

5 minutes late to every lesson

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The
McAuley
Catholic High School
and Sixth Form
DONCASTER

25 minutes lost
every
day

over **2**
HOURS
lost
every
week

3
weeks
every
year

90%
Attendance =
1 lost grade at GCSE

The cost of
MISSING
Crisis

December (1)

2022
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Take holidays in the

175

days that
we're not in

41%
reduction in
lifetime earnings

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Many adults will say that school days were the best days of their lives and that they wished that they could relive them.

School days are undoubtedly precious. Not only are lifelong friendships made but future careers and livelihoods are established. However, these futures hinge on good exam results and good exam results will be dependent on good attendance and punctuality. If you miss part or all of a lesson, then it will be even more difficult to catch up on that lost learning. We are familiar with hearing about the cost of living crisis but what about the crisis for some students as a result of the cost of missing learning? The front cover shows the impact on lost learning by missing just FIVE minutes every lesson over one year.

We make no apology for putting it as starkly as we do.

The poor habits that children pick up when they are young are really hard to shake as an adult and it is very likely to be an obstacle to getting a job or even holding one down.

However, a big 'thank you' to those parents and carers who do everything they can to encourage their children to maintain excellent attendance and punctuality. It will continue to make a massive positive difference to your children's well-being as well as their life chances.

Over the next week we will be contacting some parents to ask for their support as we continue to insist upon basic good standards in supporting learning at McAuley.

We will do our bit.

Please do yours.

John Rooney
Headteacher