



**AIM for 100%** 

## Wise Up to Attendance at YBA!

Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is both a legal requirement and crucial to your success. There is a clear link between a high rate of attendance and high achievement. If you are not in lessons you cannot learn so every lesson really does count! Statistics show missing 8.5 days (17 sessions) of school in any school year can reduce your success by 1 GCSE grade.

Your attendance target at YBA is 96%



At the end of each half term, pupils are assigned an attendance category according to the following criteria:



90% to 95.9% = AMBER

**Below 89.9% = RED** 

Those achieving 100% attendance will be awarded half termly certificates recognising their achievements and those achieving 100% attendance across a whole term will receive certificates and be entered into a prize draw.

Pupils with green attendance will have a letter sent home every half term to congratulate them on their positive level of attendance.

Those pupils in the Amber and Red category will be closely monitored through the letter and further action stages, by their ACs, Mrs Williams, our Attendance Officer and our Educational Social Worker. By logging on to our YBA 'Parent App', parents will be able to monitor their child's attendance throughout the year.

If you are absent for any reason - there are three ways to contact school ....

Ring our Attendance Officer (Mrs Jan Williams) on 01978 720700 extension 120

Email Mrs. Williams on AbsencesA5@hwbcymru.net

Text Mrs. Williams on 07786200444

The Government and local Education Authority view school attendance regularly and whether authorised or unauthorised if your attendance drops significantly you will become classified as a Persistent Absence (PA) pupil. As a result, YBA may take legal action through our Education Welfare Service (EWS) dependant on the reasons for absence.

THERE IS A RISK THAT, FOLLOWING SUPPORT AND NO SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT, PARENT/CARERS MAY BE FINED

Leave of Absence requests during term time Parents are requested NOT to arrange family holidays during term time. Where this is unavoidable, requests for holiday leave of absence should be made on the appropriate form (see Mrs Williams) and an appointment made with Mrs Slinn, well in advance of the date. Please be aware of the impact of missing school (see YBA Attendance Ladder for further information)

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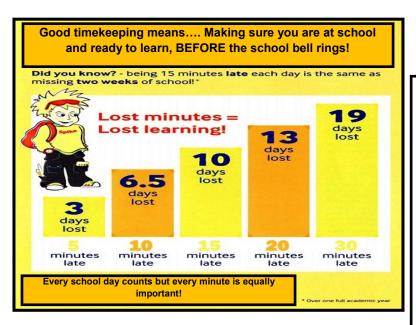
Punctuality is an important part of self discipline and is essentially good time management, allowing you to form good habits for later life. In a school setting it is vital for you to achieve your full educational potential. You need to be **EARLY** to make sure you are **ON TIME** for Form Period. It is vital for your wellbeing (less stressful), your organisation and a positive school community to be on time at the start of the day. During form time you will be able to



prepare yourself for the day, take part in daily reflection and speak to your Form Tutor about anything that may be concerning you. Your Form Tutor will take the register and also has the opportunity to pass through important messages, take time to speak to you, as well as support you to be in the correct frame of mind for the teaching and learning that is about to commence.

- If you are late during registration time (8.40—9.00am), you must report immediately to your form tutor. You will be marked 'late' on the register.

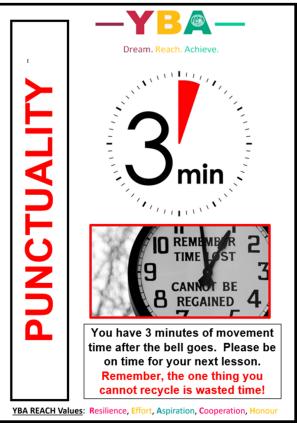
  (twice late to registration in a week = lunchtime detention)
- If you arrive at school after 9am, you must report to Mrs Williams, our Attendance Officer who is situated next to reception at the front of school. You will be marked late on the register and will need a note explaining the reason for late arrival. (persistent lateness will result in sanctions being issued and your lateness could be investigated by our Attendance Officer



Consistently being on time is the produce of proper planning, personal discipline and respect for other people's time.

Making a habit of being late demonstrates none of these things and is often a sign of patchy priorities and selfishness. Habitual lateness says, 'My time is more valuable than yours.'

Learn to be reliable and a person of integrity by adopting the discipline necessary to **be on time**.



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