

23rd January 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Attendance Challenge - Fabulous February

At Manor Croft Academy we are striving for excellence and expect a high level of attendance from all of our students. There is a clear link between attendance and attainment at school, with those students who have poor attendance being less likely to achieve good GCSE grades, and more likely not to be in education, employment or training when they leave school.

Starting on 30th January 2017, we will be holding an attendance challenge which will run throughout the whole month of February. There will be competitions and prizes both for form groups and individuals based on their attendance during this month. Prizes will include form breakfasts and cash prizes for individuals.

February will also see the introduction of our new 'Pin Point' system. This system will target students whose attendance falls below 90% as they are deemed persistently absence from school.

What is 'Good' Attendance?

All students should aim for a target of **at least 97%** attendance. This equates to 6 days absence in an **academic year**. Any student whose absence falls below 90% is deemed persistently absence from school.

Attendance over the whole year %	= Days Missed	= Weeks Missed	Number of Lessons Missed	Absence over 5 years
95	10 days	2 weeks	50	¼ year
90	19 days	4 weeks	100	½ year
80	38 days	8 weeks	200	1 year
70	57 days	11.5 weeks	287	1½ years
60	80 days	16 weeks	400	2 years
50	100 days	20 weeks	500	2½ years

We hope that you will support us in continuing to raise standards within the Academy surrounding attendance. Should you be experiencing any issues that you wish to discuss or require any advice or clarification surrounding any aspect of our attendance aspirations, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Academy.

Yours faithfully



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