



Queen Mary's Grammar School

Headmaster: R J Langton, M A

8 February 2019

Ref: Y13 Attendance Intervention

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you as I am concerned by the attendance rate and punctuality of some members of Year 13. We are fast approaching the critical A-Level examination period and our experiences suggest that absence from timetabled lessons does have a detrimental impact upon final grades. We are well aware that this does not include all members of year 13 and that pupils do suffer illness from time to time, but we would be grateful if you could encourage your child to be more resilient on occasions, so that they do not miss timetabled lessons. My colleagues are currently nearing the end of taught syllabi and will be delivering revision and testing sessions in the final weeks before Study Leave. Therefore, attendance is vital for your child.

From 25th February, we will be implementing a supportive strategy, whereby students who have an attendance percentage of *less than 90%* will be expected in school during periods that were normally designated as 'home' study. They will be supervised by a member of staff so that they have the opportunity to study and revise in a suitable working environment. ***In practice, this will mean that your child will not have the privilege of signing-in after 8.45 or signing-out before 3.40.*** This will also apply to those students who have 10 or more late marks since the beginning of term. All students that have significantly under-achieved in their most recent attainment grades will also be included in this measure.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Weston or myself on the main school number.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Sixth Form



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