

# Attendance

Pupils at Spalding High School really enjoy coming to school and absence is below the national average

Overall absence was 3.2% in 2015-16

The national average was 4.6% (reported Autumn 2015)

The % of persistent absentees (10% absence measures) was 4.5%

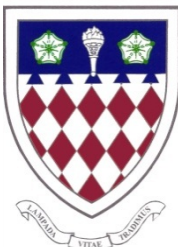
The national average was 10.3% (reported Autumn 2015)

Our absence and persistent absence can be seen to be well below the national average



# Persistent Absence

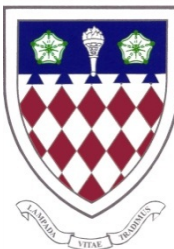
- From the beginning of the academic year, 2015-2016, the government reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%



# Attendance Matters

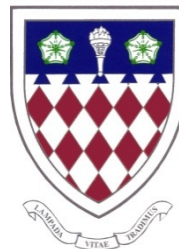
90% attendance =

- ½ day missed every week
- 4 whole weeks missed in a year
- 100 lessons missed
- Over 5 years = ½ a school year missed



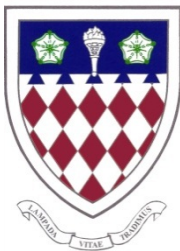
# Impact of absence

Attendance During one school year	Equates to days absent	Which is approximately	Which means the number of lessons missed
94%	10 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons



# What Impact Could This Have?

- Research shows that for every 10% non-attendance over a school year a grade at GCSE is lost
- The greater the attendance the greater the achievement



# Attendance Matters

Attendance - another thing to think about.....

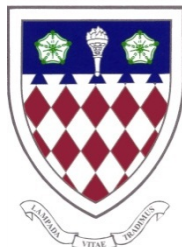
Whilst absent, **friendship** groups may have changed. This can = **unhappiness** and **prevents learning**.



# Absence Procedures

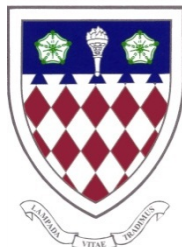
## What Parents/Carers Can Do

- All pupils are expected to attend school full-time
- Only in **exceptional circumstances** will leave of absence be granted during term time. Any request must be in writing to Mrs Anderson **at least** 2 weeks in advance  
*Please do not assume that this automatically authorises absence*
- No leave of absence will be granted during examination periods



# Absence Procedures Continued

- If you are absent from school your parents/carers should ring the school on the first day of absence to explain the reason
- If you are absent for more than 3 days, parents/carers should keep the school updated on your condition and when you are likely to return
- On your return to school, you must show a completed Absence Explanation note (in your planner) to your form tutor, explaining the reason for absence, written and signed by a parent/carer.
- Absences will not be authorised without this slip

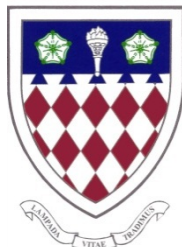




# What Students Can Do

- Keep in touch with school work by speaking to a friend who may be able to collect work, note home works, photocopy notes
- Ask for books to be sent home or collected
- Carry out private reading or extended project/course work
- Talk to staff on return to school and seek help and support for catching up on missed work

In **exceptional circumstances**, when absence is for a prolonged period, it may be possible for the school to provide work in some subjects at parental request



# Support in School Following Absence

## Have you just returned to school?

Feeling as if you are not coping?

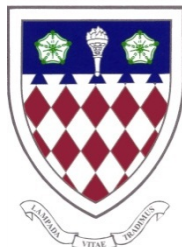


Tell someone....a friend, form tutor, parent or carer, head of year, subject teacher or a member of the support staff

If we know how you are feeling we can help....



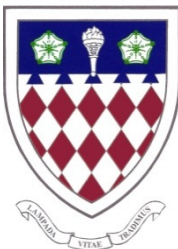
Form Tutor Support  
Subject Teacher Support  
Head of Year Support  
Pastoral Staff Support  
Subject Clinics  
Homework Club  
Friends  
School Nurse  
School Attendance Plans  
Pastoral Support Plans



Supportive

# Attendance Reward Scheme

- Excellent attendance is rewarded each year with certificates and a reward scheme is in place
- In order to recognise good attendance the school operates a very popular reward scheme.
- Pupils with above 97% attendance at the end of each main term (Christmas, Spring, Summer) will be entered into the attendance raffle draw
- If attendance is 100% for the school year pupils will be entered into a prize draw at the end of the Summer term, the prize being a more substantial reward
- Please share with us any ideas you have for encouraging good attendance



# Support Available

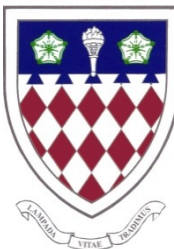
- Friends
- Form Tutor
- Subject Teachers
- Head of Year
- Pastoral Staff
- SEND Coordinator
- School Counsellors

## External Support

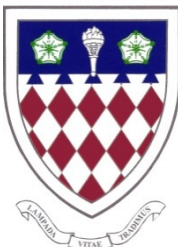
School Nursing Services

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Child and Adolescent  
Mental Health Services  
(CAMHS)



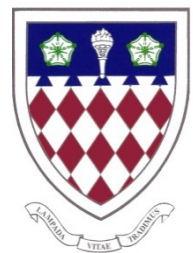
- **Sample Bullet Text**





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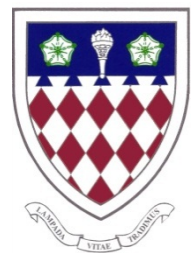
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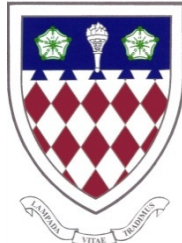
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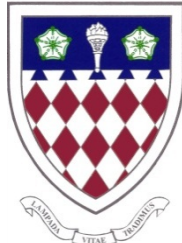






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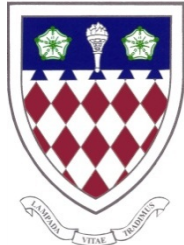
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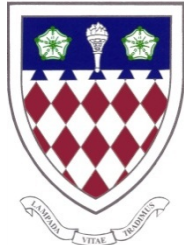
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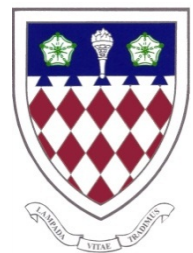
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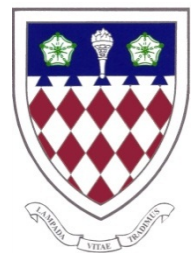
Excellence





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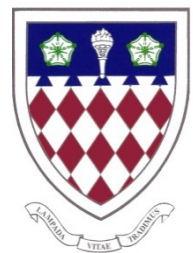
Creative





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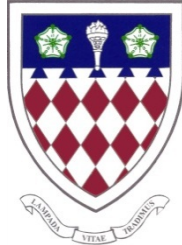
Inspirational





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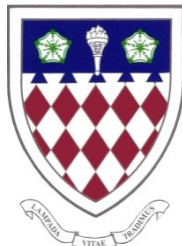
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Successful







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37	Friendship
35	Resilience
34	Respect
31	Reflection
29	Achievement
28	Reciprocity
28	Resourceful
26	Education
26	Equality
25	Teamwork
23	Caring
23	Honesty
22	Determination
22	Disciplined
21	Happy
20	Creative
20	Independent
19	Responsible
18	Excellence
18	Supportive
17	Charitable
17	Confident
17	Safe
17	Successful
17	Trust
15	Inspirational
15	Perseverance
15	Positive
14	Challenge
14	Encouragement
14	Individuality
14	Pride
13	Fair
13	Motivational