## Attendance Targets

Attendance targets must be challenging and drive continual improvements in academy attendance and reduction in persistent absence.

All students must aim for $100 \%$ attendance for the whole year and from the point of any unavoidable absence.

Attendance above 98\% is expected.

All students have a personal overall attendance target of at least $\mathbf{9 6 \%}$.

Attendance below $\mathbf{9 0 \%}$ is classified as persistent absence. This is half a year of absence and around $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ days of absence in 5 academic years.

Attendance below $50 \%$ is classified as severe absence. This is two and a half years of absence and almost 500 days of absence in 5 academic years.

Form Tutors and Class Teachers will encourage and work with students to achieve their attendance target.

Heads of Year and the Attendance Officer will review and create bespoke and meaningful attendance targets for students in exceptional circumstances, e.g. prolonged illness.

Attendance targets will be revised upwards when achieved.

