

Head's message

Dear Parents/Carers,

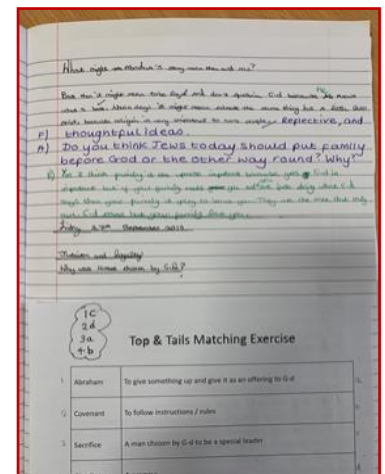
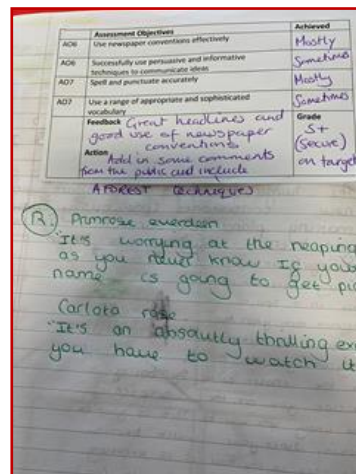
At present, we are reviewing our whole school 'Marking and Feedback' guidance and the expectations for our teachers and students. Having been an English teacher for nearly 30 years I have marked, assessed, graded and commented on thousands of pieces of work. I have felt the delight and at times frustration that all teachers feel when they pick up an exercise book to see whether a student has understood the topic or applied their learning effectively; moreover, whether he or she has taken pride in their work.

I was delighted to have an opportunity to cover some GCSE English lessons recently and it was a pleasure to mark a set of Year 10 books in which students were clearly learning and applying their knowledge with great effort and effect.

There is much research about the impact of marking and feedback on students' progress. Perhaps the most powerful, being the Education Endowment Foundation's research into the most effective strategies to impact on the pace of students' learning. Perhaps surprisingly, 'Feedback' has the highest impact of all strategies, more than class size, homework and one to one tuition.

The teaching profession has recognised that simply ticking or grading work is not helpful if these are the only activities undertaken by the teacher. They help us monitor and check books or illustrate whether a student can apply knowledge or recall it in a test or assessment. The most important and effective feedback are the comments made by the teacher that help a student move forward with their learning and address misunderstandings. These may be verbal or written. Of course, looking at students' work crucially, enables us to plan our next lessons and address anything that hasn't been made clear.

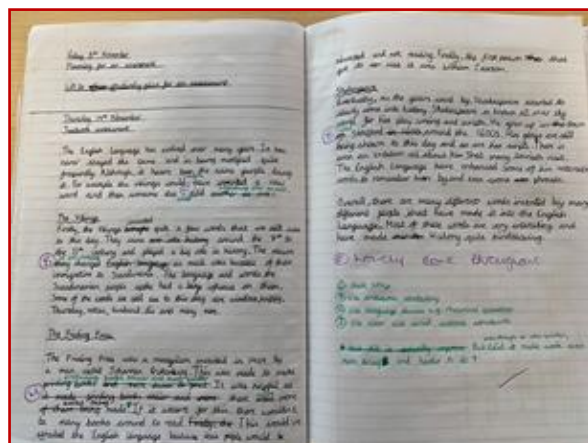
It is vital therefore that students have the chance to respond to teachers' comments and to demonstrate they have moved forward as a result. At Kineton, we ask our students to respond to teachers' suggestions by using a green pen so that when they come to revise, they can see where their weaknesses were. You may see examples of FAR marking (feedback, action, response) which is aimed at helping students move forward. Below are some examples:



Head's message

How can you help?

- Instead of asking your children what they got in a test or assessment, ask them what feedback they got from their teacher.
- Check that their exercise books show they've acted on the 'actions' suggested by their teachers. Look for the green pen.
- Ask them about the next steps they need to take to improve further.
- Reward their effort rather than their grades.
- Take the stance that mistakes are vital to learn effectively. The best learners don't get put off by obstacles and problems!



Finally, this week some of our Year 7 Students have been completing their Resistant Materials practical projects. They had to design and make a wire loop/buzz game and we are so impressed with the incredible work they have done.

Ms Bridge



Events

All the Fun of the (Book) Fair



Year 7A2 enjoying a browse at the Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair held last week was a great success, with students visiting the fair and buying books during English lessons, as well as break and lunchtimes. There was a great selection of books, plus the ever popular posters and stationery items. The most popular books were Tom Gates by Liz Pichon, The Beast of Buckingham Palace by David Walliams and Top Marks for Murder by Robin Stevens, which we had to order extra copies of. We were able to buy £400 worth of new books for the LRC using the commission earned, many of which were requested by students. A big thank you to all our Student Librarians who helped with the Fair and to students (and parents!) who came and supported the fair.

Luke and Charlotte Year 7A1 were the first to get their hands on the brand new books!



Events

All the Fun of the (Book) Fair

We ran a poster competition for year 7 students, with the top 5 entries receiving a £5 voucher each to spend at the Fair, plus 10 Housepoints. Our team of Student Librarians helped Ms Bridge to judge the competition and the winners were Toby, Millie, Matilda, Mae and Richie, who all spent a great deal of time and effort to produce some really stunning posters. Congratulations!



British Biology Olympiad

Good luck to all A' level Biology students taking part in the upcoming British Biology Olympiad 2020.

The BBO challenges and motivates students with an interest in Biology and allows them to demonstrate their knowledge by offering a wide ranging syllabus.

The competition will take place during lessons between 31st January and 7th February, and consists of two 45-minute multiple choice online tests.

Top scoring students are rewarded with publicly recognised certificates and will be offered the opportunity to attend an awards ceremony. The BBO also provides a means of selecting a team to represent the UK at the International Biology Olympiad.



Events

Senior Maths Challenge

On Thursday 7th November, we had a large number of our Sixth Form students take part in the annual Senior Maths Challenge.



The challenge consists of a 90 minute exam paper with a range of questions designed to stretch the most able sixth form mathematicians across the country. Questions are not presented like they are in A-level exam papers – they require logical thinking, understanding of abstract concepts and the ability to spot patterns and links across a number of difficult topics.

We recently received the results and were pleased that we had 9 students achieving a bronze certificate, 4 achieving silver and Shane in year 12 managed to achieve the gold certificate, as well as qualifying for the additional 'Kangaroo' round. This is a very impressive feat as only students scoring in the top 25% in the Senior Maths Challenge are eligible to take part.

A huge congratulations to Shane and all of the students that entered the challenge.



Sports News

Athletics

Our Year 7 and 8 Girls Indoor Athletics teams took part in the South Warwickshire Competition on Monday 27th January. It was a great evening with Year 7 finishing in 5th place and Year 8 in 7th place. Well done to all involved.

The Year 7 and 8 Boys teams took part in their tournament on Tuesday 28th January. Both teams did really well, with Year 7 finishing in 4th place and Year 8 in 5th place—well done!



Cross Country

On Saturday 18th January we hosted a fantastic morning Cross Country event for local schools. Well done to all students that took part and congratulations to the KHS students who have qualified for the next round.



Hockey

Our Year 10/11 Boys Hockey team took part in a tournament on Tuesday 21st January. They worked really hard and played some great hockey, coming away with 2 wins and draw—well done!



On Wednesday 22nd January our Year 7/8 Girls Hockey took part in the South Warwickshire tournament. They played well, scoring 2 goals but just missed out on bringing home a win.

Do follow our PE department on Twitter where you can pick up ongoing news and information:



Sports News

Football

Our Year 10 team took part in the Mid & South Warwickshire STT on Wednesday 22nd January. All teams played well with KHS coming 4th overall with 1 win, 2 draws and 2 loses.



On Thursday 24th January our Year 7-9 girls football teams took part in the South Warwickshire tournament. It was a great event and fantastic to see so many girls involved.

Our Year 9 team took part in a tournament on Wednesday 29th January at Aylesford School. They tried really hard, coming away with a win and 2 loses.



After School Activities

Please see below for what's on offer this half term.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Football (Years 7 & 8)	Gymnastics	Rugby (Years 7 to 10)
Girls Football (All Years)	Fitness Suite (All Years)	Netball (Years 7 to 9)
Hockey (All years)	Girls Rugby (All Years)	Badminton
	Indoor Athletics (Years 7 & 8)	



Congratulations:

To Edward in Year 12 who successfully completed his DofE Ambassadors training on Saturday 18th January. Edward was highly praised for his strong presentation, confidence and the way he presented himself. Organiser Victoria commented " He was an absolute pleasure and is a real asset to the school". Well done Edward!



Students of the week:

- ◆ Tyler and Jhannah in Year 7
- ◆ William and Xanthippe in Year 8
- ◆ Daisy and Rebekah in Year 9
- ◆ Josie and James in Year 10
- ◆ Freja and Eleanor in Year 11

Notices:


Family Fun Run

Kineton Sports and Social Club are holding a Family Fun Run on Sunday 29th March to raise funds for Kineton Guides and Scouts. Please see below for more details and a registration form.

Forthcoming events:

Dates from calendar/trips:

- ◆ Year 8 Exams (Maths and English) - Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February
- ◆ Year 9 Exams - Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th February
- ◆ Intermediate Maths Challenge (Year 9-11) - Thursday 6th February
- ◆ Bronze DofE Training day - Sunday 9th February
- ◆ Flexible Learning Day - Wednesday 12th February
- ◆ New York Trip - Thursday 13th to Tuesday 18th February

Do follow us on Twitter where you can pick up ongoing news and information:  [@KinetonHighSch](https://twitter.com/KinetonHighSch)

You can also follow our Art Department on Instagram:

 [kinetonhighschool_artdept](https://www.instagram.com/kinetonhighschool_artdept)

FAMILY FUN RUN

KINETON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB
SUNDAY 29TH MARCH, 10.30 START

Come along and join in with Kineton's first fun run.
You can run, walk or even skip if you want to!



£7.50 ADULTS, £5.00 CHILDREN, FAMILY TICKET £20.00

BBQ - FACE PAINTING – GLITTER TATOOS – STALLS - REFRESHMENTS

**ENTRY FORMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM FLOWER
THYME or KINETON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

For information contact: ChristinaG@kinetonscouts.org

Sarah: 01926 641800

Fundraising for Kineton Guides and Scouts





FAMILY FUN RUN



Girlguiding

10k, 5k, 2k

Sunday 29th March 2020

All proceeds will go to equally to
Kineton Scouts and Girlguiding

ENTRY FORM

One form per entrant!

Entry Fees :

Individual Adult £7.50

Individual Child £5.00

Adult and Child £10.00

Family Group £20.00

(2 adults / up to 4 children)

Please return completed forms and payment in a sealed, marked envelope to Kineton Primary School, Flower Thyme or to 11 Southam Street, Kineton by Sunday 15th March 2020.

Cheques to be made payable to 1st Kineton Scout Group marked with runners' names on the back please.

Surname _____ Address _____
First Name _____
Date of Birth _____
Contact No _____ Postcode _____
E-mail _____

Emergency Contact _____ Contact No _____

To keep everyone safe ... Participants ...

... must be 15 years & over to run the 10k

... 11-13 years old must have a parent / guardian at the KSSC site

... under 11 years old must run within arm's reach of a parent/guardian

... Must register with organisers between 9am-10am on the day!

Disclaimer:

I declare that I am entering the Family Fun Run of my own choosing and no liability will be placed on the organisers, Scouts or Girlguiding for any injury sustained or property lost during the event. I confirm I have no medical condition that would endanger myself, or others during the event. I understand this is a Fun Run – not a race and that the event will take place on potentially uneven paths.

Signed _____ Date _____

If under 18 years or age a parent / guardian signature is required.



Kineton Cricket Club Women's Diary

Wednesday January 29th, 6.30pm to 8pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday February 12th, 6.30pm to 8pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday February 26th, 6.30pm to 8pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday March 11th, 8pm to 9.30pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday March 25th, 8pm to 9.30pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Wednesday April 1st, 8pm to 9.30pm

Women's soft ball cricket training @ Kineton High School

Reminder – take £3 to every session to pay for hiring the hall

Contacts:

Coach, Terry Lynch, 01926719667, terrylynch1@sky.com

Administrator, Katrina Briggs, 07710344027

Nick.katrina@btinternet.com



WARRIORS

RUGBY CAMPS

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Worcester Warriors run a range of Camps throughout the year for boys and girls, catering for total beginners through to experienced rugby players in the U7-U16 age groups.

Please note boys in the U14-U16 age groups can only book in groups of five or more.

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 20TH JANUARY

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	TIMINGS*	AGE GROUPS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
17 - 18 Feb	KES Stratford	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
18 - 19 Feb	Wolverhampton RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
19 - 20 Feb	Stow on the Wold RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
20 - 21 Feb	Sixways Stadium	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
20 - 21 Feb	Sixways Stadium (All Girls)	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£45	-

INCLUDED WITH YOUR CAMP:

- Quality coaching from Warriors staff
- A Worcester Warriors gift
- The chance to win prizes
- Appearances from Warriors players**



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FOR SEASON
TICKET HOLDERS

FROM
£45
PER PLAYER

*Timings stated are the Camp arrival and registration time - coaching will start 30 minutes after the arrival time. Please refer to your online booking for more information.

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CAMPS@WARRIORS.CO.UK



**subject to availability



WARRIORS

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6-9 APRIL 2020 | GIRLS AGED 11-16

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£240 FULL PRICE

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- Appearances from Warriors Women players*



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EASTER HOLIDAYS CAMPS

EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 16TH MARCH

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	TIMINGS*	AGE GROUPS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
6 - 7 Apr	Kings Norton	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
7 - 8 Apr	Herefordshire (Venue TBC)	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
8 - 9 Apr	Evesham RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
14 - 15 Apr	Shrewsbury RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
15 - 16 Apr	Berkswell & Balsall RFC	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75
16 - 17 Apr	Old Swinford Hospital	2 Days	9:30am-3pm	U7 - U16	£65	£75

RESIDENTIALS

GIRLS EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 26TH FEB | BOYS EARLY BIRD PRICE UNTIL 28TH JAN

DATE	VENUE	DURATION	AGE GROUPS	EARLY BIRD PRICE	FULL PRICE
6 - 8 Apr	Bromsgrove School (Girls only)	3 Days	U11 - U16	£210	£240
17 - 21 Aug	Malvern College (Boys only)	5 Days	U11 - U16	£390	£410



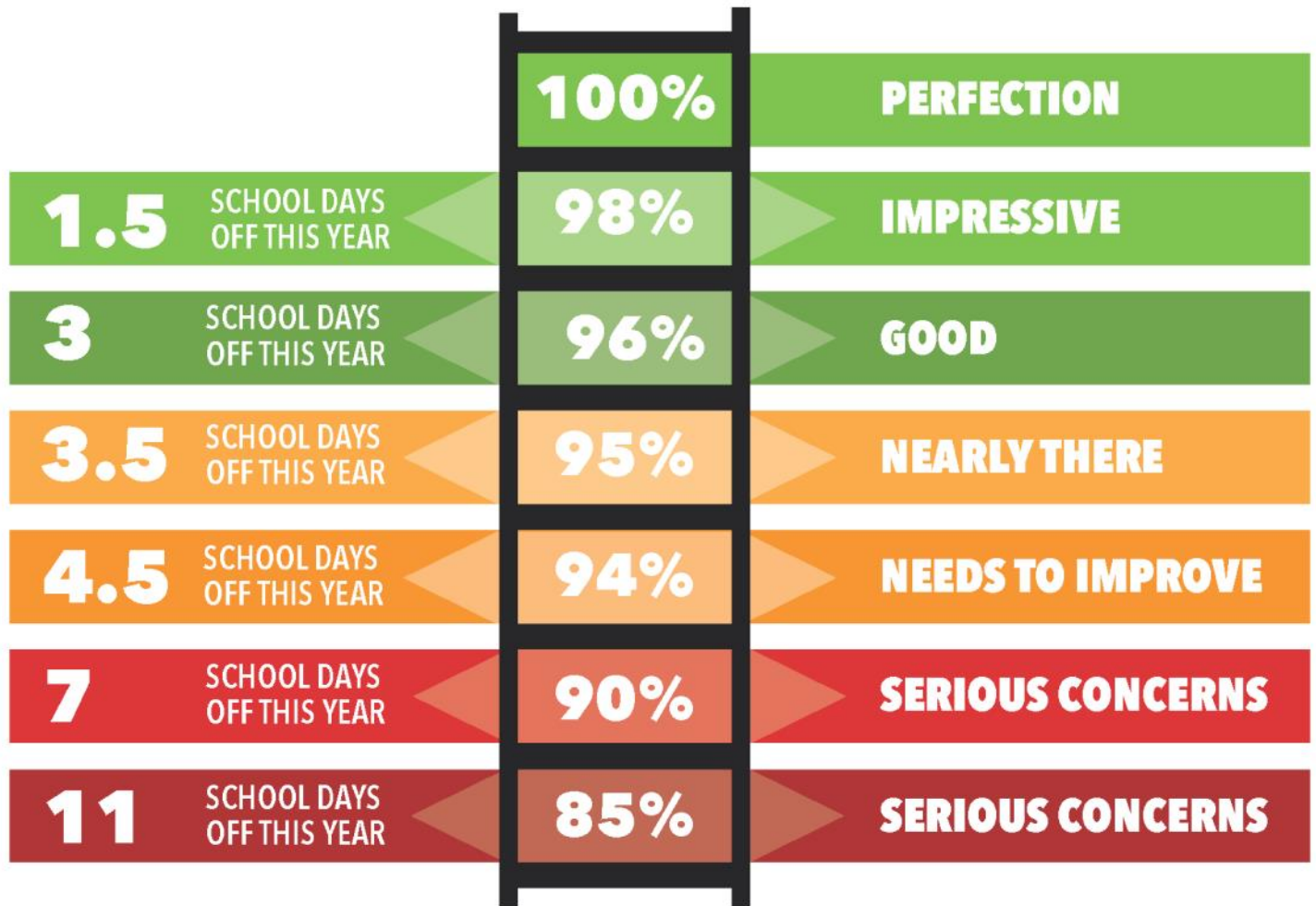
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ATTENDANCE LADDER AUTUMN TERM



Department for Education statistics show that students with 100% attendance are 2.2 times more likely to achieve 5+ GCSEs at 9-5 including English and Maths than pupils with lower than 90% attendance. Every day and every lesson matters!

'We know parents try wherever possible to not have medical appointments during the school day in order to avoid missed lesson time and a reduction in school attendance. However we appreciate this is not always avoidable, therefore please try to book appointments using student social times, such as between 10.30-12.30am mark which will use break and lunchtime and therefore minimises lost lesson times. This can ensure that students are in school for the other 4 lessons and only missing part of one lesson, rather than losing morning or afternoon lessons. Thank you for your on-going support with this.'





Leave of Absence During Term Time 2019-20



Student Absence Procedure

If your child is unwell and cannot attend school please call the **24 hour Absence Line on 01926 645 611 before 8.50am**, stating their name and form, your name and the reason. This must be done for each day they will be absent.

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason other than illness, planned or emergency (part day, full day or multiple days), please always complete a leave of absence form and send it by email to enquiries@kinetonhighschool.org.uk. This form should be used for all appointments (medical, dental, music exams or external sporting activities), holiday requests, religious observance dates and all other reasons or circumstances where your child will be absent from school.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Unauthorised Absence

There are times when children are absent for reasons, which are not permitted by law. Examples of unauthorised absence are parental illness, term time holidays or a family day out. Where there is no explanation for an absence or where the explanation or reason for the absence is considered unsatisfactory absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Unauthorised Absences have to be reported to the Local Authority. The Attendance Compliance Enforcement Team may contact you where unauthorised absence continues to be a problem. Unauthorised absence could result in a Fixed Penalty Fine or other legal action. We are always concerned about the amount of school time pupils miss as a result of term time leave. There is no entitlement to time off during term time. Leave of absence is only granted in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the Headteacher in accordance with the school policy as agreed by the governing body.

Leave of Absence forms are available on our website

<http://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/absence-form/>

We greatly appreciate parental support to reduce the total amount of days lost due to holidays. We are committed to working in partnership with you to enable your child to reach their academic targets and to support their social development. For this to happen we need to keep individual attendance as high as possible - we all need to play our part.

It is our policy:

- Only in an exceptional circumstance will term time leave be allowed. Parents/Carers wishing to apply for leave of absence need to fill in an application form well in advance and before booking tickets or making travel arrangements.
- If term time leave is taken without prior permission from the school, the absence will be unauthorised and you may be liable for a fixed-penalty fine or other legal action.
- Please remember that absence for whatever reason disadvantages a child by creating gaps in his/her learning. A good understanding of the work and good progress can only take place when the child is in the classroom regularly and on time.

If you think you have exceptional circumstances please talk to us without delay and before arrangements are entered into or money committed. If exceptional circumstances are accepted the Headteacher will determine how much absence will be authorised. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

The full Attendance policy can be found under <http://kinetonhighschool.org.uk/information/school-policies/>



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The Supreme Court recently reached a decision in the case of *Platt v Isle of Wight Council* which has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time. The parents of children of compulsory school age are required to ensure that they attend school on a regular basis. The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

Head Teachers retain the ability to authorise leave in accordance with the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006. When considering such requests for a leave of absence, the school are obliged to act within the law. Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head Teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent.

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis and on its own merits.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Failure to make an application for leave in advance can also result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices.

Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority

Warwickshire Secondary School pupils recorded 6,651 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Autumn/Spring term during academic year 2018/19. This is an increase of 602 on the previous year.