



Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

TUDOR TIMES



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PE Department News

During the Autumn term we have had two intercollege tennis competitions. Well done to all of the students that took part, including our Year 7 individual winner Farhaan, and our Year 8 doubles winners Riley and Bradley.

Year 7 Individual

Overall College Results

- 1st – Oxford
- 2nd – Cambridge
- 3rd – Warwick
- 4th – Durham

Year 8 Doubles

Overall College Results

- 1st – Durham
- 2nd – Cambridge
- 3rd – Warwick
- 4th – Oxford



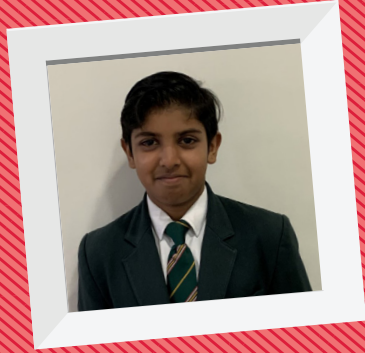
We would like to wish Mrs Wickens and Miss Hancox all the best.
We hope to hear about the safe arrival of your little ones soon!



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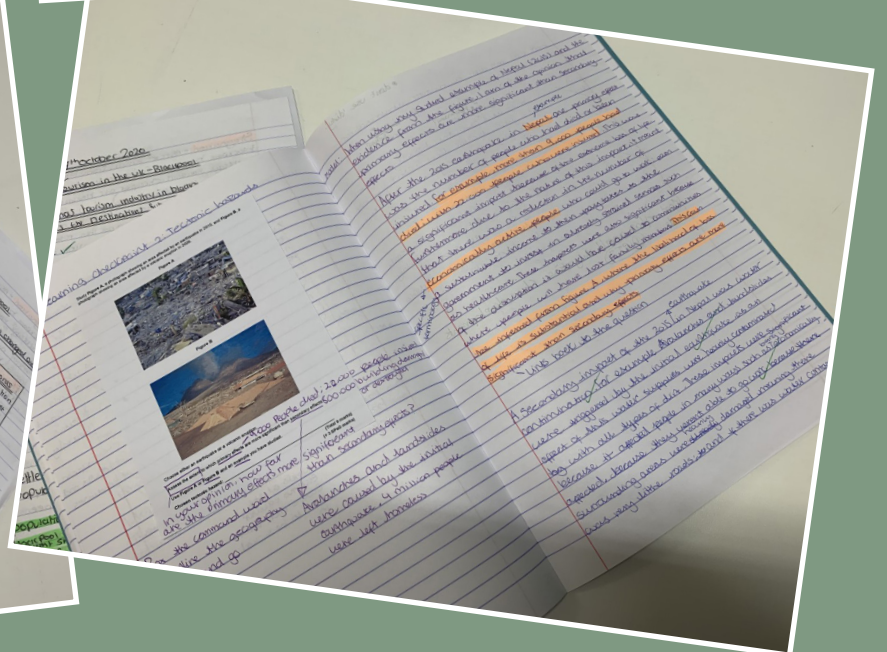
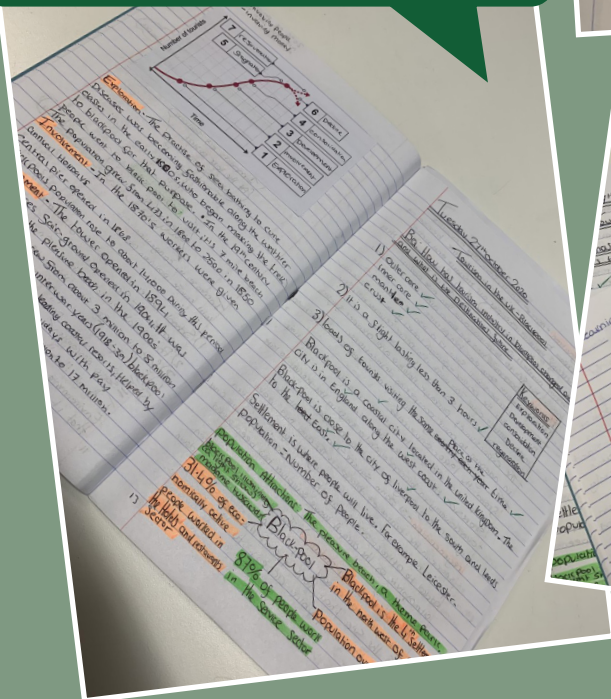
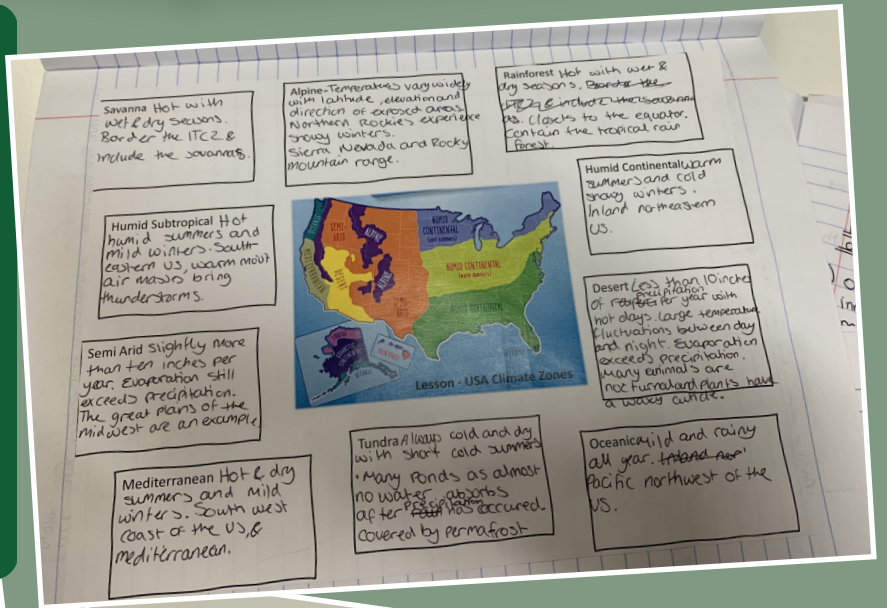


to Taquil, Rizvan, Ellis and Shaan, who have demonstrated resilience and an excellent work ethic in geography this term!



"Over the course of the first academic term, many of our geography students have shown true resilience and have produced high-quality work within their topics. There is a real appetite for success, and we are very proud of all our students at TGSA! Please continue to work hard and show the determination we have come to expect."

- Mr Miller and Mr Daybell



Spanish News – The League of Champions 2020

Congratulations to our TGSA students for their fantastic performance in the Vocab Express League of Champions, where we came 6th as a school in the Spanish Medio Cup, with Vladislav and Sukhveer making it onto the Spanish international leaderboard.

During this week-long competition, our students were pitched against thousands of students from over 100 other schools around the world.

Micro interview with Vladislav

How was the competition?

"It was good."



What do you like about the competition?

"It is competitive, especially when you see someone passing you on the leaderboard."

You get to practice a bit more Spanish and it helps your memory."



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The championship has now finished – congratulations everyone!

League of Champions 2020 (Provisional results)

Spanish Challenge Cup Medio

School	Score
1 Howden School	227,630
2 Caroline Chisholm School	201,900
3 Sedbergh School	141,735
4 St Marys School	114,930
5 Newton Abbot College	70,790
6 Tudor Grange Samworth Academy	64,885
7 Mossbourne Community Academy	48,395
8 The King John School	44,320
9 Blackrock College	43,430
10 Bradford Grammar School	32,725
11 Wellington College Shanghai	28,855
12 Ardingly Prep	24,555
13 Sinai Jewish Primary School	23,690
14 Katherine Warrington School	22,540
15 The Brakenhale School	12,265
16 St George's International School Switzerland	9,985
17 Elizabeth College	6,540
18 St Bernard's Catholic High School	3,820
19 Colonel Frank Seely Academy	3,195
20 Oasis Academy John Williams	2,140

My School's Spanish Challenge Cup Score

64,885

Start Time 11th Nov 8:00am
End Time 17th Nov 3:00pm
Last updated: 17:40:40

Safeguarding News



We had a first virtual school workshop supported by the Police. Year 9 students spent an hour with Katie Hudson (Children and Young Persons Officer) discussing knife crime with other schools in Leicester City. The feedback was excellent and the workshop very informative.

Students were able to listen and participate in a Q&A session at the end of the workshop and were supported by the TGSA teaching staff. Well done Year 9. A follow up with other year groups will take place in 2021.



PSHE: Current Focus



The TUDOR
value of
Tolerance

Careers: Current Focus



Further education
and
opportunities
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The best way to keep up to date with what is happening at TGSA is to

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where we will...



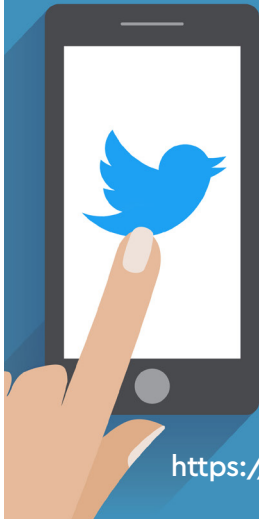
Update you on recent news



Celebrate achievements



Post notices and reminders of school events



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Show My Homework

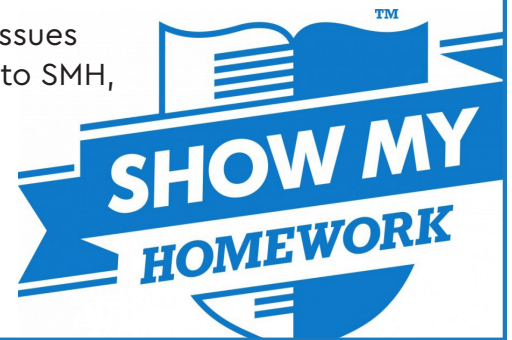
We use an online system called Show My Homework which can be accessed by both students and parents/carers, either via the website (www.showmyhomework.co.uk) or the app.

Logging on to SMH is simply the same as the school log in:

Username/Email: Your School Email

Password: Your School Password

If you have any issues with getting on to SMH, please don't hesitate to come and see Mr Morton.



Well-being News in STEPS (Sociology, Theology, Ethics, Politics & Social Studies)

Year 7 have been covering well-being related content in their STEPS lessons this term. We have looked in detail at our Tudor values and how we interact and behave at school, especially important in times of Covid-19, and how we represent the values in everything we do. We have then moved on to consider 'who we are?' as individuals and a collective. This learning journey has included consideration of topics like 'where do I come from?', 'what do I believe?', 'how do I feel?', and 'how do I look after myself?', and as part of that we have considered mindfulness techniques to reduce worry and anxiety, and thought about image and identity.

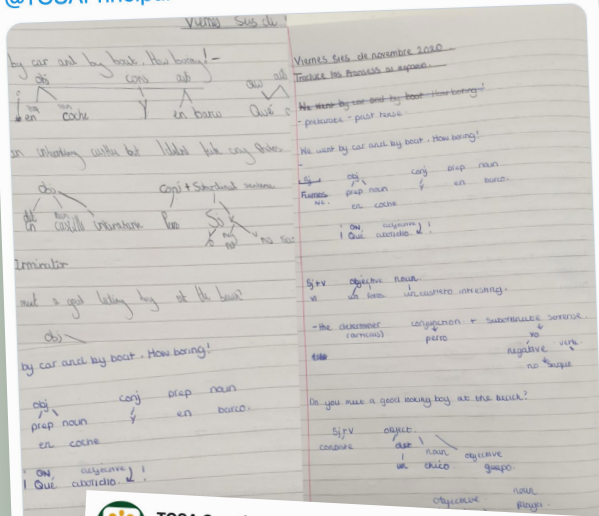


Recent Tweets



TGSA MFL
@TGSA_MFL

I've introduced parsing as a strategy to increase grammatical/linguistical understanding, very pleased with #TGSA_Year8 work @TGATrust @Sroachma @TGSAPrincipal



TGSA Creative Arts & Design technology
@MissR_TGSA

#Year 9 currently creating zentangles, completely in the zone today. Listening to zen music to help with the focus! Well done girls. Great work @TGSAPrincipal #zentangle

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TGSA performing arts
@TGSAThe_Arts

My year 7 SAS mindset matters group really enjoyed painting their mini canvas' this afternoon . #mindset#growthmindset#positivity

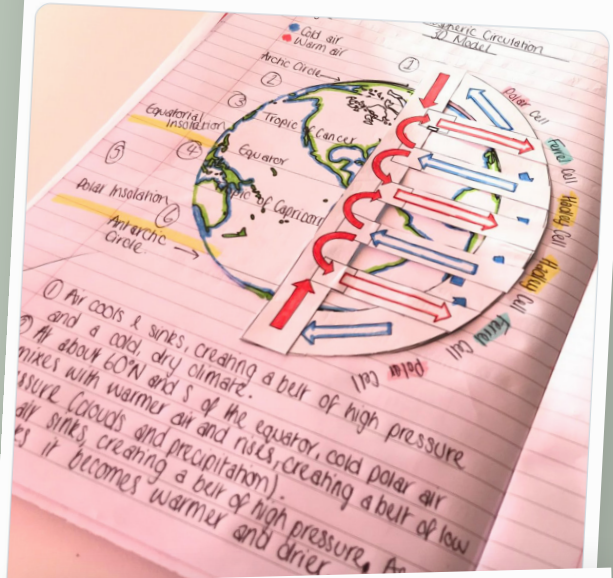


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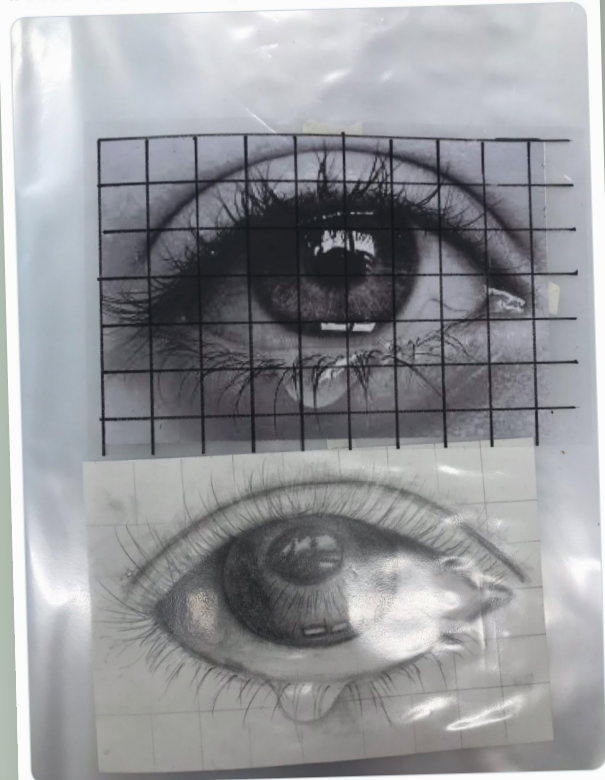
TGSA Geography
@TGSAGeography

Some great effort and focus from Year 10 this week, who have been creating their own version of the 3D global atmospheric model, like the one below! Very proud! @TGSAPrincipal @MissTgsa1 @Sroachma @TeachLeics @TeachLeicester



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Another amazing observational study of an eye with tear drop. Well done T in year 9 @TGSAPrincipal #observationaldrawing #tone #eyes



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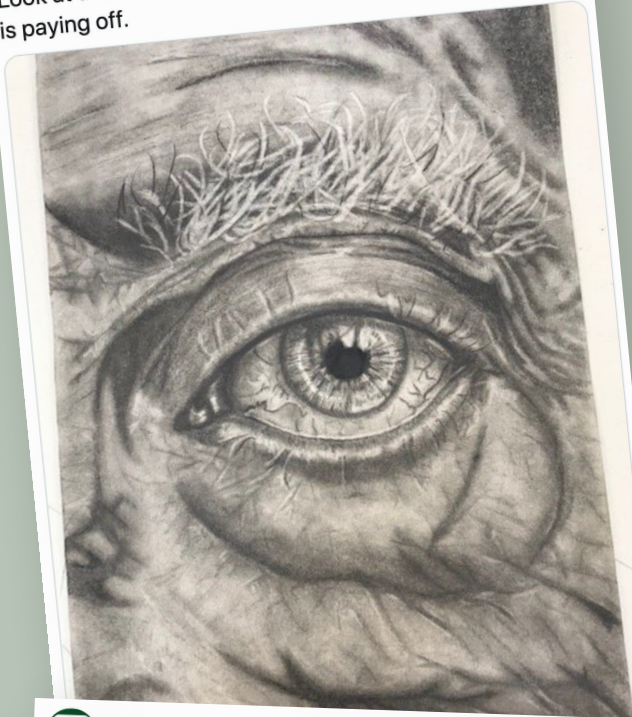
A really productive Period 6 with Year 11 going through some revision this evening. Positive attitude; determination and a real work-ethic. Very proud of them today! @MrABannon @TGSAPrincipal @Sroachma @MissTgsa1

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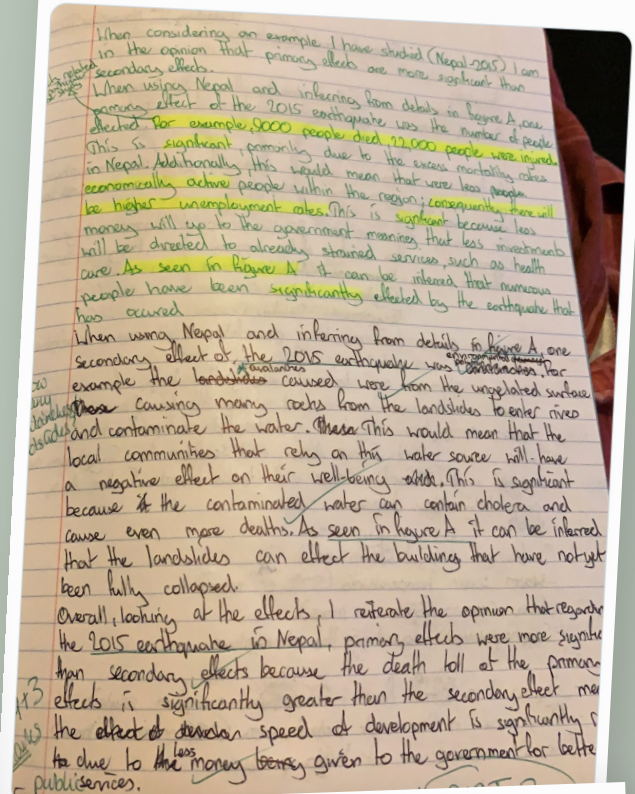
MissT@TGSA
@MissTgsa1

Look at this beauty from a talented year 10. The practice is paying off.



TGSA Geography
@TGSAgeography

Excellent effort made from a Year 10 student when completing a 9 mark checkpoint. Impressive work!
@TGSAgeography @MrABannon @MissTgsa1 @Sroachma



TGSA Creative Arts & Design technology
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Students going large with their work this lesson.
@TGSAPrincipal #painting #scale #enlarge #photoshop



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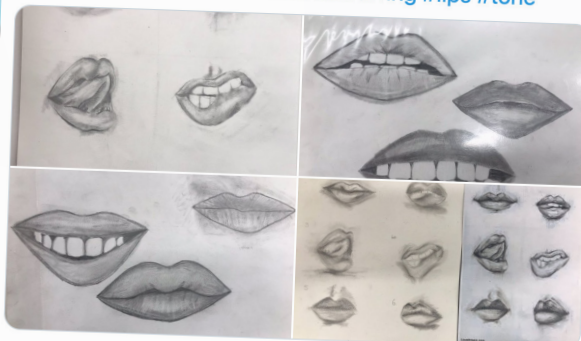
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An empowering STEPS lesson with Year 8&9 regarding homophobia- lots of debate; a real sense of #Pride at TGSA and why it's important to show respect to all in society. Student: "I'm shocked that this behaviour exists. What can we do to stop this?"
@TGSAPrincipal @MissTgsa1



TGSA Creative Arts & Design technology
@MissR_TGSA

Im so impressed with my year 9 girls. Homework was to draw lips without guidance but to copy some images. These are some of the results. Very impressed.
@TGSAPrincipal #observationaldrawing #lips #tone



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Congratulations to the Gardening Club!

Despite Covid stopping us from meeting, the Gardening Club has still managed to be successful in receiving two new certificates. Hard work put in by the students in June and July of this year resulted in us being awarded level 3 from the RHS Campaign for School Gardening for building a large insect hotel out of pallets and natural resources and a leaf pen so that we can compost the leaves for next year. We also received a Bronze Award from The Woodland Trust for planting lots of new tree saplings in the school grounds to encourage wildlife and pollinators to visit. Thank you to all the Gardening Club students for your hard work. I hope we can resume our club very soon.

- Mrs Derbyshire



Staff Bio – Mr Hiam

I got into teaching as I felt utterly unfulfilled in my career in retail. I wanted to do something where I could make a difference and no two days would be the same. I'm really glad I made the decision as I can't think of anything I'd rather be doing.



I got into teaching to make a difference, and TGSA provides a great platform to do that. The support and CPD that TGSA supplies to the teaching staff is amazing and there is a really caring atmosphere amongst all of the staff towards the students and each other.

As an English teacher, I feel obliged to say that I love reading. I love sharing an exciting discovery, especially when I can share new books with students. I also love gardening, and have two allotment plots on a site not far from TGSA!

School Governor

Have you considered becoming a school governor? If you are interested in supporting the school and helping to shape the future for the next generation, please contact Mrs Fletcher-Warrington on 0116 278 0232.

GET INVOLVED!

Attendance Celebration

During half-term 1 we monitored the attendance of all students in school. On Friday 16th October we had a raffle for all the children who achieved 100% attendance. The children were rewarded with a chocolate treat.

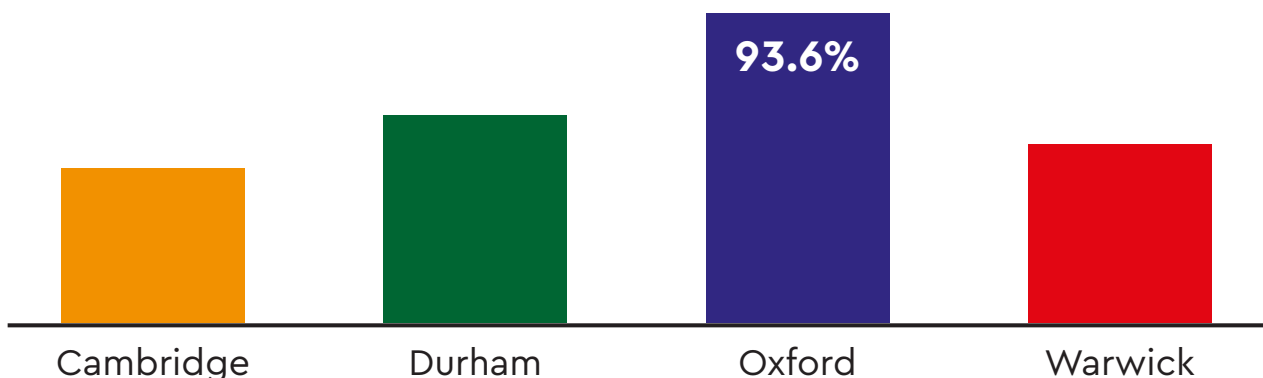
Attendance is being tracked again this half-term and we will be rewarding all children with a treat at the end of term who have achieved 100% attendance.

Tutors will be monitoring attendance daily over the next few weeks to ensure students are meeting the academy targets. Thank you for your continued support with attendance.



Attendance Matters

Thank you to parents/carers for your support with attendance, keep up the great work! Well done to Oxford for the highest attendance so far this academic year – let's see if the other colleges can catch you up!



Why is punctuality important for my child's education?

Every School Day Counts

0 days off school

100%

Perfection

Equates to 2 days off school each year

99%

Excellent

Equates to 5 days off school each year

97%

Good

Equates to 10 days off school each year

95%

Slight Concern

Equates to 20 days off school each year

90%

Concerned

Equates to 30 days off school each year

85%

Very Concerned

5 days absence over the whole year

97% - 100%

Good chance of success and progress

20 days absence over the whole year

90%

Less chance of success. Harder to make progress

20+ days absence over the whole year

Under 90%

Detrimental to success and progress

Being on time:

- Gets your day off to a good start and puts you in a positive frame of mind, so that you can make the most of the learning opportunities.
- Sets positive patterns for the future. You can't expect to stay in employment or college if you are always arriving to school late.
- Leads to a good attendance record and means that you do not miss any of your learning.
- Leads to a better achievement because you attend the WHOLE of your classes.
- Leads to understanding that school is important and that education is valuable.
- Is respectful to your teacher and to your classmates. It builds good habits for later life.