**Dear Parent/Carer,**

**Celebrating Excellent Attendance at The Queen Elizabeth Academy**

We are pleased to share that **73% of our pupils currently have 100% attendance** — a fantastic achievement that reflects the dedication of our families and the importance placed on education within our community. This means that nearly three out of every four pupils have not missed a single day of school this term — a brilliant foundation for academic success and personal development.

**Why Every day Counts**

Evidence from the Department for Education shows that pupils with consistently high attendance are **almost twice as likely to achieve a Grade 5 or above in English and Maths GCSEs** compared to those who miss around 10 days per year.

Even small absences can have a significant impact. **Missing just one day of school every fortnight** adds up to around **20 days per academic year** — the equivalent of **four weeks of lost learning**. This can reduce a pupil’s chances of achieving key grades by up to **50%**.

**Attendance and Future Opportunities**

Beyond academic outcomes, attendance influences future life chances. Pupils who are persistently absent in secondary school may earn **£10,000 less by the age of 28** than their peers with high attendance. Every day in school is an investment in your child’s future.

**Working Together to Support Attendance**

We understand that occasional absences are sometimes unavoidable. However, we ask all families to continue prioritising attendance and to contact us if there are any barriers. Our pastoral and attendance teams are here to support — whether it’s illness, anxiety, or other challenges.

**Celebrating Success**

We will be recognising pupils with 100% attendance through certificates, assemblies and rewards. If your child is among them — congratulations! If not, there is still time to aim for excellent attendance this term.

Together, we can ensure every child at The Queen Elizabeth Academy has the best chance to thrive.

Yours sincerely

**Shaun Martin**

**Deputy Principal**