

## ***From the Head of School***

Thank you to all the parents who attended the welcome evening with Areté Learning Trust on Thursday. It was great to listen to the questions and ideas you have about the further development of the school and the old school site. I would like to reiterate the key message that was discussed that my core purpose is to focus on the continuation of the rapid development of our school.

Next week you will be receiving the first aim higher report for the school year. Your child will be bringing this home with them on Wednesday evening. There will be an outline of our aim higher system included with this report. If you have any further questions or want to discuss your child's report then please contact your child's base coach/form tutor.

Year 11 parents have received an invitation to our revision evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October. We encourage all year 11 parents to attend this evening to receive important information regarding the year ahead and how you can support your child's revision at home.

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October, a photographer will be in school to take individual photographs of all year 7, 8 and 9 students.

Included in this week's newsletter is information regarding the importance of good attendance. Please take a few minutes to read this information.

Vicki Rahn  
Head of School

## **ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Good school attendance is imperative to provide students with the tools they need to develop and learn.

Research shows that even short breaks from school can reduce a student's chances of succeeding at school by as much as a quarter. This research is based on extensive student absence figures in both GCSE and primary school test results.

Time spent away from school, whether for a family holiday or minor illness, disrupts the structure school provides.

Every day at school counts enormously for students but so does every consecutive day attended.

Students need to absorb new facts and knowledge, acquire new skills and consolidate those skills before progressing further.

For more information on Attendance Awareness, please see page 3 of this Newsletter.

**Be the best you can be...  
Aim for 100% Attendance!**

*Miss K Thompson  
Behaviour and Attendance Officer*

## **LETTERS HOME**

You should have received, or your child should have brought home the following letters this week.

***Year 11 Parents' GCSE Revision Evening  
— Thursday 10 October 2019 — 5—7pm***

If you require a paper copy, please contact school.

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# School News and Information

## Parent Governor Election

The school is seeking to appoint a parent governor to the school's Local Governing Body.

A letter outlining the process will be sent via email to all parents/carers and will also be available on the school website.

If you are interested please request a nomination form by email to [bramley.l@northallertonschool.org.uk](mailto:bramley.l@northallertonschool.org.uk).

The closing date for nominations is **10am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

## ChromeBook Scheme Update

A number of parents of students in Years 7 and 8 have signed up for ChromeBooks. The ChromeBooks will be issued as soon as they all arrive in school and are checked over by our ICT staff, this will happen very soon. Thank you for your patience, be assured that we are doing everything we can to make this happen as soon as possible.

*Miss A Cox*  
*Senior Teacher*

## CATERING NEWS



Celebrate  
National Curry Week  
(7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October)



Menu for  
Thursday 10th October 2019

Tandoori Chicken  
or

Beef Rogan Josh

or

Chicken Tikka Masala

or



Vegetable Balti

All served with pilau rice,  
poppadum and spicy vegetables

£1.90



## Johnson Group - 4th October

How to debate, 3.15pm in A7 - Open to all.

## Student Absence

Please could we ask that parents/carers continue to contact school every day that a student is absent, otherwise the absence will need to be recorded as unauthorised. Thank you.

## Student Illness

If a student feels ill while at school, please could we ask that they do not contact parents/carers directly. They should report to reception staff who will then contact home on their behalf. Thank you.

# Attendance Awareness Month

## What does 'good attendance' mean?



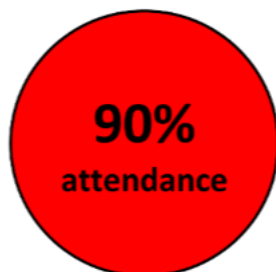
Is this good attendance?

What does 90% actually mean?

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## What does 'good attendance' mean?



90% attendance =  $\frac{1}{5}$  day missed every week!

One school year at 90% attendance = 4 weeks of learning missed!

Over 5 years of school =  $\frac{1}{5}$  school year missed!

Research suggests that for every 17 missed school days a year = one GCSE grade drop in achievement (DFE)

Good attendance means ....

- being in school at least 96% of the time
- or having no more than 8 days off in the school year!

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**Good attendance = best chance of success!**

0 days absence / 190 days of education = 100% attendance

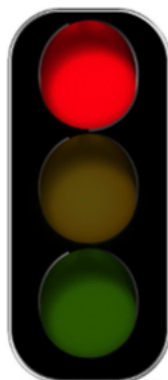
8 days absence / 182 days of education = 96% attendance



**Poor attendance = less chance of success!**

19 days absence / 171 days of education = 90% attendance

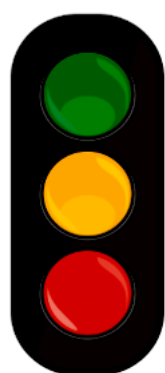
29 days absence / 161 days of education = 85% attendance



**Very poor attendance = serious impact on education and reduces life chances**

38 days absence / 152 days of education = 80% attendance

47 days absence / 143 days of education = 75% attendance



**100 - 96%**

- Half termly letter congratulating you
- Weekly text for 100% students

**96-93%**

- Contact with home from Form Tutor
- Monitoring period to improve attendance

**93-90%**

**Stage 1**

- Contact with home from Head of Year
- "Attendance Improvement Plan" put in place to support student, school and parents.
- This is the first step towards potential attendance prosecution.

**< 90%** Begin Fast Track process – formal process engaged

***If anyone requires more information on attendance, please contact Miss K Thompson, Behaviour and Attendance Officer***

# DIARY DATES

## October

- Wednesday 9th                      Aim Higher published to parents/carers of Years 7 - 13
- Wednesday 9th                      Phototronics - School Photographer - Years 7 - 9
- Thursday 10th                      Year 11 Parents' GCSE Revision Evening  
5.00pm - 7.00pm. (please note change of time)
- Wednesday 16th                      'Restart a Heart' for Year 7 (tbc)
- Thursday 17th                      Year 13 Progress Evening - 3.45pm - 5.45pm
- Monday 28th                      Half Term - School reopens Monday 4th November

## November

- Monday 4th - Friday 15th              Year 11 Mock Exams
- Thursday 7th                      Senior Maths Challenge (KS5)
- Friday 8th                      School Photographer - Years 10 - 13
- w/c Monday 11th                      Year 8 SAIL Celebrations
- Wednesday 13th                      Drive Alive Event
- Thursday 21st                      Sixth Form Open Evening - 6.30pm - 8.30pm
- w/c Wednesday 25th                      Year 7 SAIL 'Who Are We' Celebrations
- Monday 25th                      Parents' Forum - 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Thursday 28th                      Year 11 Mock Results Event, 8.45am - 9.30am
- Friday 29th                      Staff Training Day. School Closed to Students

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