



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parents/Carers

At Heanor Gate Science College we are constantly reviewing and improving what we do so that we continue to support your child to “aspire, learn and achieve”. A key part of our vision, to ensure that all of our students reach their full potential, is to secure good attendance for every child. As the school lead on attendance and persistent absence I am therefore pleased to inform you that, overall, our school attendance is both improving and in line with national expectations. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in helping us to achieve this.

The link between high levels of attendance and successful outcomes has long been established and is the reason why we set our attendance target for the school year at 97%. Whilst absence through illness and special circumstances is unavoidable, a small number of students fall well below our expected level of attendance. Where there are not adequate reasons given for absence we will be working with Derbyshire County Council’s Educational Welfare Service in order to support these families to help them improve. Over the coming week, as part of this, there will be assemblies about Derbyshire County Council’s involvement in supporting good attendance.

Please be assured that, for the vast majority of students, there will be no further input from Derbyshire County Council beyond the assemblies this week. Once again, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support which is so crucial as we continue to move the school forwards.

Yours sincerely

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