

Stantonbury School

Parent Guide GCSE Attendance

A Critical Time

The GCSE period is a critical phase in your child's educational journey, laying the foundation for their future academic and professional endeavours. It is during this time that they consolidate their knowledge and skills, showcase their abilities, and demonstrate their understanding of the subjects they have been studying. Attendance is an essential factor in ensuring they have the best possible chance of achieving their full potential. Here are some key reasons why consistent attendance is of utmost importance during the GCSE examinations:

Learning Continuity: Regular attendance allows students to receive uninterrupted instruction, engage in classroom discussions, and participate in valuable group activities that enhance their understanding of the subjects. Each day at school provides new opportunities for your child to learn and grow, building on the previous day's lessons.

Access to Important Information: Teachers often provide critical information, exam tips, and revision strategies during lessons. Missing out on these crucial pieces of information due to absences may put your child at a disadvantage, as they may struggle to catch up on missed content or may lack the necessary guidance to excel in their exams.

Personalised Support: By attending school regularly, your child can benefit from personalised support from their teachers. Teachers are available to address individual concerns, clarify doubts, and provide additional guidance to help students navigate complex topics. Such personalised attention can significantly contribute to your child's academic progress and confidence.

Exam Preparation: Consistent attendance enables your child to engage in focused revision sessions, take part in mock examinations, and seek feedback on their progress. These opportunities are invaluable for identifying areas of improvement and refining exam techniques, enhancing their readiness for the actual GCSE examinations.

Motivation and Discipline: Attending school regularly instils important life skills, such as discipline, time management, and resilience. These qualities are vital for success not only in exams but also in future endeavours, be it higher education or the professional world. Regular attendance helps foster a strong work ethic and a sense of responsibility in your child.

Peer Learning and Collaboration: School attendance facilitates interaction with peers, allowing your child to benefit from collaborative learning experiences. Through discussions, group projects, and shared experiences, students can broaden their perspectives, gain fresh insights, and develop essential interpersonal skills that are valuable in both academic and social settings.

Challenges: We understand that circumstances may arise that could lead to occasional absences. However, we kindly request that you prioritise your child's attendance during this critical GCSE period. We are committed to supporting their academic journey and are available to address any concerns or challenges that may arise.

