

# The McAuley Catholic High School

A Specialist College for The Performing Arts with Specialism in Applied Learning  
A Leading Edge School

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Dear Parents

## Attendance

The Government considers a school attendance figure of below 94% for each child as a concern. Therefore, after half term we are going to put into place a new system which will help you keep a regular track of your child's attendance in school. The new system will be as follows:

- ◆ The parents of any student whose attendance falls to 94% will receive a text to alert them to this fact
- ◆ Once a student's attendance falls to 90% a letter will be sent inviting you into school to find ways of supporting your child in improving their attendance

Any student, with known medical reasons supported by the appropriate medical evidence, will not be contacted as we will already be working with you to find ways of supporting your child.

It is so important that students attend school regularly as it stops them from falling behind in their work. This can also have an effect on their friendship groups as students who are absent lose out on the social aspect of school life.

Holidays during term time are not an entitlement and will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. If a student misses two weeks out of a six week term then they have missed one third of that term's work. This will obviously disadvantage the progress of students.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the content of this letter then please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Senior Leadership Team or your child's Learning Manager.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gray  
Headteacher



*"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"* John 10:10