



BEHAVIOUR & ATTITUDES NEWSLETTER

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ACADEMY

Attendance

Since the pandemic, attendance has been a national issue that has impacted lots of students. At the Academy, we are pleased to report that at the end of the last academic year, our attendance rate was the same as the national average for secondary schools and that our persistent absence figure (those that have attendance below 90%) was better than the national average. We are delighted to announce that at the start of this academic year, attendance is significantly higher than at the same point last year, so well done to all of the students and parents/carers that have worked so hard to improve attendance. At the Academy we strongly believe in rewarding those that have good attendance and, at the end of last half-term, 241 students achieved 100% attendance between 16th September and 27th October and received a £5 Amazon voucher and a Halloween sweets box.

Our next attendance reward started on Monday 4th November and all students who achieve 100% attendance for the month of November will receive a chocolate advent calendar.

Simon Miller

Deputy Principal—Behaviour and Attitudes

Behaviour

Every school strives for excellent behaviour and, at All Saints Academy Dunstable, we are no different. We have high expectations of all of our students and are extremely proud when they reach these expectations. The start of this Academic year has been the most positive start to the year since I have worked at the Academy and this is shown in a number of different ways. For example we have fewer behaviour points at this point in the year than we have had before, fewer isolations, fewer suspensions and fewer calls to support in lessons. Also, students tell us how the behaviour has improved which is a very clear and obvious indicator. If there is behaviour that is not at the required level, we will work with that student to help them meet our expectations. Students are now able to call for support in lessons if they feel that poor behaviour is stopping their learning. If your child feels that there is poor behaviour that is stopping them from learning, please encourage them to use the confidential system so that we can support with their learning.

The Academy attendance target is 95%

Punctuality

We have seen a significant improvement to punctuality over the last year, and this has continued to be positive again this year. However, please note that students that arrive to the Academy between 8.30am and 8.50am will receive a B1 for being late to school. Those arriving after 8.50am without a valid reason will receive a B3. Students should aim to arrive to the Academy no later than 8.25am so that they have time to go to their locker before registration.

Uniform

We are delighted with how smart the students look in the adapted uniform. The jumpers have been a great success and the majority of students are wearing them instead of the blazers. Remember, blazers are being phased out and will not be part of the uniform policy after the Christmas break. Jumpers can be purchased by following this link [Jumpers Archives - Prestige Design & Workwear \(prestigedesignwww.co.uk\)](https://www.prestigedesign.co.uk).