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## The Importance of Attendance in the Build-Up to Cycle 3 Exams

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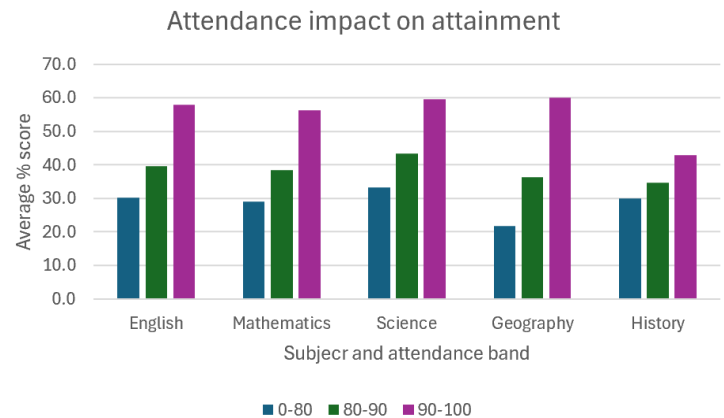
At Dixons Newall Green Academy, we believe that excellent attendance is not just about being present, it is about building strong habits that underpin success, both in school and beyond. As we approach the Cycle 3 exams for our Year 7 and Year 8 students, the importance of regular attendance becomes even greater.

Our academy values — Hard Work, Integrity and Fairness — and our key drivers — Mastery, Autonomy, and Purpose, are the foundation of everything we do. Developing strong habits, like consistent attendance, directly supports these principles and ensures that every student has the best chance to succeed.

The Cycle 3 assessments are a critical opportunity for students to demonstrate the progress they have made across the year. Daily lessons in the lead-up to the exams will focus on new learning, revisiting key content, building confidence, and equipping students with the strategies they need to perform at their best. Every day counts. Missing even a single lesson can mean missing vital preparation, practice, or feedback.

Research consistently shows that good attendance is closely linked to higher academic achievement. By attending every day, students reinforce the habits of commitment and determination that will serve them throughout their educational journey and later life.

This figure shows the direct correlation between attainment and attendance at Dixons Newall Green during Cycle 1 this year, showing that students with attendance between 90 and 100% achieved more marks in every subject.



We are asking for your continued support to ensure that your child attends school every day, on time at 8am and ready to learn.

Together, we can help our students not only meet but exceed their goals, living out the habits and values that make our academy community so strong.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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