

“MOWDEN MATTERS”



Mowden's Monthly Pastoral Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

November brings with it a variety of different pastorally-linked events, allowing children to focus on considering others.

Anti-Bullying Week this month went with the theme of “Choosing Respect”, we enjoyed a wonderfully respectful service at St. James’ Church for Remembrance and senior pupils enjoyed a presentation from Mr Hammond-Chambers, visiting from Oundle School, in which they learned about the opportunities and pitfalls of progressing on to a senior school.

As the school begins to shift focus towards festive celebrations, I want to thank the many parents who have engaged with staff regarding their pastoral concerns, allowing us to deal with them collaboratively and at an early stage, reducing the worry for the children.

I wish everyone a wonderful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the new year, ready for the challenges of 2025!

Mr P. Sturt



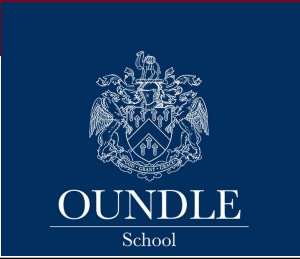
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Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	1 week 3 days	81 lessons
90%	18 Days	3 weeks	162 lessons
85%	27 Days	4 weeks 3 days	243 lessons
80%	36 Days	6 weeks	324 lessons
75%	45 Days	7 weeks 3 days	405 lessons
70%	54 Days	9 weeks	486 lessons
65%	63 Days	10 weeks 3 days	567 lessons


I wanted to re-highlight this factsheet, which demonstrates the huge impact low attendance can have on a child. As a school, we are required to demonstrate how we work with families where attendance is low. Even a 5% absence clearly has a huge impact on the child and we are here to support where needed.

What have we been up to this month?



Pupils in Year 7 and 8 enjoyed an interesting presentation during which they learnt more about what happens when you move up to senior school - what the expectations are, what you should and should not do, but also some great advice about coping with the situation when it comes.

Don't be afraid to ask...we were all in your shoes at one point.



We may have all come on different ships, but we're in the same boat now.
(Martin Luther King, Jr.)



Odd Socks Day is a great way to celebrate the differences amongst everyone in our community. It's a bit of fun wearing silly socks, but does give us the opportunity to really consider the importance of diversity.



Bullying can be verbal:

- name-calling
- teasing
- making nasty comments to someone
- spreading rumours
- verbal intimidation
- threats

Bullying can be emotional:

- isolating others and deliberately excluding them
- torment
- manipulation
- coercion
- humiliation

Bullying can be physical:

- pushing
- hitting
- physical intimidation
- biting
- poking
- kicking
- pinching



Anti-Bullying Week asked children to consider how they could demonstrate respect for others and themselves. Children from across the whole school worked together to think what the term means, but also how it applies to them.