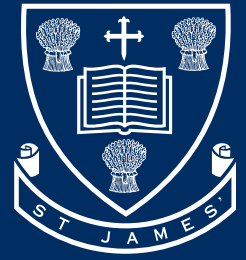


# School Newsletter

Spring 2026



As we approach the end of the Spring Term and look back over the past eleven weeks, it is remarkable to reflect on just how much has taken place across our school family.

The term has been full of activity, achievement and opportunities for our children, and the sections that follow will give you a fuller picture of the many events and successes that have taken place across each year group. As the first real signs of spring begin to appear, we look forward to the Summer Term ahead and the many opportunities it will bring for our children.

Throughout this term we have continued to be immensely proud of the way our children live out the values that define life at St James'. The many activities that have taken place are a clear reflection of the value of Excellence, which we see demonstrated in classrooms, on the sports field and through the wider life of the school. One particularly positive moment recently was our Rewards Breakfast, recognising the many children who received zero or only one signature on their Excellence Cards. The large number of children recognised highlights just how many of our children demonstrate excellent conduct and commitment to learning every day.

Our Catholic life has been especially prominent during this season of Lent. Children and staff have taken part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk, with many members of our community logging kilometres walked or cycled to raise money for those in need. We have also held penitential services, giving children the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reflect more deeply during this important season of the Church's year. These moments of prayer and reflection help to prepare us for the great celebration of Easter and remind us of the central role that faith plays in our community.

There have also been many opportunities for children to develop beyond the classroom this term. World Book Day

brought a wonderful celebration of reading across the school, with staff and children embracing the day with great enthusiasm, including staff dressing as favourite book characters to help bring stories to life. During National Careers Week, children took part in a wide range of activities designed to help them think about their future pathways. These included talks from external speakers, including a careers talk in law for Year 9 children, sessions with further education providers and activities embedded within lessons across the week.

We have also celebrated success across the arts and sport. Our recent achievement of the Artsmark Silver Award recognises the strength of our creative curriculum and the wide range of opportunities available to children in Art, Music, Drama and the wider cultural life of the school. In sport, we are delighted that our Year 9 boys' football team were crowned Greater Manchester Catholic Cup champions, defeating St Matthew's 2-1 in a fantastic final. This is a tremendous achievement for the pupils involved and a proud moment for the school. Our Year 8 team also performed strongly in the same competition, reaching the final.

Behind the scenes, staff have continued to go above and beyond in their commitment to our pupils. Over the half-term break, staff in Resistant Materials and Textiles gave their time to support GCSE children in completing coursework, demonstrating the dedication that exists across the school to help our children succeed.

Looking ahead, we are also excited to welcome our next cohort of pupils in September. This year the school received 691 applications for places, highlighting once again the strong demand for places at St James'. We look forward to welcoming the newest members of our school family later this year.

Our school term will end on Friday 27th March at 12:15 pm, and before we finish we will gather together as a school community in prayer to reflect on the true meaning of Easter, the most important celebration in the liturgical calendar. Over the Easter period we hope that you are able to spend time with family and friends and share in the joy and hope that comes through the Resurrection of Jesus.

For regular updates and a window into daily school life, please follow us on BlueSky at @stjamesheadle.bsky.social. We look forward to welcoming all staff and pupils back to school for the start of the Summer Term. In the meantime, I wish you and your families a holy, peaceful and joyful Easter.

With warmest regards,



**Mr A Pontifex**  
Headteacher



# CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

The Catholic life of our school underpins everything we do and is Christ centred with our school purpose being "To educate and develop global Catholic citizens."

Christmas seems to be in the distant past, but for some of our staff and children whose loved ones have passed away, it will feel very fresh in their minds. Our thoughts and prayers are still there for them as they live with the loss and grief. When we returned to school in January, our normal routine was interrupted by snow. This meant that our children who had prepared to read at our Epiphany Mass were unable to as Fr. Simon was snowed in, but the feast was celebrated in Faith and Family time.

The faith garden has continued to flourish and now that the weather is improving, it is lovely to see it being used respectfully, as a place to sit quietly. During Lent, pupils were reminded that during CEW week in July, the children in Year 8 had weeded and tidied the faith garden and planted flowers and vegetables but we do not depend on the success of these plants for our survival. They are being reminded of this because our Lenten appeal is to support Caritas and CAFOD, who are funding a project to build floating gardens in Bangladesh. When the fields flood, the floating gardens rise with the flood water and then the crops can survive. It is a simple but genius idea that keeps whole communities alive.

Each of our new Year 10 Forms were lucky enough to enjoy the retreat days run by Shrewsbury Diocesan Youth Team. The children were involved in games and activities and given the opportunity for spiritual development.

The Prayer and Liturgy Directory 'To Love You More Dearly' was published in June 2023, by the Bishop's conference and the Catholic Education Service (CES). This is from the preface, "In Catholic schools and colleges across England and Wales, teachers and other adult members of the school community have long supported the life of prayer and liturgy within their schools with imagination and dedication...We hope that this directory will affirm what is good practice, while also setting a high bar to which all can aspire."

Topics covered include the use of music; celebrating sacraments; devotions and more. Sections can also be used to provide focused guidance as follows:

- in developing school policies and systems
- in directly planning prayer and liturgy
- as a focus for evaluating practice
- in staff formation
- as reference points for Catholic School Inspectors to support their judgements

Our Chaplain has been attending training courses provided by Shrewsbury Diocese to help us understand how the recommendations in this document can be followed within our context. With this in mind, regular hymn practices have continued and pupils have been singing hymns that they might hear if they went to Mass, with music, at a Catholic church. Children have responded well to the hymns, and though not all of them are comfortable with singing, the culture is changing and singing together is becoming 'normalised'. Children are benefitting from the positive things that singing can do for our mental health. It is the aim to revisit well known hymns and to introduce new ones, to widen our repertoire. As we gain confidence, it is our aim to follow the recommendation that if music is to be used in Mass, we should also be singing the parts of the Mass such as the 'Lord Have mercy', 'Gloria', 'Gospel acclamation', 'Holy holy' and 'Lamb of God'. Because of time constraints, it is not always possible to sing all parts of the Mass as well as hymns but this is something we should aspire to and the 'parts' of the Mass should take precedence over the hymns.

Some of our children were privileged to be invited to meet Cardinal Marengo at Aquinas college. They were inspired by his description of his missionary work in Mongolia and they were keen to visit the college Chapel, where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Our pupils asked some excellent questions and their behaviour was impeccable.



Our St. Vincent De Paul group (Youth SVP) visited Abbeyfield House Residential Home, along with members of the choir, to reach out and build connections between generations. Our members have expressed their concern for the lonely, refugees and the poor. This term we have been supported by Colette Halkon, a link volunteer, and by Sheilagh Lochery, a parishioner who is also an SVP member. During Lent, in morning prayer and regular group of children have attended to pray the stations of the cross. We have found that considering one of the stations of the cross and praying each morning, has made a difference to how we feel at the beginning of each new day.

Children in Years 7, 8 and 9 have been involved in Chapel lessons during lent that focus on the cross. The lesson invites them to participate consciously in reflecting on the passion of Christ and the impact this has on their lives.

Year 10 and 11 children have been invited to participate in penitential services and have been given an opportunity to experience the sacrament of Reconciliation, with Fr Samuel.

We begin our Easter holidays on Friday 27th March and Holy Week will begin on 29th March, with Palm Sunday. As the celebration of Easter approaches, let us not underestimate the power of our young people to spread the gospel of Christ. We are Easter people and the joy of the resurrection lies at the heart of our faith. In such an uncertain and dangerous world, let us ensure that the resurrection of Jesus brings new hope and joy to your life and those in our families and communities this Easter.

Looking ahead... A junior trip to Lourdes is planned in the summer of 2026, with Shrewsbury Diocese.

**Mrs McGeough**



# YEAR 7

It is hard to believe that Year 7 has finished another busy term at St James'. We are very proud of how well most children have now settled and adapted to the new routines and expectations. Values of Family and Excellence

Over the last few months there have been many opportunities for children to take part in exciting and interesting activities. World Book Day was greatly enjoyed by Year 7 with a range of literary activities including My Favourite Book' scavenger hunt won by Izzy B7C. The librarian handpicked the Year 7 Book Buzz and children are now fully immersed in the new stories.

Earlier in the term, literacy talents were on show with children competing in the National Reading Champions Quiz, testing their book knowledge, whilst others took part in the National Poetry Competition, learning poems by heart.

In January we had a visit from the Guide Dogs charity who explained the valuable work they do in the community. The two beautiful guide dogs made the Friday assembly a very special one.

There has been much sporting success this term. Three Year 7 boys represented St James' in the U13 table tennis team and won the Stockport School's Tournament, ten boys competed and won a badminton fixture against Cheadle Hulme School and went to watch the All England Badminton Championships in Birmingham. There have been inter-form football competitions as well as the A and B football teams making excellent progress in the English School's Competition. A number of Year 7 children took part in a Bocchia and Curling competition, experiencing competitive sport for the first time and the hockey team was successful success in their first game of the term.

The Year 7 girls have taken part in a netball tournament and have been successful in a range of sports including football (winning 5-2 against Priestnall), badminton (against Cheadle Hulme School), and were runners-up in the Stockport Schools Indoor Athletics.

We are delighted to have been able to reward so many of Year 7 this term for excellent punctuality, attendance and for receiving no behaviour points. These impressive achievements have been rewarded with the very popular value passes which entitle children

to go to the front of the queue and receive a free lunch. Awarding so many deserving recipients the value passes in our weekly assembly, reflects what an excellent year group Year 7 are. Children who achieved Expected Excellence have also enjoyed rewards Form breakfasts for meeting the high expectations of uniform and equipment. For the half term rewards there have been two fun filled games afternoons. These replaced the rewards cinema afternoons following a vote for which reward Year 7 would most enjoy.

### Value of Faith

7J and 7C confidently delivered form assemblies this term. The sense of faith and family was evident in the beautiful prayers and readings that they shared.

During the Lenten period pupils have been encouraged to take part in the CAFOD Big Walk Challenge and a CAFOD volunteer delivered an assembly to explain how the money raised is used. Forms have also been planning fund raising activities for Caritas and were encouraged to participate in CAFOD Family Fast day. This involved giving up a snack that they would have bought that day, and instead donating the money saved via ParentPay to CAFOD. Each form has also spent time in the chapel reflecting on the importance of Lent with the chaplain.

We are very impressed by the commitment and the dedication that most Year 7 children have put into both their classwork and extracurricular activities. We wish them the restful and Holy Easter break that they deserve and look forward to welcoming them back for their final term of Year 7 when you will have the opportunity to speak to class teachers at the online Parent's Evening on 23rd April. Finally, may we take this opportunity to thank all Year 7 parents and carers, pastoral staff, and our team of fantastic form tutors for their continued hard work and support in ensuring our values of Faith, Family and Excellence are upheld.

Wishing you all a peaceful Easter break.

### Ms Woods and Miss Ellison

Heads of Year 7





# YEAR 8



## FAITH

Year 8 children have been demonstrating their faith in thoughtful and inspiring ways throughout the term. They have participated in fortnightly hymn practice, they have embraced opportunities for reflection and collective worship in form time, strengthening their sense of community. Their participation in the Mini Dash meeting showed determination, teamwork, and a willingness to support charitable causes. A highlight has been a visit to a local care home, where students sang for residents, offering companionship, conversation, and joy. These experiences have allowed Year 8 to live out their faith through action, kindness, and service to others.

## Holocaust memorial day

Inspired by our Holocaust Memorial Day assembly delivered by Dr Guscott, 8C have explored the Holocaust & discussed how, as a Catholic community, we can stand against hatred & live out our school values, making sure we share Jesus' message of love & respect for all.

## Charity Events

Year 8 children have shown outstanding commitment and compassion this term by organising a series of cake sales in support of charity. Through their hard work, teamwork and generosity, they

not only raised an impressive amount of money but also demonstrated what it truly means to put faith into action—serving others with kindness and purpose. In particular, 8C should be celebrated for their remarkable effort, as they achieved a record-breaking total. Their dedication is a wonderful example of how small acts, when done with faith and community spirit, can make a meaningful difference.

## FAMILY

This term, Year 8 children have demonstrated strong family values through their everyday actions and interactions. They have shown kindness, respect, and support for one another, creating a positive and inclusive environment. Whether working collaboratively in lessons, encouraging their peers, or showing empathy and understanding, children have reflected the importance of caring for others. Their ability to listen, cooperate, and celebrate each other's successes highlights the sense of unity and community that makes Year 8 such a supportive and welcoming group.

## Inspirational Careers talks

We have regular visitors in school delivering careers talks. This term we had Michael from Stockport County talk to Year 8 children about careers linked to sports.

## Drama Club

Drama Club has been well attended by Year 8 children who have been demonstrating skills, understanding, and creativity beyond what is typically expected for their age group, creating believable, nuanced characters with clear motivations and emotions and confidently varying tone, pace, gesture, and physicality to enhance performance.

## EXCELLENCE

Year 8 children have demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence throughout the term. Many have earned value points through their positive attitudes and consistent effort, while their punctuality and readiness to learn have ensured a focused start to each day. Students have maintained high standards in both their classwork and presentation, taking pride in the work that they produce. Beyond the classroom, they have represented the school with enthusiasm by competing in sporting events and entering writing competitions, showing determination, creativity, and a desire to achieve their very best in all areas of school life.

## Rewards Breakfast

92 Year 8 children successfully managed to maintain high standards by having a blank excellence card or only 1 signature. It was



a pleasure to share the rewards breakfast with these 92 children.

We are very proud that the boys were Year 8 Catholic School Cup Football Finalists.

The year eight boys played some great games working as a team to beat some tough opposition to get to the final. A great achievement - well done!

## Under 13 Girls Catholic Cup

We are very proud that our girls defeated other schools in some great games and made it to the Quarter final - well done!

## Under 13 girls athletics success

A huge well done to our Year 8 girls who competed in the Stockport Schools Indoor Athletics Competition on Wednesday 28th January. They were outstanding throughout the event, finishing in 2nd place. An excellent result!

## Under 13 boys Stockport Schools Table Tennis Champions.

The boys defeated some tough competition to achieve a well deserved victory and are now the Champions of Stockport. Well done!

## Champion Boxer!

Savannah is the 2026 Golden Girl Champion. Savannah competed in Sweden against other boxers from across

Europe and by winning she has shown herself to be one of the best female boxers in Europe for her age and weight. Well done Savannah!

## Badminton Champion

Harvey showed excellent sportsmanship and determination to emerge victorious in the Key Stage 3 badminton tournament. Well done Harvey!

## Reading Competitions

Pupils in Year 8 have taken part in a national UK national literacy reading competition and have also submitted entries to the Stockport Country writing competition. We are eagerly awaiting the results!

## Looking Ahead

We have asked some Year 8's what they are looking forward to next term and they have said that next term they are looking forward to ...

- The Year 8 Retreat April 15th, 16th and 17th - please see the letter that was sent and make the required payment via Parent Pay.
- Being able to go on the field at lunchtime
- The opportunity to do different sports in PE
- A new art project

- School trips
- Called to Serve week enrichment activities

As we look ahead to next term, we do so with a strong sense of pride in the achievements of our Year 8 children. Over the past term, they have demonstrated dedication, resilience, and a commitment to their learning, making excellent progress both academically and personally. Building on this success, students are eager to embrace new challenges, deepen their knowledge, and continue developing their skills across all areas of school life. We look forward to supporting them as they strive for further success and make the most of the opportunities the coming term will bring.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to parents for the continued support they show both their children and the school. Your encouragement, involvement, and partnership play a vital role in helping students succeed and thrive, and we greatly appreciate your ongoing commitment.

We hope you enjoy the upcoming break and look forward to another fantastic term ahead.

**Ms Bradford**  
Head of Year 8



# YEAR 9

It's been another busy term. We began with Year 9 Parent's Evening in January. The attendance was high, which was really positive. It is so important that we work together to get the best from the children, for them to make good progress and to ultimately reach or exceed their potential.

Options Evening followed in February. It was a very busy evening with lots of really sensible questions asked by the pupils about the different subjects on offer. Dr Guscott is now busy collating the choices and creating the timetable for year 10. Year 9 remains full of a broad and balanced curriculum, which the pupils need to make the most of for the remainder of this academic year.

Ms Sloane introduced the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme during one of our assemblies, which proved to be very popular among the Year group. The maximum number of places was filled fairly quickly and there are 2 groups going off on their practice expedition towards the end of June, with the real one following a week later. Hopefully they are all busy volunteering and being good stewards in their local communities.

Our movie rewards for the last half term was for good attendance or punctuality. I also spent some time talking in assembly about the importance of being in school as much as possible, especially as they are approaching the start of their GCSEs and how lost learning could be detrimental to grades.

We also celebrated having 1 or 0 signatures on our expected excellence cards with a breakfast of waffles, chocolate croissants, bacon sandwiches and hot chocolate to name a few items. Children were quick to come up for seconds!

Well done to the following 10 children who have the most value points in the year:

Stephanie – 217  
 Faith – 207  
 Eryn – 188  
 Jack W – 187  
 Rory W – 182  
 Isabel S – 176  
 Nicole A – 175  
 Anna C – 174  
 Anna J – 173  
 Mia W – 171

We have had lots of sporting success this term too. The boys' football team are due to play in the Stockport Cup and League

Semi-Finals over the coming weeks and played really well against St Matthew's in the Catholic Cup final to win 2-1. Camden S with both goals, but some great grit and determination from the whole team to secure victory. I was pleased to be able to attend this game and see them lift the trophy. Well done boys!

Alex G has also successfully been recruited by Stockport Boys. A fantastic achievement.

The netball team continue to play well in the league. They play their final match on Tuesday against Marple. They came 4th in the Year 9 netball tournament.

The Year 8/9 girls football team are in the last 8 of the national SIS Cup and play next week. Unfortunately, they lost in the quarter finals of the Stockport Cup. They have 2 league games remaining. Mia W and Molly G were selected to play in the final of the U16s football Stockport plate final, narrowly losing 4-3 but a great achievement to play with girls from 2 years above.

In hockey the girls have committed to weekly practice and complete the season with a fixture against Bramhall and Marple next week.

In badminton the Year 9s came runners up in the Stockport school's tournament.

In March we had some guest speakers visit our careers cafe where the children were able to ask lots of questions about different jobs to give them some idea of potential careers for themselves in the future. They asked some pertinent questions and engaged well. Our year group charity events continue with 9E hosting a bake sale next week and we continue to collect money for our Lenten effort with our Big Lent Walk. In case you are unaware, this Lent, we're walking 1000km over 40 days in solidarity with those who walk miles each day just to access safe water.

Your sponsorship will help bring clean, safe water to communities around the world. This Lenten challenge is really important to us, and your support would mean so much. Thank you if you've already supported with this and for the £1 form donations. It will make a big difference to people's lives.

Easter will soon be upon us. I hope you have a lovely break with your families and that the sun shines!

**Ms Cheshire**  
 Head of Year 9





# YEAR 10

As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable journey our Year 10 children have made since starting their Key Stage 4 courses last September. Their maturity, commitment, and resilience in embracing the rigour of GCSE study have been inspiring. Behaviour remains exemplary, with many children showing respect and responsibility that reflects our school's Catholic values of Family, Faith, and Excellence.

## Family

Our Year 10 children continue to live out the spirit of family in everything they do. Their enthusiastic participation in clubs such as the SVP group, Dungeons & Dragons, and Lunchtime Mass demonstrates a strong sense of community and belonging. Sport also plays a vital role in building teamwork and healthy competition, with many children representing St James' in football, rugby, netball, and athletics.

## Faith

Faith is at the heart of Year 10's journey. Many children regularly attend lunchtime Mass, finding moments of peace and reflection amid their busy days. This spiritual grounding helps them grow as thoughtful, compassionate young people ready to lead in our church and community.

This term, eleven Year 10 children were commissioned into the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, preparing to serve those in need within our school and beyond. Their commitment to service beautifully reflects the Gospel call to love and care for our neighbours.

The Year 10 retreat was a special time for prayer, reflection, and building stronger friendships. It offered students a chance to deepen their faith and consider how they can live out the values of Family, Faith, and Excellence in their daily lives. We would like to extend our thanks to the Shrewsbury Youth Team for leading our retreats.

## Excellence

Year 10 continue to demonstrate excellence in their learning and attitude. Recent data shows 93% of children achieving top grades for Attitude to Learning, up from last year, with 31 students excelling in every subject. This dedication is key to unlocking their potential and achieving success in their GCSEs.

Attendance is strong at 93.5%, well above the national average, and we aim to continue improving this vital aspect of school life. Regular attendance supports not only academic progress but also the social and spiritual growth of our children.

I want to thank our dedicated Form Tutors and the Pastoral Manager Miss Ball in Emmaus for their unwavering support of Year 10. Together, we are committed to nurturing the whole child.

As we enter this holy season, I encourage all children and families to embrace the hope and renewal that Easter brings. May this time of reflection and celebration strengthen our faith and inspire us to live with kindness, courage, and joy.

Wishing you all a prayerful, peaceful, and joyful Easter.

**Mrs Pardoe**  
Senior Deputy Headteacher  
in Mr Gallagher's absence





# YEAR 11



We can't believe that the second term is already over and that final preparations for the exams are well under way. We have been delighted by the way in which the Year 11s are facing the challenges ahead in this final stretch, and we are confident that they are going to be really proud of the work that they have put in. Since returning from the Christmas holidays, it is clear that the children are working hard and using their time wisely. They have now all completed their second set of mock exams and are currently working their way through their revision plans which help structure their revision.

I know that lots of staff have been holding revision sessions after school that have been very well attended, and we were delighted to see some of the children attending Textiles and Resistant Materials sessions during the February half term.

Behind the scenes we are making preparations for the Prom, which is going to be a fantastic celebration. A reminder that payment for the Prom is available on ParentPay. We are very much looking forward to celebrating with the children.

The second of 3 termly data figures have impressed us, with a good number of children gaining all 1's for their attitude to learning. Well done to:

Elizabeth A, Finlay C, Archie C, Gabrielle F, Leia H, Mavis H, Natalia J, Gabe K, Gabriella L, Joe L, Grzegorz M, Abbie M, Sophie O, Talia O, Florence P, Timmy R, Annamai R, Oliver S, Ben T, Ethan T, Sofia W, Isobel W, Kitty C, May C, Jess J, Isaac K, Ashton K, Javier K, Diana O, Lena W, Adam W and Louis W.

A fantastic achievement well done.

As we are now starting to approach the finish line we would like to say a big thank you to all staff who work so hard with the Year 11 children in getting them prepared for their exams. Staff continue to work tirelessly to provide all the pupils the best opportunities and in particular we would like to thank as always the fantastic

Year 11 form team for all that they have done and continue to do to help and support the pupils. Mrs Brown, Mr Nokes, Mr Cawley, Mrs Bray, Mr Walker, and Mr Fanning. A big thank you as well to our Year 11 pastoral manager Miss Ball, who is a constant support to the children.

We hope that all Year 11 children and their families enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to seeing them back on Monday 13th April

**Mrs Linford & Mr Reid**  
Heads of Year 11

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Celebrating Success Together!

As we approach the joyful season of Easter, we would like to thank our children and families for their continued commitment to strong attendance this term. Being present in school every day makes a real difference to learning, friendships, and the sense of community that is so important in our Catholic school.

This month we are celebrating good attendance with our Easter Reward Draw – “Win Your Family Easter Roast!”. Children with 100% attendance this month were entered into the draw for a chance to win a delicious Easter roast for their family to enjoy together.

When we return from the Easter break, our Year 11 children will be entering the crucial GCSE examination period. These final weeks of lessons and revision in school are incredibly important, as every lesson helps to strengthen knowledge, build confidence, and ensure children are fully prepared for their exams. We encourage all Year 11 children to maintain excellent attendance so

they can make the most of the support, guidance, and revision opportunities available in school.

We understand that sometimes families may experience challenges that make regular attendance more difficult. Please remember that support is always available. Our pastoral team is here to listen and work with you, and our school chaplain is also available to provide spiritual support and guidance for children and families who may need it.

Thank you again for working in partnership with us to support your child's education and wellbeing. We wish all of our families a peaceful, blessed and restful Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the new term.

**Mrs Taylor**

Attendance and Family Liaison Manager

**Academic Success**

1. Pupils who attend school regularly perform significantly better in their GCSEs.
2. Missing just 1 day between Years 7-11 can lead to a 0.68% drop in GCSE scores.
3. 13 days of absence can result in a whole grade lower at GCSE.
4. Attendance builds good learning habits, resilience, and confidence in your child.

**Future Earnings & Employment**

1. Every day of school missed reduces lifetime earnings by an estimated £750 (£650 for persistently absent students).
2. Persistently absent pupils (missing more than 10% of sessions) are 2.7 times more likely to receive benefits in adulthood.
1. Severely absent pupils (missing more than 50% of sessions) are 4.2 times more likely to rely on benefits and face long-term unemployment.
2. Good attendance builds a strong work ethic and increases chances of future job security.

Persistently absent pupils could earn **£10,000 less** at age 28 compared to pupils with near-perfect attendance.

Year 11 students missing 10 extra days **Chance of getting a grade 5 in English and Maths** Reduced by around 50%!!!

**x 1 day absence**  
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