What is Persistent Absence?

Information for all pupils, parents and carers

The government have issued new guidelines for school attendance. Less than 90% will be classed as 'persistent absence' which can lead to Fixed Penalty Notices and possible court action. Please let us all work together to ensure your daughter's attendance is at the required minimum level of 97% or above (5 days absence or less over the school year). A pupil who is persistently absent is one who misses 10% or more of their schooling **for any reason** at any given point in the year.

| Terms | Persistent Absence at 10% | Number of days off school | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| September - October | 7 or more sessions | 3.5 days | |
| September - December | 14 or more sessions | 7 days | |
| September - February | 20 or more sessions | 10 days | |
| September - Easter 25 or more sessions | | 12.5 days | |
| September - May | 31 or more sessions | 15.5 days | |

Good attendance ensures pupils reach their full potential, both academically and socially, leading to positive life chances in the future. Please contact the staff at Broughton Hall Catholic High School if there are any barriers to good attendance so that we can provide positive support for both you and your daughter.



What chance does your child have of being successful?

1 or 2 days doesn't seem like much but.....

| When your child misses just | that equals | which is | and over 13 years of schooling that is | which means the best your child can perform is | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| 1 day each fortnight | 20 days per year | 4 weeks per year | nearly 1½ years | Your child Other children | (equal to finishing in Year 11) |
| 1 day each week | 40 days per year | 8 weeks per year | over 2½ years | Your child Other children | (equal to finishing in Year 10) |
| 2 days each week | 80 days per year | 16 weeks per year | over 5 years | Your child Other children | (equal to finishing in Year 7) |
| 3 days each week | 120 days per year | 24 weeks per year | nearly 8 years | Your child Other children | (equal to finishing in Year 4) |

At Broughton Hall Catholic High School EVERY DAY COUNTS

Please contact Mrs Greenhouse if you need help with your daughter's attendance