

Islwyn High School

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Dear Parents / Carers

Pupil Information 2016/2017

I hope that your child was looking forward to returning to school to start the new term. They are all certainly looking very smart in their new uniforms. Our present pupils are the first to attend the new Islwyn High School and we are excited to be moving towards transferring over to the new building around May 2017. I'd like to take the opportunity to discuss a few points.

Email addresses

It is really important that we have an up to date email address for contact purposes. All letters, trip information, reports etc will be emailed to this account. A text message will be sent to you every time we have sent an email. Please email the school on ihzca@caerphilly.gov.uk to update us.

ParentPay

ParentPay is the school's preferred method of receiving any payments. With around 1200 pupils, dealing with cash on a daily basis would be difficult. All we need from you is an up to date email address and your request to be set up. You will then receive an activation letter to create your account. If you have more than one child in the school then you can link the accounts into one.

Once you have an account, it is very easy to then keep track of any payments made and any trips paid for are instantly guaranteed a space. You can top up your ParentPay account as often as you like, enabling you to spread the cost of any future trips. Trips are on a "first come, first served" basis and some have a restriction on the number of places available, therefore you are more likely to get your child a space by booking through ParentPay.

There is also a dinner money option available, so we are hoping that once we move into the new premises we will be able to offer this service too, enabling you to track how much is being spent and your child's ongoing balance.

Late pupils

All pupils who arrive after registration has finished (8.30am) must come to reception to be signed in on the fire register.

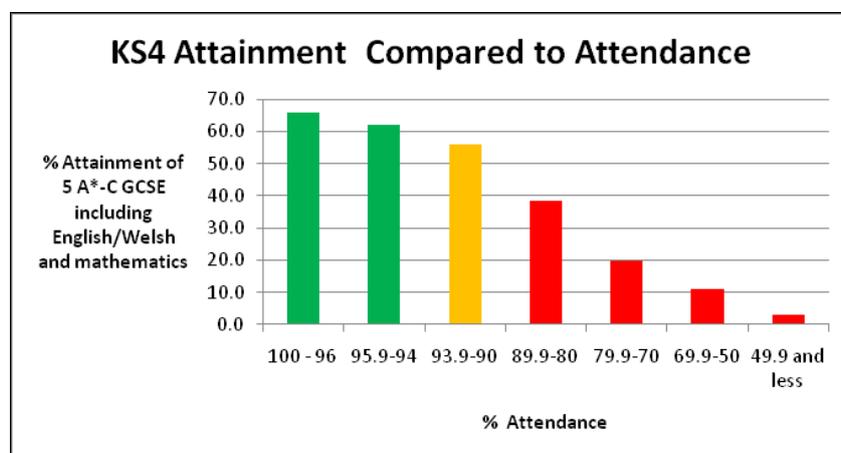
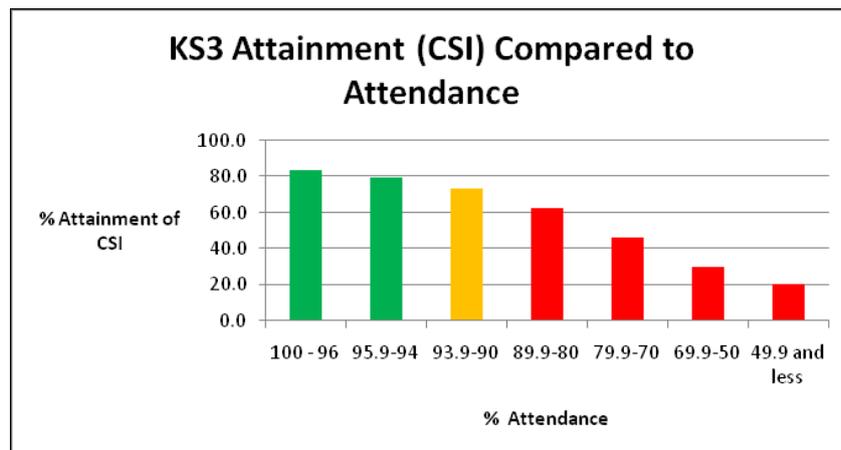
Off Site during the school day

No pupils will be allowed off site during the school day without a parent/carer. If your child has an appointment, they must be picked up from reception and signed off the fire register. Any pupil leaving the site without being accompanied will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer who will challenge your child for truanting.

Attendance

As a new school year begins, we want to remind all parents of the importance of excellent school attendance. We ask all parents to set the highest of expectations for attendance for the term and year ahead. **Our target for your child is a minimum of 95% attendance this year.**

Below is chart which illustrates the relationship between attendance and achievement at school.



The rewards for good attendance are clear. Pupils are more likely to enjoy school, achieve better results and increase their life chances.

I genuinely hope that you are comfortable with the points that have been raised. The school's aim is to support and challenge all individuals to ultimately achieve, and surpass, their potential. We need to work together to achieve this.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

I very much look forward to working with you.

Yours faithfully

Tim Williams
Headteacher