

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

## RE: Important update on Lymm Sixth Form expectations from January 2025 onwards.

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and looking forward to returning to Lymm Sixth Form tomorrow (8.25am in Form, Tuesday 7th January).

As we begin our new term, we want to take this opportunity to reset our expectations around students' punctuality and attendance. As previously shared, regular attendance at sixth form is a critical and important factor in ensuring academic success, personal development, and fostering a positive learning environment.

At Lymm Sixth Form our pastoral and curriculum teams monitor punctuality and attendance closely and promptly contact students, parents and careers when an absence arises. It is recognised nationally that students who have lower attendance achieve less well than those with good and excellent levels of attendance. Reviewing data from last year's cohort, students whose attendance was above 95% achieved on average one full grade higher in their A level and BTEC courses, than those whose attendance was below 95%.

Whilst many of our students have good attendance and punctuality records, I am keen to ensure that we provide very clear and fair expectations for all students to enable them to achieve their full potential. Therefore, we will start the new term (January 2025) with renewed focus and emphasis on supporting students with their attendance and punctuality with changes to the allocation of office hours in sixth form. Please click here to read the important updates.

Students, we would encourage you to read the linked new arrangements carefully as this will commence with immediate effect. It is also important to note that we are aware on rare occasions that a student's attendance or punctuality can be caused by something out of their control, and as in the past, exemptions for exceptional and extenuating circumstances, will continue to be made. If you have any concerns or queries, please don't hesitate to contact your relevant head of year or myself.

Yours sincerely

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