



How is it almost the end of the school year!

It seems like a lifetime ago that I wrote to you in the first attendance newsletter. I am happy to report that our attendance has remained in line with our regional and national figures and slightly above where we were this time last year. With that said, we still need to push to ensure that every student in the academy is striving to attend at all times. Attendance is so important, even more so from the legacy of COVID and other infections.

In assemblies this term we have discussed the continued importance of resilience and also the impression an attendance figure gives. We have worked a lot on thinking about when students need to push themselves to attend and when they are genuinely ill and unable to come into the academy and getting students to reflect on this. We have had regular attendance awards every week for all year groups, these being the students who have continued to get 99% and above during the year picked at random as well as an award for the student who has been in for 100% of the time the previous week. Each term we have awarded the tutor group with the best attendance for their team effort! Our current highest attended year group is Year 7 closely followed by Year 9!

Attendance Reminders:

What is our expectation?

In our academy we expect your child to be in for 98% of the time. Any child below 90% is a persistently absent child – so what does this mean? Across this school year your child will have missed a month of learning! When it is worded like this it sounds a huge amount of time than just 90%. Just imagine how much that time would be if it is below 90%. The lost learning time means your child will inevitably be behind their peers. That said we know that there are a huge amount of you that have 100%! This is amazing!

There are a number of students that have medical conditions that mean your attendance is lower and of course we make exceptions to the 98% rule. Please do liaise with your child's teacher to ensure any work they miss for this if needed is given.

Attendance Week 2!

The week after the Easter Holidays we celebrated Attendance Week 2 at school! Students were tasked with attending school for 100% of the week with lots of exciting activities and games on offer! We had the legendary treasure hunt around the academy every day as well as new activities such as baking and the old favourites that are 'Just Dance' and Football!

During this attendance week we launched a 'Beat the Clock' game which asked student to beat their teacher to class each period! A signed and completed timetable was posted in a box at reception, the winners were.....

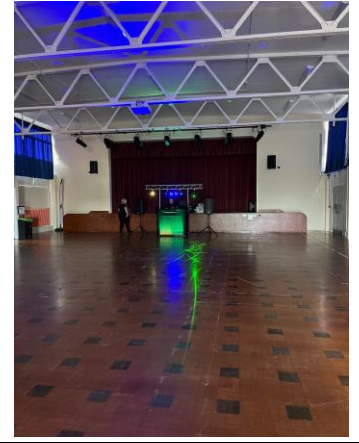


Determined to be the best that we can be...

#TNHaway

Beat the Clock – Bethany (Year 8)

*The Easter Egg chocolate hamper for 100% attendance during the week –
Phoebe (Year 7)*



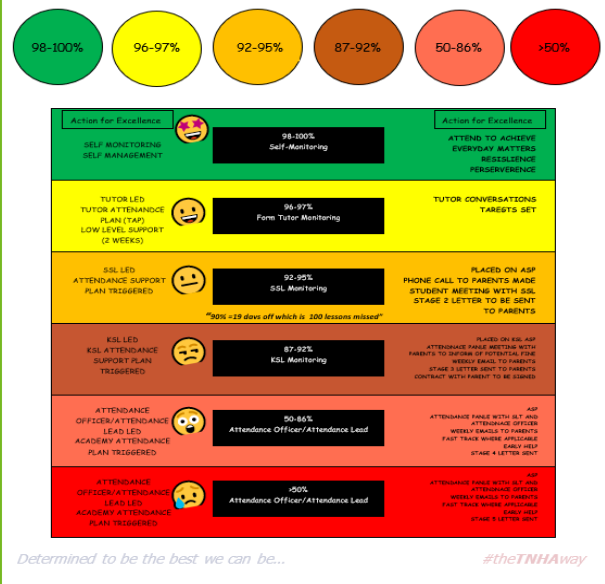
Attendance Reward Disco!

The Year and 8 attendance Reward disco was full to the brim with students achieving 99% and above attendance from last half-term. We had 45 more students eligible to attendance than our previous one in December! It was a fabulous night enjoyed by all staff and students!



The Nicholas Hamond way to 'Excellent attendance'

Which stage are you?



Attendance Team – useful numbers and emails:

Reception: Mrs Launchbury – 01760 721480

Attendance Officer:

Mrs Cronin - Edith.Cronin@attrust.org.uk

Attendance Leads

Mrs Smith – Clare.Smith@attrust.org.uk

Attendance
thoughts:

*"Early is on time, on time is
late and late is*

Parental Support and Guidance:

There are some great websites online to help with getting your child into school. These focus on encouraging behaviours at home that help students to be organised, punctual and ready to learn.

[Behaviour and attendance | Parentkind](#)

If you would like to take a look at how best to support your child the website above is a great starting point.