



A message from Looe Community Academy

As the term comes to an end, Looe Community Academy is proud to share just some of the wonderful achievements of our staff and pupils this spring. If you were lucky enough to be at the end of term Music show this week you will know first-hand just how talented they can be.

There are lots of highlights over the pages ahead about how those talents are being channeled from open lessons in the Art department to our brilliant inter-house football competition to name just two. Beyond the classroom, our pupils have been making waves in the community with their design ideas and sporting prowess as you will see.

In this newsletter you will also find important information about school communications, the GCSE Revision workshops taking place during the holiday, SEND, attendance, and uniform.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and the weeks of Easter holiday ahead. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school after the Easter break on Wednesday, 23 April.

Kristien Carrington  
Interim Headteacher

# Communications



At Looe Community Academy, we value the partnership between home and school in supporting the growth and development of our students. We understand that clear and consistent communication is essential to ensuring that everyone stays informed and on the same page.

In the past, there have been some frustrations around how communication flows, and we recognise that this has sometimes led to delays or confusion.

To address this, we are working on streamlining and consolidating our communication channels to ensure that any concerns or queries are addressed in a timely and effective manner.

To help with this process, we have attached a **simple flow chart** that outlines the appropriate steps for decision-making when it comes to communication. This chart is designed to assist you in directing your inquiries or concerns to the right person, so they can be addressed as quickly as possible. Please allow 2 working days for us to compile a considered response – we will of course be as quick as we can. The flow chart will be attached to the newsletter.

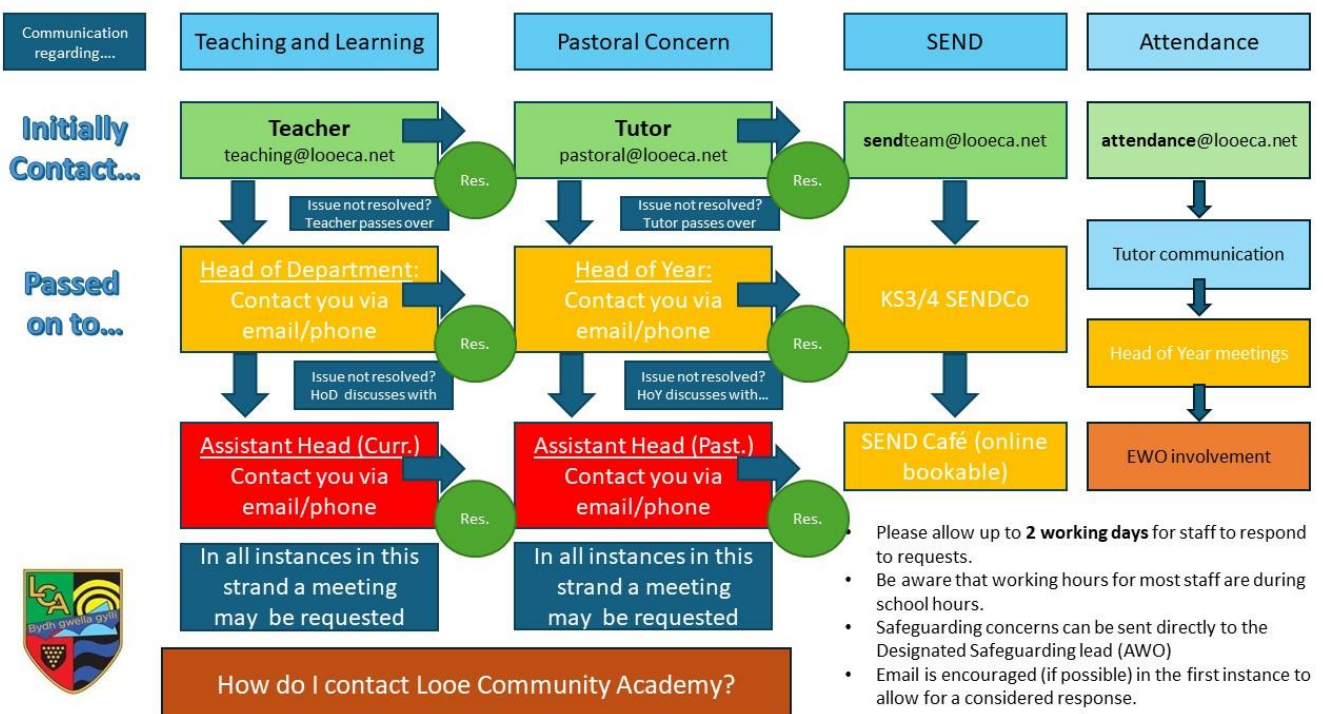
We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to improve our communication processes. Our goal is to ensure that every concern is heard and acted upon promptly, creating a better experience for both parents and staff alike. Should you have any questions or feedback about the new process, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in helping our students thrive.

Kind Regards

Adam Marks-Saberton

Associate Assistant Headteacher



# AN AMAZING AND INSPIRATIONAL TEACHER

Looe Community Academy Dance Teacher: Samantha Day competed in the World Ice Swimming Championships in Molveno Italy during January, representing Great Britain. Samantha won the Bronze Medal in the 100m backstroke. Silver Medal in the 50m backstroke and a personal best in the 50m freestyle. The temperature averaged 5 degrees, but it was believed to be approximately 2 degrees.

This is a massive achievement, and we congratulated Samantha as a whole school, with students and staff waving banners and flags, we then held an assembly where Samantha was presented with the Performance Shield.

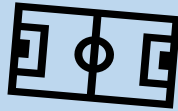
As a school we decided that recognising inspirational achievements from students and staff is something that is valued and so important and should not go unnoticed. The new shield will be presented in the future to anyone with an inspirational story or eve



IISA 6th WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP - Molveno 2025



## Break and Lunchtime teamwork activities!



At our school, we believe that *Every Interaction is an Intervention for Building Great Relationships*, and this philosophy is reflected in the exciting activities that Mrs. Day and Mrs. Jackman has been gradually introducing during break and lunch times.

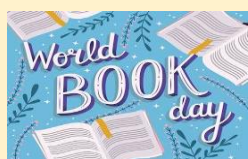
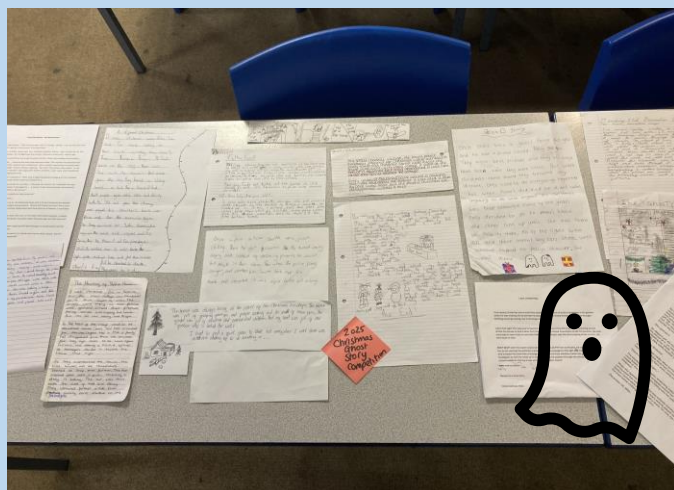
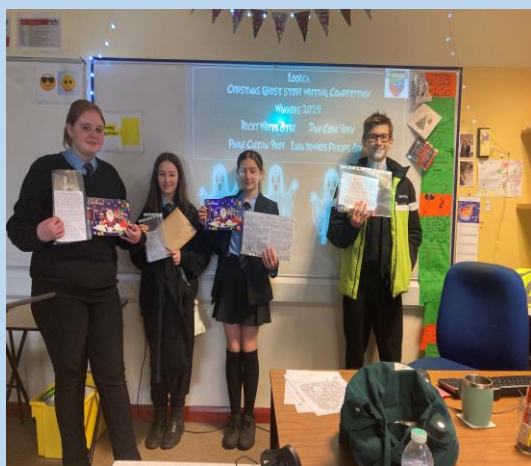
Students now have the opportunity to engage in a variety of fun and inclusive games that promote teamwork, creativity, and friendship. From cup stacking and Uno to beach ball volleyball, football matches, Dobble and chess, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Throw and catch games, thinking challenges, and card games also encourage students to connect with their peers in positive ways.

These activities have transformed break and lunch times, creating a vibrant and welcoming environment where students can bond and unwind. With the leadership of student activity leaders, we look forward to further developing these opportunities, helping our students build stronger relationships and feel even more engaged in school life.



## Literacy Writing Challenge

The latest literacy challenge was to write and design a Christmas ghost story and our students did not disappoint! Great participation and some thrilling tales. Well done to the winners but well done to all who entered.



**"A book is a dream that you hold in your hand. "  
Neil Gaiman**

Thank you to all of our KS3 students that arrived at school dressed as their favourite characters for World Book Day, you all looked fantastic. Also, brilliant costumes were seen being work by staff, who enjoyed getting involved in the day.



# Poetry writing competition

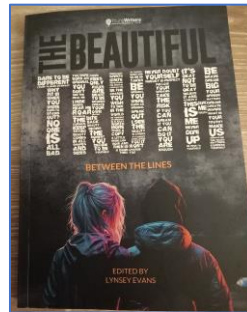


Congratulations to 14 of Miss Oldham's Year 8 students who had their poems published in a book.

All 14 will now enter the main prize draw of the competition with Young Writers: Liv, Rose, Phoebe, Eloise, Kaiden, Ava, Eden, Otto, Alfie, Summer, Will, Jenson, Tristan and Bronte.

Here are three of our amazing entries.

(Miss Oldham has a copy of the book if any students wish to see the other poems.)



## Foreword

Since 1991, here at Young Writers we have celebrated the awesome power of creative writing, especially in young adults where it can serve as a vital method of expressing their emotions and views about the world around them. In every poem we see the effort and thought that each student published in this book has put into their work and by creating this anthology we hope to encourage them further with the ultimate goal of sparking a life-long love of writing.

Our latest competition for secondary school students, The Beautiful Truth, asked young writers to consider what their truth is, what's important to them, and how to express that using the power of words. We wanted to give them a voice, the chance to express themselves freely and honestly, something which is so important for these young adults to feel confident and listened to. They could give an opinion, highlight an issue, consider a dilemma, impart advice or simply write about something they love. There were no restrictions on style or subject so you will find an anthology brimming with a variety of poetic styles and topics. We hope you find it as absorbing as we have.

We encourage young writers to express themselves and address subjects that matter to them, which sometimes means writing about sensitive or contentious topics. If you have been affected by any issues raised in this book, details on where to find help can be found at [www.youngwriters.co.uk/info/other/contact-lines](http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/info/other/contact-lines)

Young Writers  
since 1991

## The Sound Of Dream

In fields of freedom voices rise,  
A chorus strong, demanding eyes.  
From every shade, they sing as one,  
For rights eternal, let the sun.  
In valleys of despair, they fight,  
For equality's gentle blight.  
Against the dark, they dare to shine,  
Their will unquenchable and divine.  
In cities grand, they take a stand,  
For freedom is bound to their dreams,  
A promise of justice forever gleams.

The Beautiful Truth - Between The Lines

## Always Walk Forward

Always walk forward, even when your light is low,  
Because it will always help you, you're  
Like a stitching material, there are lots of  
Other people, but you are unique, there will never  
Be another you, so try hard, be kind and push forward  
Through the boundaries.  
I believe that if you try hard and focus, you can  
Achieve anything.

The Beautiful Truth - Between The Lines

## Fishing

I love fishing,  
You love fishing,  
One more cast,  
Make it all last,  
Out on a boat,  
Stood on the shore,  
Tell me what you saw,  
I love fishing,  
Whether you cast out,  
Whether you drop down,  
Whether you catch,  
Whether you don't catch,  
It doesn't matter,  
You're still fishing.

## School Cross Country race



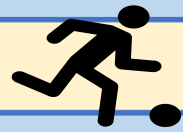
Saturday 11 January saw Looe Academy at the Schools Cross Country hosted by Truro School.

Well done to the students who train every week on Thursdays after school, and their hard work and dedication to training. Well done to all those who competed against the best runners in Cornwall.



Cross Country Club is every Thursday after school - all are welcome from 3.15 - 4.15.

## The 'Football in 5' Competition



The “Football in 5” competition has been a fantastic display of skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Every match was filled with energy, determination, and passion, making it a thrilling experience for both players and spectators.

A huge thank you to all students who participated—your effort, enthusiasm, and fair play truly made this event a success. It was incredible to see students take on so many different roles, from players and captains to referees and supporters, showing true dedication and teamwork throughout the competition.

A special thank you to the team managers and tutors for their leadership and commitment in organizing and motivating their teams. Your guidance played a key role in making the competition both exciting and well-structured.

Congratulations to Team POL, the winning house, for their outstanding performance and well-deserved victory!

Mr Webster



## Year 7 Girls Football in 5' – Another Fantastic Tournament!



### Another Fantastic Tournament!

Following the excitement of last week's competition, the Year 7 girls took to the pitch for their turn in the *Football in 5'* tournament—and what a fantastic display of talent, teamwork, and determination it was!

Every match was played with incredible energy, showcasing the students' skill, resilience, and sportsmanship. It was inspiring to see players stepping up with confidence, captains leading with passion, and teams working together to create some thrilling moments on the pitch.

A massive well done to all the students who participated—your enthusiasm and commitment made this event another great success. Special thanks also go to the referees, supporters, and team managers for playing such vital roles in making the competition run smoothly.

**Congratulations to Team PEN** for their impressive performance and well-deserved victory in a nail-biting penalty shootout! Thank you to everyone involved—your dedication continues to make these events so enjoyable. We look forward to even more exciting football ahead!

## Year 8 Open Art Lesson



On 13 March 2025, year 8 parents were invited into school to attend an art lesson alongside their child. 22 Parents attended and participated in a dry-point mono-print lesson focussing on mark making. The students have been looking at the work of Lea Nahon and Sharon Cummings with a focus on shells, and this was the theme of the lesson. The lesson was guided by our art teacher Miss Welch, who demonstrated the activity and allowed time for the students and parents to develop their piece. All were encouraged to be creative with the marks and techniques, for example by including crosshatch, pointillism and patterns. Every piece was different, and everyone created a wonderful, colourful, detailed body of work.

As part of this day, parents were asked to provide some feedback and the results were very positive, with all parents saying they would attend again, many mentioning that they would be keen to attend open lessons in other subjects. One parent stated that the day's experience in art was very different from when they were at school stating, 'The subject was really *taught* today; the students were challenged but had confidence in the teacher'. Another Parent said, 'It was wonderful to work alongside my child and have the opportunity to see what they get up to. I also felt very proud of myself and my child and we both celebrated our achievement together'. The work from the day will be included in the year 8 exhibition which will be at The Ebenezer Gallery in Polperro from 21 April to 4 May 2025.

This initiative has received positive support from the SMART Trust and hopefully will be bigger and better next year with art open lessons already being put in the calendar, with the possibility of it including GCSE groups as well. Miss Welch has expressed that she is keen to expand on this and work with other departments to offer a broader opportunity to parents.



## Performance Assembly Announcement



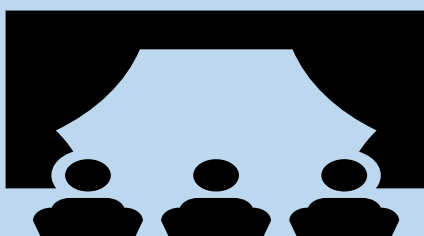
We are excited to introduce our first-ever Performance Assembly this term!

This initiative invites students to perform and share their creativity and talents in a safe, supportive environment. Whether it's a polished piece or an excerpt from something they're working on, all students are welcome to participate.

At the end of every half term, on Thursdays, we will hold a Performance Assembly. Students can sign up to express interest in being part of the line-up. All year groups are invited, and any performance discipline is welcome! If you'd like more information or want to sign up, please see Mrs. Day.

For our very first Performance Assembly, we kicked off with three amazing pieces from the Cheers team, led by choreographers Phoebe Wearing and Isla Evans, along with the Year 10 and Year 11 group, **Fractured**. Their energy, skill, and passion really set the tone for the day and gave a fabulous start to this new program.

Well done to all the performers for making this debut assembly unforgettable!



## You're Invited: SEND Cafe Revamp – A Warm Welcome Awaits!



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who have already booked appointments at our SEND Cafe. Your participation and feedback are invaluable as we continue to review and improve the services we offer.

To make sure we're providing the best possible support, we are thrilled to invite **all parents** to our revamped **SEND Cafe** on **Monday, 28th April from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM**. It's an exciting opportunity to meet with a range of professionals from various SEND services, ask questions, and gain insights into how we can work together to support your child's learning journey.

Upon arrival, you'll be greeted with a warm drink and some delicious nibbles as we welcome you into a relaxed, friendly space. Our dedicated SEND team will be on hand, along with experts in areas such as learning, wellbeing, concentration, and attendance. Whether you have specific queries or are just looking to chat with us, we're here to help you find solutions that can make a positive difference for your child.

Please save the date and pop in to see us – it's a fantastic chance to connect, share, and learn more about the services available to you and your child.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Date:** Monday, 28th April

**Time:** 3:30 PM - 5:30 PM

**Location:** SEND Cafe (Looe Community School)

Come along, bring your questions, and enjoy a welcoming space to talk and connect. See you there! Mrs Jackman



## April is Neurodiversity Awareness Month

April marks Neurodiversity Awareness Month, a time to celebrate and embrace the diverse ways that brains function. This month, we shine a spotlight on the importance of understanding, supporting, and advocating for neurodivergent individuals, whether they have autism, ADHD, dyslexia, or other neurodiverse conditions. At the heart of this celebration is the recognition that neurodiversity is not a deficit but a part of the beautiful variation of the human experience.

We have been fortunate through our SMART network to have linked up with a wonderful charity **Beat4Autism**, an organisation that is dedicated to supporting individuals with autism and other neurodiverse conditions. They offer a wide range of services, from educational resources to life skills training, empowering families, schools, and communities to better understand and support neurodiverse individuals. Their work goes beyond just providing services—they strive to create a more inclusive environment where neurodivergent people are not only accepted but celebrated for their unique perspectives and talents.

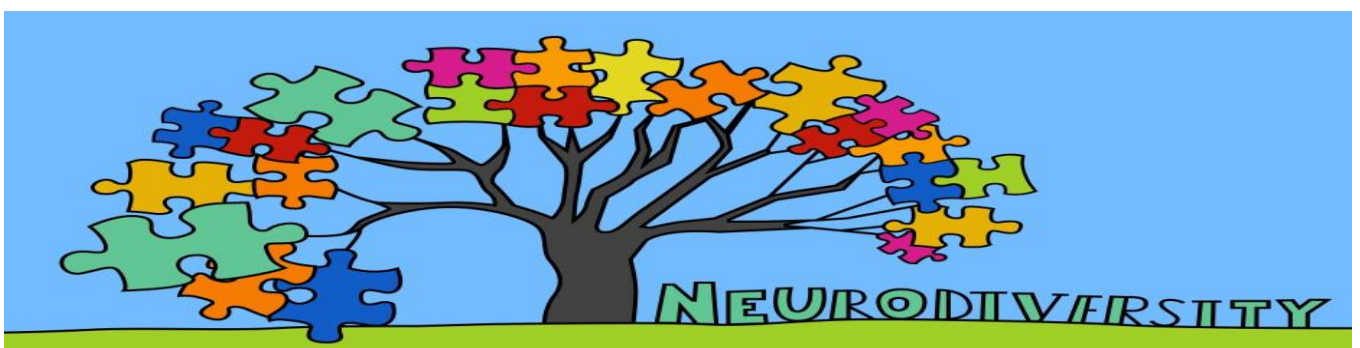
One exciting development this month is the partnership between **Looe Community School** and Beat4Autism. Looe Community School is taking a significant step toward improving understanding of neurodiversity within our local community by reaching out to Beat4Autism for support in creating a parental group focused on neurodiversity. This initiative aims to offer parents and caregivers the tools, knowledge, and support they need to better understand neurodivergent conditions and how they can help their children thrive.

This parental group will be a valuable resource for families, providing a safe space to share experiences, ask questions, and connect with others who understand the challenges of raising neurodiverse children. With Beat4Autism's guidance, Looe Community School hopes to foster a deeper understanding of neurodiversity within the school community, and by extension, the wider Torpoint and Looe area.

As we celebrate Neurodiversity Awareness Month, let's reflect on the importance of building inclusive communities. We encourage everyone to learn more about neurodiversity, advocate for better support systems, and continue to show kindness and understanding to those with different neurological makeups. By working together, we can create a world where everyone can thrive—regardless of how their brain works.

To learn more about Beat4Autism and the incredible work they do, please visit [their website](#).

Let's celebrate neurodiversity and work toward a more inclusive, understanding community. We start through our assemblies next term and the re-opening of our SEND Café, get in touch if you are interested in joining the forum led by BEAT autism by emailing [Ahodgson@looea.net](mailto:Ahodgson@looea.net). Mrs Jackman



## A Great weekend for local pool

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Great news about a weekend in January, with 2 young local league players adding to the Cornwall Black & Gold ranks for the upcoming season. Both Logan Singleton (Polperro Legion) and Toby Spring (JJs) came through their respective trials to qualify outright.

Young Logan made the under 18 squad with 2 wins from 4 matches. Losing his first 3.2 then winning 3.1 & 3.0 to get through before losing his last 3.0.

Young Toby made it look somewhat easier in the under 23 trials breezing through with 3 from 3. Wins of 3.2 3.1 3.2 saw him earn the shirt for this year's campaign.

They of course join sports club's Luke Panhaligon pulling on the black and gold.  
Great achievement guys. Well done.



## Looe Pioneers - Design Competition



Looe Pioneers along with Mrs Tedder our Art teacher ran a competition to design a neck warmer for the runners taking part in the Looe 10 Miler race. Which took place on Sunday 2 March. The winner was Violet Vea a Year 10 student, who came up with a fantastic design.

Violet's design was printed on 500 neck warmers and was handed out to everyone who took part. Violet was presented with a prize by the organisers of the race and the competition.

Congratulations Violet, a great achievement.

The race had an incredible turn out this year, well done to all that took part and the Looe pioneers for a successful event.



**Year 10 + 11 Exam Revision Sessions  
during the Easter break.**



<b>Monday 7 April</b>	9 – 3	PE	DT6
	10 – 2	History	Canteen
<b>Tuesday 8 April</b>	9 – 3	Art	Art room
	9 – 3	Sociology	DT8
	10 – 2	Maths	COM1
<b>Wednesday 9 April</b>	10 – 2	Geography	COM1
<b>Thursday 10 April</b>	10 – 2	English set 1	DT8
	10 – 2	English set 2/3	COM1
<b>Thursday 17 April</b>	10 – 2	Chemistry 1	Lab 4
	10 – 2	French	DT8



## Calendar

### Summer Term:

**Starts:** Wednesday 23 April 2025

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 5 May 2025

**Half Term:** Monday 26 May 2025 – Friday 30 May 2025

**Ends:** Wednesday 23 July 2025



### INSET DAYS –

Tuesday 22 April 2025

Monday 30 June 2025

### Some of the upcoming Trips that are planned for students.....

**10 May - Cheer Team Performance – Plymouth Gladiator  
Speedway**

**23 April - Babcock Engineering Experience Day – Yr9 & Yr10**

**29 April - Faraday STEM Challenge**



We would love to hear from you as parents and carers with any stories or achievements or positive messages that you may have, If you would like to share this in the termly Newsletter, please email the details to: [enquiries@looeca.net](mailto:enquiries@looeca.net)

Thank you

Polite uniform reminder:

“We’re in the team, we wear the kit.”



Looe Community Academy School blazer



Light Blue shirt KS3



White shirt KS4



Looe Community Academy tie



Black, full length tailored trousers or shorts (no leggings, jeans or skater trousers)



Black pleated skirt

**We do not allow:**

- Piercings (including clear piercings)
- Jewellery (except one pair of studs in the earlobes and one watch.)
- Acrylic or painted nails
- Excessive make-up, false eyelashes or unnatural hair colours
- Large logos or slogans on outdoor clothing- must be discreet



Black, flat- heeled, fully polishable (no canvas or material elements) school shoes  
**Plain black socks (no logos)**

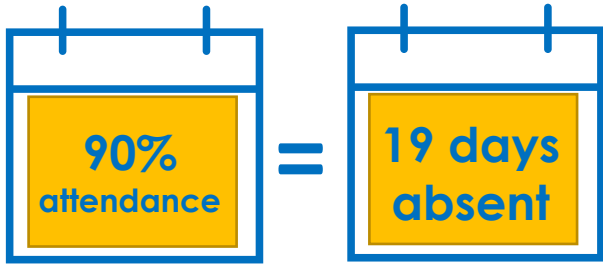


Black V necked jumper (optional and always to be worn alongside, and not instead of, a blazer)

# Attendance

## Matters

Every student.  
On time. Every day.



### Did you know?



## 5 minutes

## late

to every lesson = 2 hours

**missed learning** a

week, which is 15 ½  
school days per year!



### For help & support

Please contact your child's  
tutor, head of year or the  
school attendance team:  
[attendance@looeca.net](mailto:attendance@looeca.net)

## Days off cost good grades!



The DfE published research showing that pupils attending school with 95%+ attendance are more than twice as likely to achieve 5 GCSEs at grade 5+ than those with 90% attendance.

## What can families do?

- ☑ Be firm. **Send your child to school every day**, all day, unless they are severely ill;
- ☑ Schedule **appointments** and extra-curricular activities **outside of school time**;
- ☑ **Avoid taking holidays** during term-time;
- ☑ **Encourage your child** to have good sleep, morning and punctuality routines;
- ☑ **Seek help** from us before your concerns become serious. We are always here to support.

## Each day missed...

- Puts your child behind and makes it more difficult to catch up;
- Can lead to gaps in learning and lost connections with friends;
- Makes the transition into the workforce or further education less likely to be successful.