

19 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Students have made an excellent start to the term. They continue to work hard, show increasing independence, and demonstrate a strong commitment to their learning and personal development. Their positive attitudes are a credit to themselves, their families, and our school community.

Attendance Support

I would like to address a significant challenge currently facing us and seek your collaboration: our attendance rate remains below the national average. According to the new Ofsted framework, this may result in our institution being classified as “needs attention,” despite ongoing strengths in behaviour, personal development, curriculum, and teaching.

How you can help: We are asking every family to help us improve these numbers by ensuring your child attends school every day possible.

Why it matters: Beyond the statistics, every day your child is in school means:

- They don't miss important learning.
- They stay connected with friends.
- They build confidence and skills.
- They are on the pathway to fulfilling their dreams and aspirations

Our promise: We do not want children who are truly sick to be at school. Still, if your child is only mildly unwell or hesitant, encouraging them to attend can have a significant positive impact.

If you **need support** with getting your child to attend school, please reach out to us. Our goal is to help, not judge, whether you're facing anxiety or difficulties at home. The pastoral team is available to listen, so feel free to email us at info@jarrowschool.com.

Y10 Work Experience

We have had a very positive response from students since the launch of this year's work experience program with a large number of students now having secured a placement, or if not, at least having made initial contact with a prospective placement. If your child is yet to make contact, then please continue to encourage them to do so as we approach the first deadline at the end of this half-term.

Year 11 Key Information

Controlled Assessments are ongoing throughout this term attendance is vital. Intervention is now underway; attendance to this has been excellent. The key focus for students' next steps continues to be English & maths. Intervention is on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. The next wave of prom invites will be at the end of this half-term.

Please be aware of the following expectations when your child returns:

- Students return to school on **Monday 2 March 2026** at the usual time of **8.35am** on the yard to start lessons at **8.40am**.
- **Mobile phones** must be turned off and in bags as soon as students enter the school site. The mobile phone policy can be found [here](#).
- **Jewellery, other than a wristwatch, is not permitted** and must be removed before entering the school building.
- **Acrylic Nails:** Please ensure that your child does not attend school with acrylic or artificial nails. These can interfere with participation in school activities and are not in line with our uniform policy.
- **Piercings:** For safety and uniformity, piercings are not allowed. Any piercings must be removed before your child enters the school site.
- The [Behaviour for Learning Policy](#) and uniform expectations can be found on the [school's website](#).

Key dates

- Half term: w/c 23 February 2026
- Students return to school Monday 2 March 2026
- Year 11 Mock Exams – 2 March until 13 March 2026 (Controlled Assessments are ongoing this term)
- Year 11 Photography Exam – 23 March until 26 March 2026
- Year 11 Art and Graphics Exam – 31 March until 1 April 2026
- Year 10 Parents' Evening – 3.30-6.00pm Tuesday 21 April 2026
- Year 7 Parents' Evening – 3.30-6.00pm Wednesday 13 May 2026
- Last day of Spring 2026 term: Thursday 2 April 2026
- Students return to school Monday 20 April 2026

We are incredibly proud of our students — their hard work, respect, resilience, responsibility and ambition inspire us every day. Together, we can help them achieve their full potential.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Atkinson
Head Teacher