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Attendance and Punctuality

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with our key priorities of improving the standards of attendance and punctuality with our students and your children.

As an Academy, we have made demonstrable progress linked to improvements in attendance over the last two years, and the gap between Shirebrook Academy's attendance and the National Average, is continuing to close.

Because students are in school more often, this has a direct impact on their social/emotional wellbeing and mental health and also crucially, on their academic outcomes.

Below is a link to an article published by Schools Week:

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/95-attendance-almost-doubles-chances-of-gcse-pass/>

The article mentions how having 95%+ attendance almost doubles the potential of achieving a pass at GCSE. It also mentions statistics linked to a report conducted by the Department for Education (DfE), which finds that missing just 10 days of Year 11 halves the odds of getting a grade 5 in English and maths.

The graph below supports this data:



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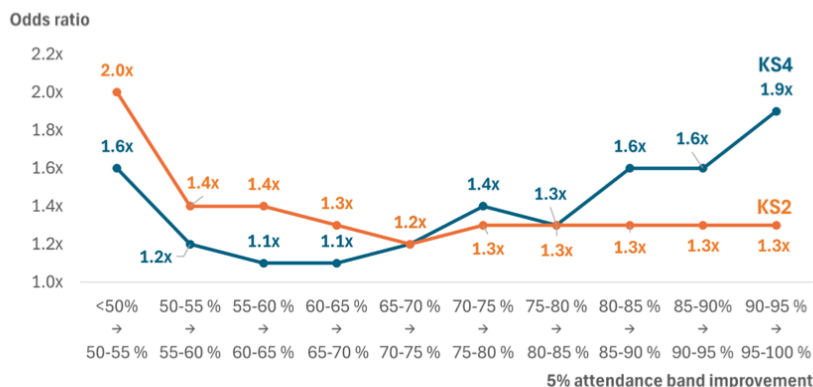
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Figure 11 The odds ratio of achieving the expected standard at KS2 and KS4 when moving up a single 5% attendance band



We would like to ask for your support in sharing and discussing this with your child – whichever year group they are in. The earlier that the link can be made between good attendance and academic outcomes, the better! We understand that a number of factors can affect a child’s attendance, such as medical issues, and we will continue to support families with this to ensure the impact on attainment is minimal.

Thank you for your support in discussing this with your child – and we look forward to continuing to work with you on attendance as we approach the summer.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter break.

Yours faithfully,

James Edwards
 Assistant Principal – Behaviour, Attitudes and Pastoral Care



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