# **Attendance** MATTERS

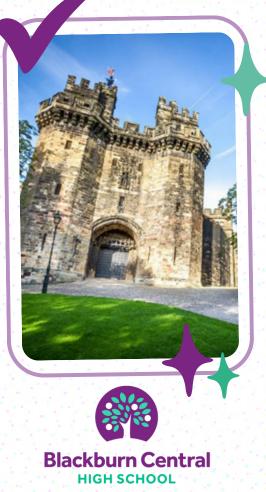
### **Rewarding Attendance**

Excellent attendance underpins a child's future achievement, self-confidence and aspiration.

At BCHS, excellent attendance is celebrated. Every half term ALL students who have achieved 100% attendance are recognised in a celebration assembly and are rewarded a sweet treat. The names of those students are displayed on our attendance notice board and they are all given a certificate in recognition of their commitment and resilience.

## Reward Trips

Every half term a group of students with 100% attendance are chosen at random to go on a reward trip. Those with the most improved attendance are also included in the draw.



#### Lancaster Castle

A group of 30 students from KS3 visited Lancaster Castle in February as a reward for 100% attendance. They travelled to Lancaster by train, kindly funded by Community Rail.

The students visited the police museum, which used to be a real prison, and got to try on real police uniforms. They then had a guided tour of the castle, which included a real life court room. They even got locked in a cell, which was used to hold prisoners who were waiting to be hanged.

Find out more about Lancaster Castle at: www.lancastercastle.com/history-heritage.

#### Next term's reward trip

Next term there will be two reward trips to Manchester Science Museum, which will include the exciting "Power Up", a hands-on, fully interactive gaming experience, featuring the very best video games and consoles from the last five decades.

All those students who achieve 100% attendance in the Spring half term will have a chance to go, as well as those with the most improved attendance.

Find out more at: <u>www.scienceandindustrymuseum.org.uk</u>.



**Power up** 

#### **Our expectations**

School opens at 8am for breakfast club, where students can come and have a FREE breakfast provided by school. The school day starts at 8.30am.

Please ensure your child arrives at school promptly - if you have any issues getting your child to school on time then please contact our school office on 01254 505700. You should also call this number if your child is going to be absent from school. As part of our safeguarding responsibilities we need to know where your child is.

We are here to help - our aim is for all of our students to have excellent attendance and we are happy to help families who may need our support.

# Fast track to attendance pilot

BCHS has been chosen to take part in a pilot scheme with BwD Council to work with families to tackle poor attendance and punctuality.

The Fast Track to Attendance Pathway involves engaging parents and specifying what improvements need to be made over a fixed timeframe, usually 6-8 weeks. Where no improvement is made, legal proceedings may take place. If your child's attendance is 80% or above but less than 90%, with unauthorised absences of 10 sessions or more, you may be invited to a meeting.