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Value for this half term: **Respect**

Theme for this week (17 - 23 April 2023): **The Importance of Respect**

Life Skills theme for the week: **We have a belief in ourselves as successful learners**

We finished last term on a high note, with some great work produced by students across the school, plus Y9 Resilience Building workshops (delivered by the British Red Cross), the Science Fair and the Catering trip to France.

Monday 17 April, marks the beginning of the **Summer Term** at school. We are two-thirds of the way through the academic year and hurtling towards some key milestones in the lives of our students: Year 6 children will have their final term in the primary phase and Year 11 students begin their GCSE written examinations on Monday 15 May. Students will be anxious about SATs and GCSEs, but, in thinking about our Life Skills theme for the week, we *do* have a belief in ourselves as successful learners; in addition, teachers and parents/carers at home will be doing a huge amount to support our young people, helping them to:

- Keep their **attendance** in school as high as possible
- Be **organised**, bringing the right equipment with them to every lesson
- Have a positive learning **attitude** each day, giving 100% in school and revising at home
- Limit distractions - make this time count
- Look after their **well-being** (eating well; maintaining good sleep habits and taking time away from school work to relax, see family/friends and exercise).

There is some excellent information [here](#) about young people and exam stress, provided by the charity 'Mind'. 'YoungMinds' also offers some useful guidance [here](#) around the supportive steps that families can take in the lead up to exams.

Of course, exams aren't the only thing happening and we very much encourage our students to look outwards as well as inwards at this time. Later this week, on Saturday 22 April, we mark **International Earth Day**, the anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement.

Earth Day can be viewed as an opportunity for us to think about our actions to protect the planet for future generations. Whether you recycle enthusiastically, avoid plastics, turn off lights and unused appliances, keep a wild patch in your garden, or plant more trees, you're probably trying to do your bit for our planet. Earth Day 2023 is an ideal moment to take stock and see how others – including [World Vision](#) – are making a difference.

**A Prayer** as we approach Earth Day 2023 (Rt Revd Graham Usher - Bishop of Norwich and Lead Bishop on the Environment):

God of life,  
we praise you for the beauty of creation,  
its richness and variety;  
yet, through greed and ignorance,

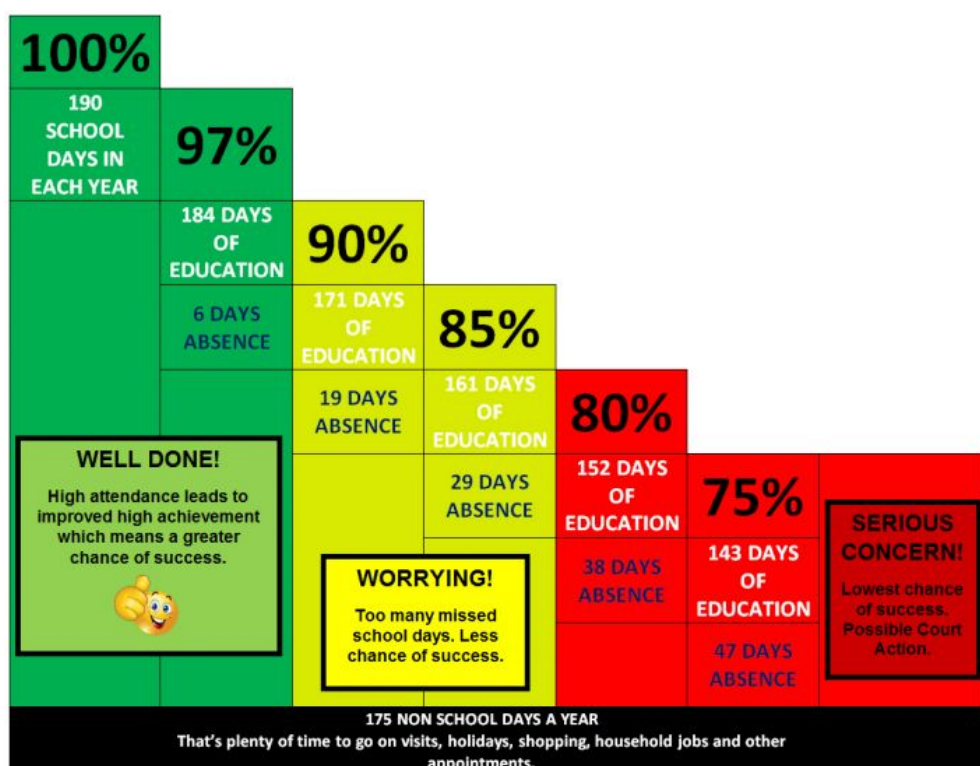


we scar your world with plastic waste  
and throw so much away.  
Make us more like Jesus,  
treading gently on our common home,  
and breathe your Spirit on us,  
that we may care more deeply for your Earth.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### Attendance and Punctuality Matters:

Over the last half term, we have highlighted the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality, and the key role they play in helping every student to flourish in school and beyond.

Students who miss school frequently can fall behind with their work, feel nervous about returning to school and ultimately do less well in their exams.



Research suggests that students who attend school regularly could also be at less risk of getting involved in antisocial behaviour or crime. To the right is a table illustrating how children's percentage attendance equates to the amount of school time missed.

### Key events:

- Mon 17 April - Summer Term begins; all students return to school
- Thurs 20 April March - Y6 Orienteering Session (16:00-18:00)
- Fri 21 April - Y7 Business Hub (09:00-10:15)
- Sat 22 April - International Earth Day 2023
- Thurs 27 April - In England, NEU proposed strike day (and Tues 2 May)
- Fri 28 April - Bronze DofE preparatory expedition

### School website and Twitter:

The [school website](#) is a useful source of information. Please also visit the Harleston Sancroft Academy [Twitter feed](#) for photos and updates.

