



OADR Update

Friday 02 February 2024

This has been an incredibly challenging week for our entire community as we come to terms with the tragic events of last weekend. We have looked to reassure and support our students whilst also addressing the issue of knife crime through an assembly. We appreciate that this will have been challenging for some of our students, but we feel it is crucial to tackle this matter head on and help our young people understand the dangers. I must echo comments from previous communications this week in saying that our students have been remarkable in their maturity, sensitivity and consideration throughout the week. They have been a credit to us all. We have also been focusing on our core value of 'Ambition' encouraging students to think about what this means to them and how they can show ambition every day, in different ways.

Mr Shaw (Acting Head of School)

Staff Leaver

Our wonderful receptionist, Sam Horseman, leaves us today to take on a new role. Sam has been a huge part of the start of the OADR journey, always providing a friendly face/voice for parents/carers and visitors. Most importantly, she has built some wonderful relationships with students, always going the extra mile to support them. She will be hugely missed and we wish her well for the future. I am pleased to say that we have successfully recruited for the receptionist post with a new member of the team joining shortly after half term. We have made arrangements for the interim to ensure you can always get in touch with us.

Mr Shaw (Acting Head of School)

Cross Country

On Friday, our students took part in a cross-country event. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to take part as a community and they had a lot of fun! The emphasis was on developing community spirit as well as offering physical activity/challenge. Those students who were not able to run/walk the course took on other roles such as handing out medals and water, timing and assisting staff. For the more experienced/enthusiastic runners, there was an opportunity to run a longer course and aim to set the first OADR cross country records! Results and photos to follow next week.

Mr Tew (Teacher of PE)

Parking on Walsh Avenue

We have received some communication from local residents regarding parking at drop-off/pick-up times. Please can I ask that we ensure that we are 'good neighbours' and park considerately at all times. This includes ensuring driveways are not blocked/obstructed and that 'dropped' curbs are kept clear.

Mrs Aldworth (Operations Manager)



Mid-Year Assessments

During the weeks commencing 05 February and 19 February, OADR students will be completing mid-year assessments in a majority of subjects. Please see my separate communication with further details. You can support your child(ren) by encouraging them to revise using Teams and ensuring they attend every day.

Mrs Bufton (Associate Assistant Principal)

Student Attendance

Further to previous communications, I would like to emphasise how important regular attendance at school is for your child. It is vital that students attend every day wherever possible. Please see the poster below which illustrates the impact over time of missed days at school. Obviously, if your child is very unwell, they should remain at home. However, minor coughs/colds/injuries are not reasons for absence. Over the coming weeks, we will be contacting families where student attendance is below expected to put together plans for supporting excellent attendance.

Ms Kaur (360 Year Team Leader)

Hot Chocolate Friday

Congratulations to the following students who received the highest number of Positive Points this week:

Max
Megan
Henry
Zeynep
Thomas
Laynee-Jae
Mayan
Theo
Teyla
Isabella T

They spent break having Hot Chocolate and biscuits with Mr Shaw, with an opportunity to share their views on the Academy and how we can keep improving. Well done all!

Mrs Bufton (Associate Assistant Principal)

Key Dates

Friday 09 February 2024 – Last day of Term 3

Monday 19 February 2024 – First day of Term 4 (All students return to school)

Monday 18 March 2024 – INSET Day (Students NOT in school)

Thursday 21 March and Tuesday 26 March 2024 – Parents' Evenings

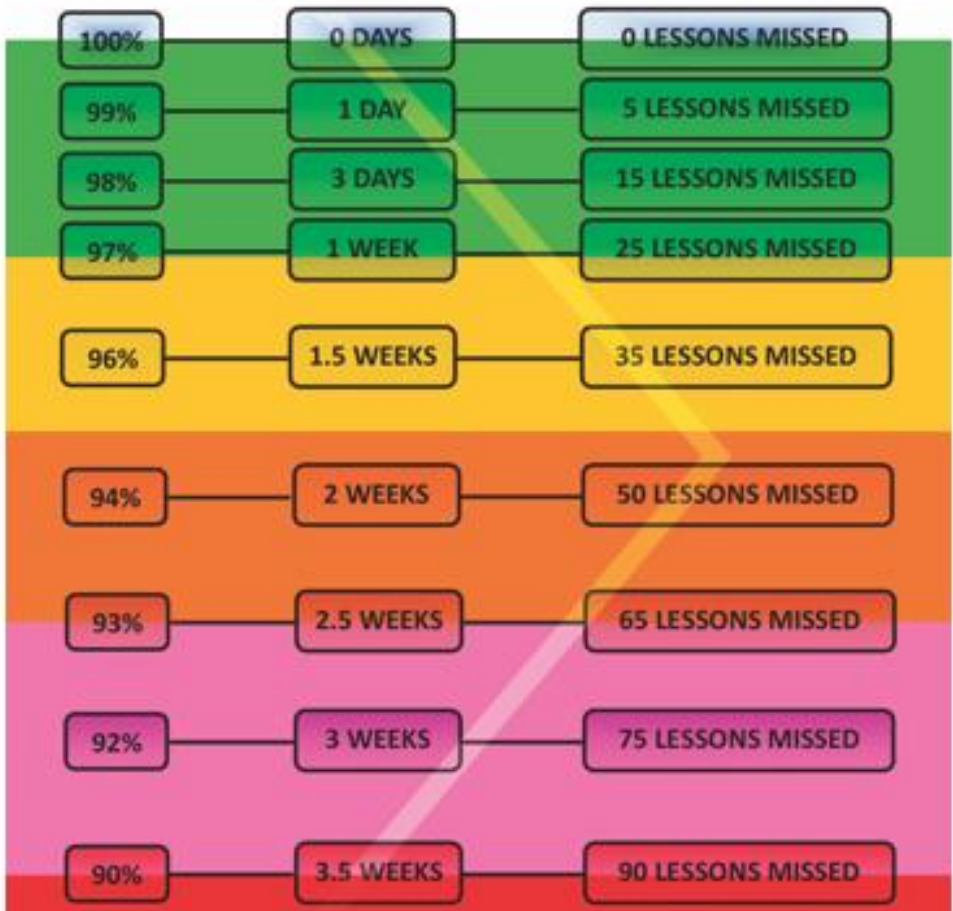
Attendance Diamond



Attendance Groups	
Green	No risk
Yellow	Risk of underachievement
Amber	Serious risk of underachievement
Pink	Severe risk of underachievement
Red	Extreme risk - Court action



Attendance Matters



**MAXIMISE YOUR POTENTIAL.
ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY.**