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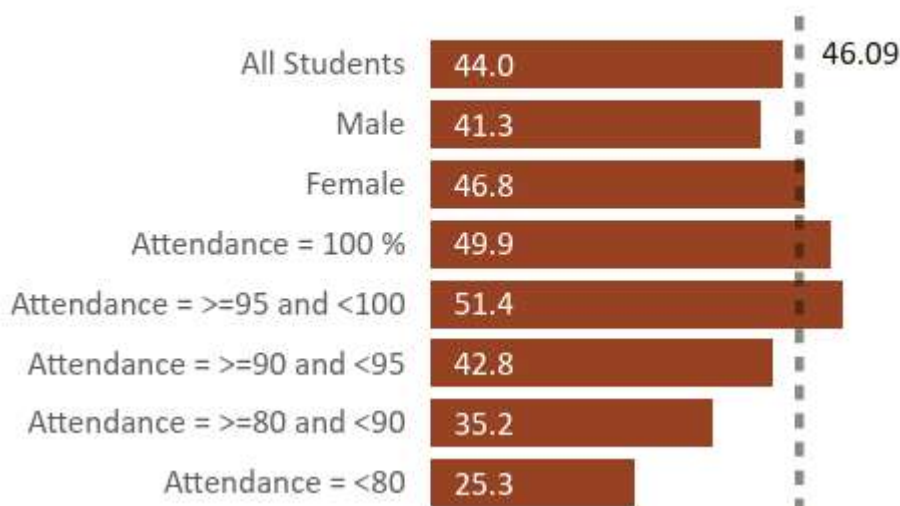
Dear Year 11 Students and Parents and Carers,

As you know we are now in full swing for the second round of mock exams. You have all been sent a copy of the exam timetable but please don't hesitate to contact us if you need another copy. Invigilators have reported high levels of student engagement in the first two days with most students working until the very end of the allocated time.

I'm really pleased to report that **today's attendance for Year 11 stands at 95.7%** which is the highest total in any year group today. Sadly, the total for the year for Year 11 is **90.1%** which is **below the national average**. We know that attendance has a direct impact on results but recent data that was produced for me by the Insignis Trust showed the precise impact that having less than 95% attendance has on predicted results. The Attainment 8 measure (shown below) is a measure used by the government to track student achievement; the higher the number the better the achievement - the graph below shows predicted results for our current Year 11. The dotted line is our aspirational target (it would place us in the top 20% of schools with a similar intake).

***In summary, what the graph shows is that anyone with less than 95% attendance is putting themselves at a distinct disadvantage.***

A8 by demographic



Good luck with the exams for the rest of this week and next and keep up the fantastic attendance.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs C Audemard  
Deputy Head of School

Mrs S Barnes  
Head of Year

Mrs E Voss  
Raising Achievement Officer

