

9th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to write to you with some updates and information that may support you and your child in the forthcoming weeks.

1. **Attendance:** Last term our attendance was very strong and well above the national average for attendance to secondary school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for your support in ensuring students attend school as often as possible. Data from the Department for Education indicates that those children who attend school regularly, secure the highest levels of academic progress. Our own data highlights that Year 11s last year who attended over 96% of the year, met or exceeded their target grades in nearly all cases. Where attendance slipped below 90%, students often missed their target grades. The NHS have helpfully created a tool titled and found here through this link: [‘Is my child too ill for school?’](#) that you may wish to use to support your decision making.

2. **Safety in the dark:** We are aware that many of our students walk or cycle to and from school each day and although many of the local streets are well-lit and adequately paved we do not have separate cycle paths or routes on many of our local roads. We strongly recommend that any student who cycles to school, wears a properly fitted cycle helmet and as advised by our HT Cycle Rider agreement. We also strongly recommend the following safety measures to ensure students whether walking or cycling to and from school are clearly visible to other pedestrians and motorists:

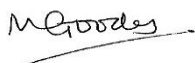
- A reflector keyring for bags or rucksacks.
- Reflector strips which can be added to coats or bags.
- Iron on reflector patterns which can be added to coats or bags.
- Reflector pin badges or a reflector coat.

3. **Support or guidance:** As outlined in our Key to Success evenings at the beginning of the year, if you need any support or guidance in relation to your child’s wellbeing or safeguarding, please do contact your child’s pastoral team or a member of the safeguarding team. The safeguarding team can be contacted directly by using the following email address:

Safeguarding@haileyburyturnford.com

Thank you for your continued support with ensuring our students attend school and are kept safe.

Yours sincerely



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Vice Principal

