



4th April 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I write to thank you for your ongoing support for the school at the end of this half term, update you with our plans for the return to school on **Tuesday 22nd April** and outline our approach to attendance at The Albion Academy.

Firstly, thank you for your support around your child's learning. Your attendance at our most recent Year 11 parents' evening was around 90% - meaning that nine out of every ten parents are now attending these events to discuss their child's progress with us. This is excellent for your child.

As I said in my last letter to you in February, I will now be writing to you at the end of half terms with a quick overview of a key part of the school. This term I will write about attendance and its importance here.

Attendance at The Albion Academy

We strive for all pupils here to have 100% attendance and 0% absence (days off from school). We know that attendance here has a direct impact on the grades your child will eventually get.

Here are some key facts for you about our school:

- In August 2024, 94% of Year 11 students at our school who only missed one day of school per term through absence achieved Grades 5 or higher (the old Grade B) in English and Maths GCSE
- In August 2024, 87% of Year 11 students at our school who only missed one day of school per term through absence achieved Grades 7 or higher (the old Grade A) in English and Maths GCSE

When we look at the 'why' behind these facts it becomes clear that absence from school leads to more missed lessons than you may think:

Attendance %	Absence	Days lost absent per year	Time in weeks absent from school	Lessons missed per year
95%	5%	9.5 days	2 weeks	50
90%	10%	19 days	4 weeks	100

Therefore, we are relentless in pushing for high attendance and low absence at The Albion Academy every single day because we know that the higher your child's attendance, the better grades they will get. Please also do not think this is just about Year 11, the work done in Year 7,8,9 and 10 all builds towards those GCSEs pupils take in Year 11.

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Research also strongly shows that avoiding school due to anxieties can make the situation much worse for children in the long run. For the majority of children, attending school with your support will ease anxieties and worries about socialising rather than make it worse, as they become more used to daily routines and being around other children and adults.

Finally, a recent Government study has also shown a direct link between a child's attendance at school and their future earnings. It has found that the higher a child's attendance at school the more money they will earn in their future careers.

To summarise, the link between high attendance at school and better life chances for your child is clear, so please support us. Every single day of attendance at our school counts towards a better future for your child.

If you would like some more support around your child's attendance at The Albion Academy, please do reach out to us through our 'Talk with The Albion Academy' contact form, to be found here: [Talk with The Albion Academy | Contact Us | The Albion Academy](#)

We return back to school on **Tuesday 22nd April at 8:25am**, with our Breakfast Club and Library being open to students from **7:50am**.

I wish you a lovely Easter Holiday.

Kind regards,

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