



Every School Day Counts



Student Name

BULWELL BULLETIN

PARENT UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2017

Every School Day Counts!

Attendance at school is the single most important factor that enables your child to be successful.

It might seem that a day, or half a day, here and there will have little impact on their learning. Sadly, this is not true.

If your child's attendance drops below 95%, by the time they finish year 11, they will have missed almost a full term of their education. Any number below this makes things even worse—a student with 80% attendance will have missed one whole year of their secondary education.

Employers ask us about student attendance at school and we can tell you that they will not consider students with poor attendance. *Would your employer pay you not to work?*

We rely on parents for their support and I hope that the following notes will help you to help your child achieve the success they deserve.

The potential for your child's success is directly affected by:

- Number of times late since September: ?
- Attendance since September: ? %



Attendance Week 4-7 December

Many parents are fabulous supporters and ensure that their child attends every day. We are keen to recognise those students who have excellent attendance and there will be extra-special rewards available during Attendance Week to include a number of £10 shopping vouchers and other spot prizes.

Sadly, attendance at school is not as good as it should be and this is why we need to organise an Attendance Week. Many parents are not aware that it is their legal responsibility to report any absence before 8.30am on the day of absence.

Failure to report your child's absence to school before 8.30am may lead to a visit from Academy staff or other professionals to include the Police and the Education Welfare Service. Clearly, we are keen to avoid this.

Mr Maher
Principal

INSET DAY

FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER
2017

Our inset day is a training day for staff. On these days, our staff are working hard to develop new skills and develop their teaching techniques.

Similarly, your child can be using the day to learn out of the classroom. On rainy days there are lots of on-line learning materials and, if possible, what about a trip to a local museum, park or art gallery?

www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/whats-on-in-nottingham/

Don't be an Attendance Turkey!

All students are invited to join us for Christmas Lunch on Thursday 7 December—the final day of Attendance Week.





Helping to secure good attendance

If there is a problem with your child's attendance, talk calmly to your child and listen to the explanation.

There is always an explanation. Understanding the reason for non-attendance is important.

Talk to us to resolve issues. We may be able to help and support you and your child. You are not alone.

Our parents and carers are our closest partners—you hold the key to how well your child achieves at school.

Ways to encourage good attendance:

- Only allow days at home for genuine illness (nothing else!)
- Please do not take holidays in school time.
- Phone us as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent, and when you expect them to return
- Check your child's absence report regularly and check this matches with your own record
- Talk with your child about school and how they feel about it—they are more likely to attend if they feel supported and their anxieties are listened to.

TO HELP YOU WITH ATTENDANCE:

Attendance Officer: Ms Jo Kershaw

Attendance Improvement Officer: Mr Steve Meese

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Children in Need 2017

On behalf of the students and staff, can we send a **HUGE thanks** to all parents who supported this year's appeal. We are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic....

£908.36p



The Bulwell Academy Sixth Form 2018-2020



OPEN EVENING
Bulwell Academy Wednesday 29 November 2017
4 to 7pm

Contact Us

Your child's tutor is the first person to speak to if you have any concerns.

Class Charts gives you up-to-date information on your child's behaviour.

We are developing the use of Class Charts to track homework too.

CHRISTMAS FAIR



THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER 2017

3.15 – 5.15PM

Craft stalls, raffle/tombola, hot food & snacks, fun & games for all the family

Meet Father Christmas!

CHRISTMAS PANTO

THURSDAY 21 DECEMBER
7.00 – 9.00PM

Beauty & the Beast
meets



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