



CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

A C H I E V E M E N T F O R A L L

My Ref: IT/CAG

Your Ref:

Date:

10 October 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

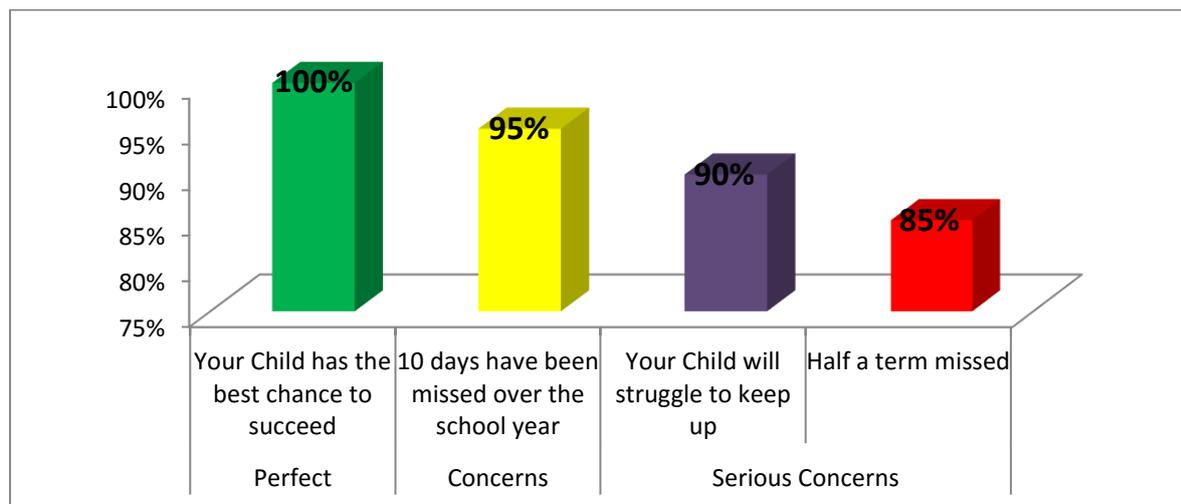
Attendance

Cannock Chase High School is a successful school and your child plays their part in making it so. We are committed to providing a full and effective education for all of our students to ensure they achieve their potential in all that they do. We believe that all students benefit from the education we provide and from regular and punctual school attendance and good behaviour. To this end, we will do all we can to ensure that all students attend school, on time, every day the school is open, unless the reason for absence is unavoidable.

Non-attendance at school is one of the single biggest blocks to achievement. Whether absence is due to illness, term-time holidays, other condoned absences, or truancy, not being at school disadvantages children.

In 2019, the GCSE results of our Year 11 students were clear evidence of this. Students who had an end of year attendance of 95% or above on average made progress that was above that of the national average, significantly out performing those with an attendance of below 95%.

Setting good patterns of attendance is vital. An attendance rate of 90% may sound impressive in the first instance, but it actually means that a student only attends school for 4.5 days out of every 5. This, over a five year span, equates to a child missing out on an entire half a year of their education.



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In order to support the school in maintaining high attendance across the school we ask that parents/carers:

- Encourage their child(ren) to attend school on time every day school is open;
- Ensure they contact the school as soon as possible (i.e. on the first day of absence before 8.45 am and on every day of absence following this) whenever their child is unable to attend school (01543 502450 Ext 212);
- Try to make medical, dental or other appointments outside the school day;
- Avoid taking holidays during term time. Holidays will not be authorised (unless in exceptional circumstances) therefore, parents/carers may be subject to a Penalty Notice. This is in line with Staffordshire County Council's Code of Conduct;
- Provide the school with up-to-date home, work and emergency telephone numbers.

If you would like more information about school attendance, the Attendance Policy is available on the school website. <http://www.cannockchasehigh.com/School-Policies-and-Reports>

We hope that together we can ensure your child receives the best chances at achieving success in school through better attendance.

Yours sincerely



Miss J Simpson
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