



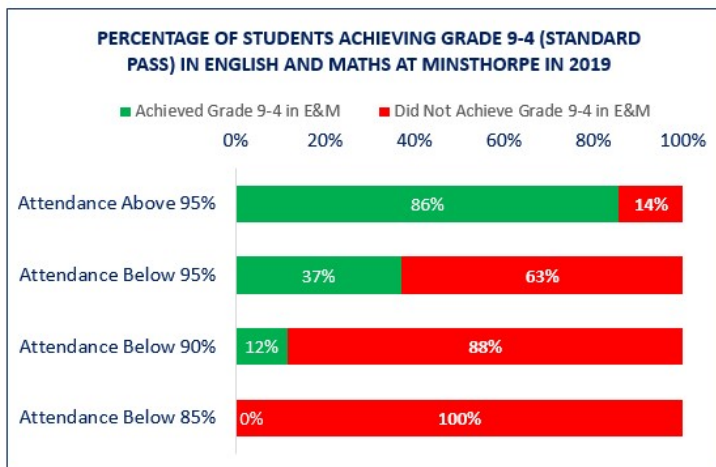
September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Good Attendance – No Excuses

We know that every parent wants their child to achieve their best at college. We also know that the single biggest contribution that you, as caring parents, can make to your child’s education is to send them to school every day.

This graph shows the GCSE Maths and GCSE English results of Year 11 last year with their attendance.



The impact of attendance on results is clear. Those students with good attendance of 95% or better achieved the best results. Not one student with attendance below 85% achieved a ‘standard pass’ in GCSE maths and English.

90% in an examination is a great result. 90% attendance is unacceptable because:

- 20 school days are missed.
- 20 English lessons are missed.
- 20 maths lessons are missed.

A student simply cannot catch up 20 lessons of work. The impact on their exam results is obvious.

As a parent, please do not give your child excuses for poor attendance.

- Do not book holidays in term-time.
- Do not book routine medical appointments during the College day.
- Do not allow your child to stay at home with a headache or other minor illness.
- Do not take a ‘long weekend’.
- Contact their Head of Year, if your child does not want to come to College for any reason. We have staff to support them.

We have shared our new vision of **Motivation, Commitment and Care** with the students in assembly this week. They know that they need to be **motivated** and **committed** to their own learning. We ask you as **caring** parents to be **committed** to sending them to school every day; **no excuses**.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Gilmore
Principal

Mrs R Merritt
Principal



Please keep this list of important dates

Autumn Term

4 th	September	2019 (Wednesday)	Students return to College – staggered start
26 th	September	2019	Year 7 Parent/Mentor Evening
3 rd	October	2019	Year 6 Open Evening
17 th	October	2019	Year 11 Post 16 Open/Information Evening
25 th	October	2019	INSET Day

28th October – 1st November 2019

Autumn Half Term

4 th	November	2019 (Monday)	Students return after half term
27 th	November	2019	Presentation Evening
5 th	December	2019	Post 16 Parents' Evening (1 st of 2)
11 th	December	2019	Happy Days Christmas Fair
12 th	December	2019	Christmas Concert
19 th	December	2019 (Thursday)	College closes

* 20th December – 3rd January 2020

Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

6 th	January	2020 (Monday)	Students return after the Christmas holidays
16 th	January	2020	Year 8 Parents' Evening
30 th	January	2020	Year 11 Parents' Evening (mock results issued)

17th February – 21st February 2020

February Half Term

24 th	February	2020 (Monday)	Students return after half term
3 rd	March	2020	Year 8 Preferencing Evening (GCSE Options)
26 th	March	2020	Year 10 Parents' Evening
31 st	March	2020	Year 11 Parents' Exam Info Evening
1 st	April	2020	Post 16 Parents' Evening (2 nd of 2)

6th April – 17th April 2020

Easter Holidays

Summer Term

20 th	April	2020 (Monday)	Students return after the Easter break
29 th	April	2020	Year 9 Parents' Evening
**8 th	May	2020 (Friday)	May Day Bank Holiday
11 th	May	2020	Formal Exam Season Begins
13 th	May	2020	Year 7 Parents' Evening

25th May – 29th May 2020

Spring Bank Holiday

1 st	June	2020 (Monday)	Students return after half term
24 th	June	2020	Year 6 Parents' Information Evening
26 th	June	2020	Formal Exam Season ends
1 st	July	2020	Years 7 – 10 Awards Evening
8 th	July	2020	Sports Awards Evening
9 th	July	2020	Summer Concert

17th July 2020 (Friday)

School Closes for summer

9th September 2020 (Wednesday) Students return to College

* College closes on Thursday 19th December 2019. Friday 20th December is a school holiday.

** May Day Bank Holiday moved from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May to coincide with the National VE Day Celebrations