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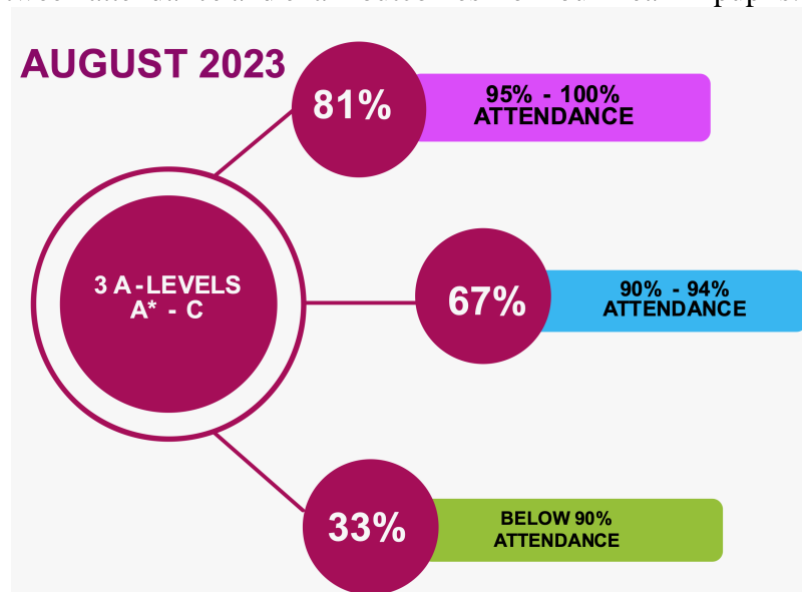
Dear Parent/Guardian,

Belfast Boys' Model School congratulates and rewards good attendance, as it is such a strong predictor of educational success. For that reason, we ask for your support in making sure that your son is in school every day. The following graphic illustrates the link between attendance and exam outcomes from our Year 14 pupils:

In August 2023, 81% of pupils with 95% attendance and above achieved 3 A-Levels at grades A-C.*

67% of pupils with attendance of 90-94%, achieved 3 good A-Levels.

This figure significantly decreased to 33% of pupils achieving their 3 A-Levels, grades A-C with below 90% attendance.*



Absence from school, for even part of the school day, has a negative impact on your son's attendance. We would ask that medical appointments with doctors etc. be made for outside school hours. We realise that some pass outs, for example, orthodontic and/or hospital appointments cannot be avoided. When appointments are at the beginning of the school day or mid-morning, we would encourage your son to attend school for the rest of the day. This will enable him to receive a full attendance mark. If your son must attend a medical appointment during the day he will be given a pass out slip which he must have stamped by the relevant medical practitioner when attending his appointment. On his return to school, he should hand in his stamped pass out to the reception staff.

I appreciate that the vast majority of our pupils have very good or excellent attendance and I value all that you do to support this. I look forward to your ongoing cooperation with this vital aspect of school life.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Montgomery

Principal

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