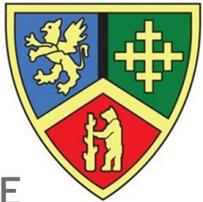


Polesworth Matters

The Polesworth School ENSURING EXCELLENCE



The Polesworth Way

At The Polesworth School we have always been very proud of our students' high levels of attendance. For many years now, our annual attendance rate has been above or in line with the national average figure for secondary schools. Currently, our attendance is slightly above the national average though still below pre-pandemic levels.

Excellent attendance is crucial to a child's overall education. It is impossible for us to provide our students with the highest quality of education if they are not attending consistently and accessing the many educational opportunities and experiences available to them.

Our Attendance Policy, available on our website, outlines the procedures we follow to monitor attendance and the strategies we put in place to address attendance concerns. As many of you will be aware we always aim to send an automated text message home by mid-morning to inform you if your child has not been registered within the first half hour of the day. The message requests that parents make urgent contact with the school to inform us of the reason for absence and this helps us to ensure students who are absent are safeguarded. Additionally, it enables us to monitor absences, as well as ensuring we meet the legal requirement of recording all reasons for absence on the official register.

Covid has naturally had an impact on attendance and we of course do not want children with Covid 19 to come into school. However, for the vast majority of our absences, Covid is not being cited as the reason and as such we would urge parents to support us with ensuring that wherever possible young people attend school consistently. We are all very aware that too much education has been missed over the last two years and we are keen to have our students make the very most of the learning time available to them so that they are in the best position to perform well in their external exams in the future.

Should there be any specific, non-medical reasons that your child is absent, we are here to help and are keen to work alongside parents to address any problems which may be affecting your child's overall school experience. Our Attendance Support Manager, Mrs Grigg, is available to talk with parents to help address any problems that may be affecting a student's attendance, ideally nipping problems in the bud before they get too big. In addition, parents can contact your child's Head of Year or Student Support Manager to discuss issues that may be impacting on attendance.

Thankfully, the vast majority of students tell us that they enjoy school and are keen to get the most out of their education. Ultimately, we want all of our students to have a positive and happy school experience and to attain excellent qualifications but this is much harder to do without regular attendance.

We are, of course, all too aware that none of the above would prove successful without the support of our parents and we continue to be very grateful for the parental support we receive in ensuring high attendance remains a key feature of each student's experience at The Polesworth School.

PE NEWS

Netball

- Year 9 Netball won 2, lost 2. Weather held off until the last match when it started snowing/hailing at the end. Girls had fun but did start to lose the feeling in their fingers which made the last game interesting at times!!



RUGBY

- Well done year 10 rugby team. Both teams played an excellent running rugby game , all very committed. Lads loved it, buzzing after the game . Won 22-14, great afternoon, great game, great atmosphere, great support. Well done boys.

FOOTBALL U18 - Well done to u18 football players who beat Higham Lane 2-0 in a tightly contested match.

FOOTBALL Y10 - Well done to the Yr10 Boys football. Impressive 5-2 victory against Nuneaton Academy. 5 nil up and made some changes for the final ten minutes to give players experience in different positions. If it wasn't for the keeper it could have been 10!

OUR REWARD SYSTEM

In creating a purposeful and pleasant atmosphere for learning, we place great emphasis on rewarding and recognising good work, effort and behaviour. We employ a range of techniques to congratulate and celebrate our students.

WHAT WE REWARD STUDENTS FOR:

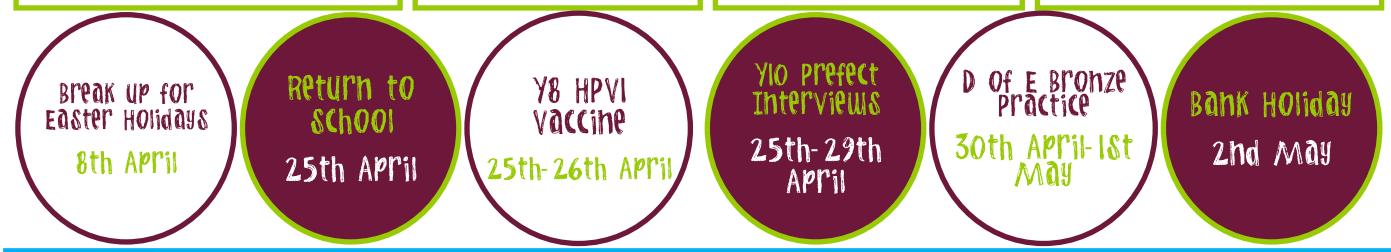
- Great effort with....
- Excellent attendance
- Making progress
- Helping others
- Supporting the school and local community

- Giving it a go even though you are unsure
- Being positive
- Leadership
- Being ready to ...
- Exhibiting respectful behaviours
- Being responsible

RECOGNITION AND REWARDS IN LESSONS

REGULAR PRAISE FROM STAFF	RECOGNITION BOARDS	RECOGNITION CARDS
The most common and most effective reward for good work, effort and appropriate behaviour is praise. This may simply be verbal, during a lesson, or it may be written, when marking work.	Staff place a student's name on the Recognition Board in a lesson to acknowledge and praise students.	Teachers and tutors are encouraged to award students with recognition cards in lessons to show their appreciation of a student's readiness to learn, respectful behaviours and responsible actions or attitudes to learning.
<h3>MERIT POINTS</h3> <p>We operate a merit point system. Teachers and tutors are expected to award students with merit points. Students are able to spend their points in our online shop on a variety of items including stationary, Amazon vouchers, food items from the school canteen and lunchtime queue jump vouchers. Year 11 students can use their points toward a Prom ticket and/or their Year Book.</p>		
<h2>FURTHER WAYS WE REWARD AND RECOGNISE STUDENTS</h2>		

MEET WITH THE HEADTEACHER <p>Outstanding achievement is also recognised through an invitation to meet with the Headteacher. Students will also receive a small award for their achievements, as well as having the opportunity to celebrate their successes with the Head.</p>	SLT RECOGNITION <p>Students are nominated by their class teachers when they have repeatedly exhibited the 3Rs in lessons. They are given a recognition badge and congratulated by senior leaders in the school.</p>	RANDOM REWARDS <p>We aim to reward students at random when they are shown to exhibit readiness, respectful or responsible behaviours. We have recognition badges, jump the lunch queue vouchers, non-uniform vouchers and various other rewards that are given to students.</p>	CELEBRATION BRUNCH <p>Tutors select students to be invited to a celebration brunch with other awardees in the School Hall. Students celebrate their achievements with Pastoral Leaders and members of the school's Leadership Team.</p>
AWARDS IN YEAR ASSEMBLIES <p>We have a half termly prize draw for all students who have achieved 100% attendance over the half term in each year group. We also have a half termly prize draw for all who have a clean behaviour record over the half term in each year group.</p> <p>We also run a merit recognition system for students achieving high numbers of merits. We use assemblies to celebrate these students.</p>	PRaise TEXT, EMAIL OR PHONE CALL HOME <p>We also facilitate a Praise Text that is sent to parents/guardians on a daily basis to celebrate student success such as their readiness to learn, respectful actions and responsible behaviours. Teachers also email and phone parents/guardians to celebrate successes.</p>	POSTCARDS HOME <p>Teachers, tutors, and pastoral and curriculum leaders send postcards home to congratulate students on their excellent work, attitude and behaviour. These students are selected by their class teachers and tutors and are only sent to students who are seen to be deserving of additional praise and recognition.</p>	YEAR CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES <p>This termly event is an opportunity to praise students for their attendance, their behaviour, sporting successes and other extra-curricular successes, such as music qualifications or even out of school activities. We encourage students to be proud of their talents and achievements so that we can praise and reward as many of our students as possible.</p>



HAPPY EASTER FROM ALL AT THE POLESWORTH SCHOOL