

12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s)

Another 4-day week that has whizzed by - I'm not sure how we are all going to manage next week when it's 5 days!!! However, please do support us and encourage the children to be in school. It is so important that they achieve good attendance, not just because of attendance figures (although they will be important down the line!) but because all of the support and interventions happen *in* Albright... if they are not here, not only are they missing valuable learning time, they are missing mental health support, enrichment opportunities, social aspects of school and also the chance to engage with a range of people from all walks of life. Attendance matters!

And attendance definitely matters next week... when the GCSE exams start officially. All year 11s will be starting new timetables that incorporate a mixture of revision sessions and support around their actual exams. It is a nerve-wracking time for many children (and teachers), but we want to remind you... stay calm, get lots of early nights without screen time, and try your hardest - that is all we ask. We are here for you if you need to off-load, ask last-minute questions or just need to talk about anything other than exams!

If our other pupils could please be mindful of noise levels during exams and be considerate of the year 11s, that would be appreciated.

Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Long for organising and running our Year 9 Options event and our Next Step meeting for Year 11s. It was good to see such a good turnout across both of these sessions - if anyone has any questions now they have had time to go away and think about all the information that was shared, I am sure Mrs Long would be happy to give you a call or meet with you personally. It is great to see not only our pupils engaging so well with Albright, but also our parents and carers too - thank you!

Have yourselves a restful weekend,

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