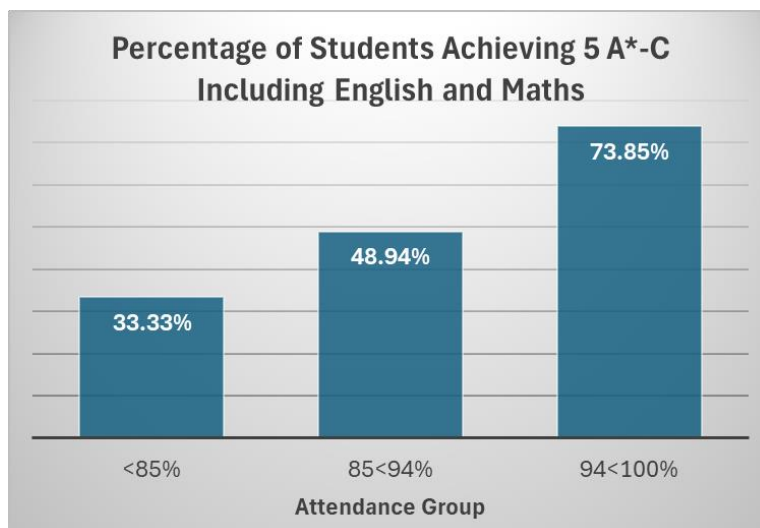
I hope this letter finds you and your families in good health as we head into the Christmas break. On our return in the New Year, we will be focusing as a year group on attendance. As students are now within their GCSE courses consistent attendance is not only crucial for academic success but also as we prepare for examinations ahead.

Throughout the half term we will be looking at the myriad of factors that can influence a student's ability to attend school regularly. We recognise that barriers to attendance can vary widely and may include issues such as health problems, family circumstances, emotional wellbeing or even logistics related to transportation. It is our collective responsibility as educators and parents to work together to identify these barriers and provide the necessary support and encouragement to ensure our students thrive both academically and personally.

We are also keen to highlight inspiring stories of key figures - both past and present - who have faced significant challenges yet have left a positive mark in their respective fields. By sharing these stories with our students, and yourselves, we hope to motivate our students to overcome their own obstacles and understand that persistence is often the key to success.

Furthermore, it is imperative to emphasise the direct correlation between attendance and exam performance. Consistent attendance allows students to engage fully with the curriculum, collaborate with their peers and benefit from the support and expertise of their teachers. Our statistics indicate that students who attend school regularly are significantly more likely to perform well in their GCSEs and other assessments. Conversely, absences can lead to gaps in knowledge and understanding, ultimately affecting a student's confidence and exam results.

Research consistently shows that students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve better academic outcomes. This can be seen in our school results. Last year 75% of students at Ramsey Grammar School who attended school regularly, over 94% attendance, achieved 5 A*-C including English and mathematics. This figure dropped to 40% for those students with under 94% attendance. This is a stark difference which mirrors UK absence and attainment figures and highlights the need for children to attend school to achieve. A graph showing attainment for different attendance groups at RGS last year can be seen below.



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As part of our commitment to improving attendance, I encourage you to actively participate in fostering good habits in your child. Here are some recommendations that may help:

1. **Establish Routines:** Encourage your child to maintain a regular sleep schedule and prepare for the school day the night before.
2. **Communicate:** Stay informed about your child's academic progress and any challenges they may face. Open communication with teachers is key.
3. **Show Support:** Reinforce the importance of attending school and celebrate any improvement, no matter how small.

By working together, we can create a supportive environment that encourages our students to attend school consistently and achieve their fullest potential. Each week I will share, via the website, the topics covered. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, or if there is anything further we can do to support you and your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support in this matter, and I wish you and your family a successful and fulfilling year ahead.

Yours sincerely



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