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Autumn half term 1 – Transition Edition

HEAD TEACHER WELCOME

Dear Parents, Students, and Friends of Eggescliffe,

It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year, and I am delighted to welcome both new and returning families to our school community. The first half term always brings with it a sense of anticipation and renewal, and this year has been no exception.

A special welcome goes to our new Year 7 students, who have made an impressive start to their secondary school journey. Their enthusiasm, curiosity and kindness have already made a positive impression on staff and older pupils alike. Equally, we are proud of our Year 12 students, many of whom have transitioned seamlessly from Year 11, embracing the new challenges and freedoms of Sixth Form life with maturity and purpose. Both groups remind us of the importance of transition – a time for growth, new friendships and the pursuit of personal goals.

This term has also seen a wealth of achievements across our school. Our sports teams have continued to shine, representing the school with skill, determination and sportsmanship. Beyond the classroom, our enrichment programme is thriving. Students have taken part in a wide range of activities – from creative arts and STEM clubs to leadership opportunities and community projects – each one helping to build confidence, curiosity and a sense of belonging.

As we look ahead to the rest of the term, I am filled with optimism. The spirit of collaboration, compassion and ambition that defines our school is as strong as ever. Together, we will continue to celebrate success, nurture potential, and ensure that every student feels valued and inspired to achieve their best.

Warm regards,

Mr N Gittins
Head of School



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| 23.10.25 | Final day of half term 1 |
| 24.10.25 | PD day – school closed to students |
| 03.11.25 | Start of half term 2 |
| 06.11.25 | Y12 Tutor Evening, 3.35-7pm |
| 20.11.25 | Sixth Form Open Evening, 6-8pm |
| 26.11.25 | Year 13 Subject Teacher Evening, 3.35-6.30pm |
| 28.11.25 | PD day – school closed to students |
| 04.12.25 | Year 9 Subject Teacher Evening, 3.35-7pm |
| 11.12.25 | Year 11 Subject Teacher Evening, 3.35-7pm |
| 12.12.25 | 6 th Form application deadline |
| 19.12.25 | End of term 1.10pm |
| 05.01.26 | Return to school – start of Spring term |

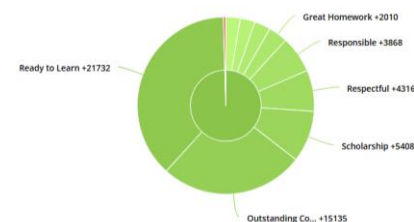
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YEAR 7 TRANSITION INTO SECONDARY SCHOOL LIFE

The new school year is well underway, and our year 7 students have made an excellent start as they settle into life at Egglecliffe. It's been wonderful to see so many smiling faces in the corridors and classrooms as students get to know their teachers, make new friends, and find their routines.

Teachers and pastoral staff have been carrying out settling-in reviews to check how students are adjusting academically and socially. The feedback so far has been very positive — students are showing enthusiasm in lessons, engaging well with school life, and demonstrating our school values.

We're delighted with how well our new pupils have settled in and look forward to seeing them continue to grow, learn, and thrive as the term progresses. A big thank you to all staff and students who have helped make their transition to secondary such a success. We are incredibly proud of you all!



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Year 6 Open Evening:

We would like to thank all the year 7s who attended the year 6 open evening for their amazing contribution. It demonstrated how well they have settled as a year group and unifying themselves as a kind and caring community of students. It also showed their boost of confidence from the transition days in how they have settled in since the start of term. As a thank you, we are hosting a rewards breakfast on Friday 17th October for those students who were able to support.

Year 7 support:

We have had the great support from the 0-19 school nursing team who have been attending school each Monday to speak with year 7 students who were involved the additional summer transition day in the school holidays. All students that have accessed this have shown progress in their transition into secondary school. Additionally, Year 7 had an assembly marking World Mental Health Day on Friday 10th October. They were introduced to an array of support services that are in place within our school and local community.



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KINDNESS COLLECTIVE LAUNCHES WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

This half term we have started the year strong with the launch of WELLNESS WEDNESDAY. Every Wednesday lunchtime students can exchange CATCH KINDNESS tokens for a selection of sweets and treats on the ground-floor of Peake just outside G04. They can also nominate students who they feel have been kind through the KINDNESS POSTBOX. If they have encountered any unkindness, they can also get support from our wonderful DROP IN SERVICE staffed by trained, friendly volunteers. We have had lots of customers so far, and we hope this continues – especially when we launch the termly RAFFLE and 2 for 1 Wednesday.

Each week we provide a kindness ladder total for each Year group and throughout the year we will be running rewards events in addition to a kindness week.

Year Group Kindness Points Ladder

Autumn Term Totals: Week 6: Ending 10/10/25

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|---|----------------------|
|  | Year 7 : 920 |
|  | Year 8 : 305 |
|  | Year 9 : 450 |
|  | Year 10 : 390 |
|  | Year 11 : 570 |
|  | Year 12 : 430 |
|  | Year 13 : 590 |
|  | Total Overall : 3655 |



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DRAMA SHOWCASE

Our talented Year 11 Drama students performed their Drama Showcase on Thursday 2nd October. They provided an hour full of showstopping performances, that they devised themselves, from fabulously funny to a deadly serious who dunnit? We are really proud of them. All proceeds are going to the North Yorkshire Air Ambulance and The Coastguard.

How to get the Perfect Revenge

This comedy followed Dwayne, who taught the audience how to pull off the perfect revenge and how he became one of the greatest criminals in the world. Cast: James M

Opposite Attracts

This TV Dating Show was hosted by the eccentric Val N Tine met three couples exploring whether or not opposites attract whilst considering stereotypes and how inaccurate they can be. Cast: River A, Isabelle B-L, Melodie L, Teri B and Martha W.

The Seeker and the Helper

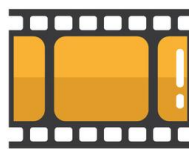
This dark comedy portrayed three girls' lives' spiralling from the effects of War and explored the different paths people can take when dealing with despair and tragedy, highlighting both unhelpful and useful routes. Cast: Kadie C, Lucy H and Lacey-Leigh R.

The Final Chapter

On a dark and stormy night the body of a renowned author and owner of the manor was discovered. Accusation was passed; his estranged daughter, bitter widow and loyal butler faced probing questions from an Inspector, secrets unravelled, and the storm mirrored the conflict inside. Cast: William L, Toby S, Claudia B and Faredah E.

Lighting and sound: Max D and Martha W.

Poster and Programme: Toby S.



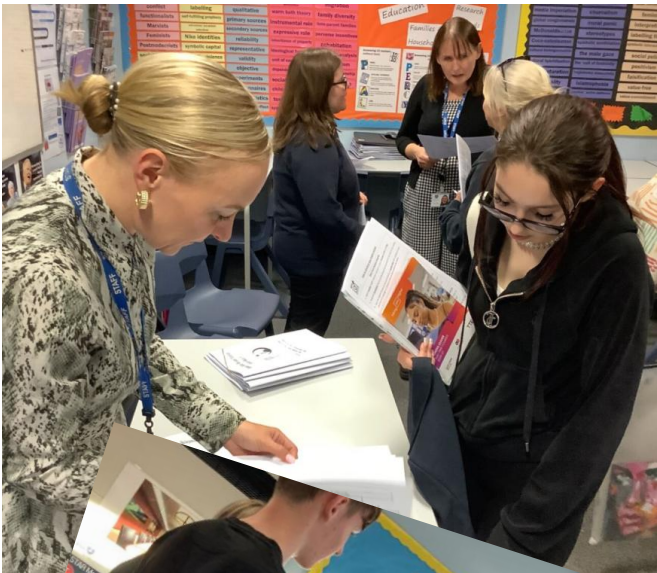
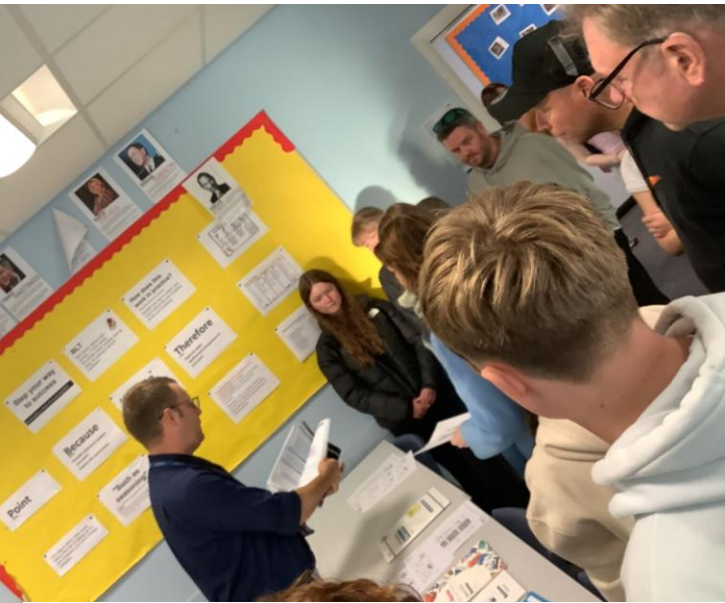
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CHOOSING TO SUCCEED



Our Year 11 students enjoyed a full week of 'Choose to Succeed' focussed learning, ahead of their first set of practice assessments, which start on Tuesday 4th November. Our staff ensured that students were provided with revision checklists and useful resources, and lesson time was spent developing different subject-specific revision strategies.

We also welcomed parents and carers for the Year 11 How to Revise evening. This event was incredibly well-attended, with students, parents and carers having the opportunity to talk to subject specialists about the best ways to revise for their subject area, whilst Mr Gittins and Mrs Gerrard provided general advice around healthy revision habits and the importance of a balanced approach to exam preparation. There was an opportunity for everyone to visit the sixth form building, where local businesses provided careers support and advice.



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OUTSTANDING
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Year 11 Revision Timetable

| Session | Day – WEEK A | | | | |
|--------------|------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Lunchtime | Science Maths | English German | French History RS Drama | Business GCSE PE | CNAT Sport Geography |
| After school | | German RS | English Comp Sci History Drama | Geography | |
| Session | Day – WEEK B | | | | |
| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Lunchtime | Science Maths | English German | French Drama | Business GCSE PE | CNAT Sport Geography |
| After school | | German | English Comp Sci Drama | Geography | |

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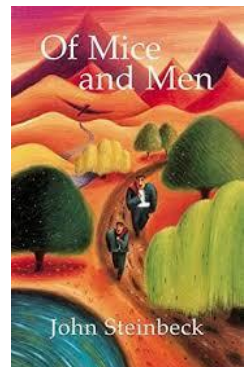
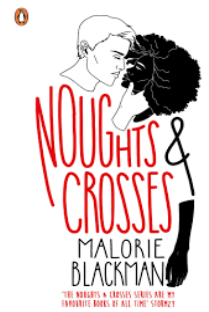
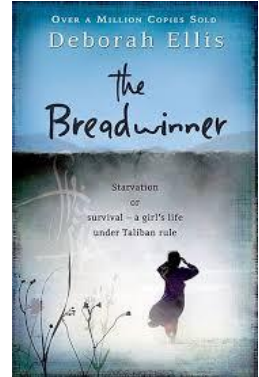
Starting with a novel

This term in English, our Key Stage 3 students have been busy developing their love of reading, writing, and creative expression through a variety of engaging activities and texts. Each KS3 class begins their lessons by reading a novel together — helping to foster a shared enthusiasm for storytelling and to inspire thoughtful discussion around characters, themes, and ideas.

Our Year 7 students are currently reading *The Breadwinner* by Deborah Ellis. The novel explores themes of courage, resilience, and family, following a young girl named Parvana as she navigates life in Afghanistan under Taliban rule. Through this text, students are deepening their understanding of global perspectives, human rights, and the importance of education and equality. The story has encouraged thoughtful class discussions about empathy and the power of perseverance.

In Year 8, students are studying *Noughts and Crosses* by Malorie Blackman — a powerful novel that challenges readers to consider race, prejudice, and social injustice in a world divided by colour. Through exploring Sephy and Callum's relationship, students are reflecting on discrimination, privilege, and equality while developing their analytical writing skills. The themes have prompted lively debate and mature reflection on fairness and society.

Year 9 are delving into John Steinbeck's classic *Of Mice and Men*, which explores friendship, dreams, and loneliness during the Great Depression. Students are analysing how Steinbeck presents human hardship and ambition through the story of George and Lennie, while connecting the novel's timeless themes to modern-day experiences. This text offers a strong foundation for the literary study skills they will continue to develop at GCSE.



European Languages Day and National Poetry Day

To celebrate European Languages Day, KS3 classes explored *Les Misérables* and the French Revolution, linking literature to history and culture. Students engaged in creative writing tasks inspired by the themes of justice, rebellion, and hope — producing some truly imaginative work.

We also celebrated National Poetry Day, where students wrote their own poems on the theme of "Play". Their poems showcased creativity, humour, and deep thought, and from these, we will be choosing our very own Poet Laureate to represent the school this year.



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Reading for Pleasure

Finally, all KS3 students visited the school library this term to choose a reading book of their own. These books are being used regularly in lessons to encourage independent reading and a lifelong love of literature. Students are also encouraged to bring in their own reading book from home if they would prefer.

Celebrating our wonderful students

Each week in the English department, we proudly “shine a light” on students who demonstrate excellence, effort, or kindness in their lessons. These exemplary students are celebrated by having their names displayed on classroom doors, showcasing their achievements to the wider school community. This initiative helps to recognise hard work, boost confidence, and encourage all students to be the very best they can be — both in their learning and their attitude.

The students below have been recognised by their class teacher for displaying such dedication and enthusiasm in English — their hard work, creativity, and growing confidence as readers and writers is really impressive!

Mrs C Ingram – Alfie N Y7 – Excellent engagement in all lessons

Mr J Morrison – Freddy L Y7 - Superb written and verbal contributions!

Mr M Majeed – Piper H Y8 – Always focused, dedicated and willing to contribute

Mr R Tate – Emmeline W Y9 – Excellent and insightful engagement with classroom discussion

Mrs M Mcleod – Yousif A Y9 - Positive ATL and handing home learning in early

Ms L Petite – Matthew J Y8 - Fantastic attitude and engagement

Mrs L Mower – Felicity S Y9 - Fantastic depth and detail in her work.

Miss J Parnell – Toby L Y9 - Excellent focus on analysing mood

Ms R Clarke – Sophia D Y7 – Always displays a helpful and kind attitude

Mrs K Muir - Ivy C-B Y7 - Brilliant attitude to English and great participation in lessons



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STAFF BLOWN AWAY BY THE STANDARD OF HOMEWORK IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Our KS3 Religious Studies students have been exploring a diverse range of world religions and have produced some truly outstanding homework. Their work not only demonstrates a strong understanding of different beliefs and practices but also shows creativity, thoughtfulness, and a genuine curiosity about the world around them.



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AMAZING STUDENTS DOING AMAZING THINGS SPORTING SUCCESSES

We are incredibly proud that our students embrace sport, whether that is in their curriculum lessons, or during their social/enrichment time. Some of our students are incredibly successful at their chosen sport: Thomas H represented England in the European under-16 Golf Championships in Slovakia over the summer; Nathan played for England in the Atlantic Cup Touch Rugby Championships; Emily played for the England girls under-15 team in the Atlantic Cup Touch Rugby Championship, where she won the gold medal. Congratulations to you all!



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES – THE BIG EGGLESCLIFFE BAKEOFF

Our school's Great European Bake Off was a huge success, with an amazing display of cakes and sweet treats themed around different European countries. The creativity (and sugar levels!) were sky-high. We were thrilled to see so many brilliant entries and even more thrilled to announce we raised over £600 for Macmillan Cancer Support. A massive thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and supported – we've never seen so much cake in one place! Well done to our winners Scarlett M Y9, Lucy W Y7 and Mr Finney's form group. The effort, imagination, and baking skills on show were incredible!!



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IN OTHER NEWS.....

VOLUNTEER MENTORING AT EGGLESCLIFFE

What would it entail?

- Volunteer training
- 1 hour per week working one-to-one with a student
- Working on a hobby together, playing games, chatting and listening

What are some of the benefits?

- Improve students' confidence, self-esteem, resilience
- Raise aspirations and help students identify future goals
- Inspire, encourage and motivate students
- Create lasting impact and develop your skillset

Want to find out more?

Email c.hughes@egglescliffe.org.uk

Watch this video to see previous successes [School Mentor Programme - YouTube](#)

Would you like to make a difference to someone's life?



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SIXTH FORM NEWS

YEAR 12 HIT THE GROUND RUNNING!

Year 12 have made a brilliant start to the academic year here at Egglecliffe School and Sixth Form. We have been delighted to welcome a vibrant group of students, both from our own school and from across the Tees Valley, who have quickly settled into sixth form life.

Our Year 12 Welcome Evening was incredibly well attended by students and their families. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers engaging with the next stage of their child's journey, and the atmosphere on the evening was both positive and inspiring. We are so proud of how Year 12 have embraced their studies. Their excellent attendance and fantastic attitude to learning have set a really strong foundation for the year ahead. Alongside their academic work, there are many fantastic enrichment opportunities available to students, and we are delighted to see them making the most of these. Their enthusiasm and involvement in wider school life is wonderful to see, and it's a brilliant way to develop skills and experiences beyond the classroom.

✿ Celebrating Our Superstar Students

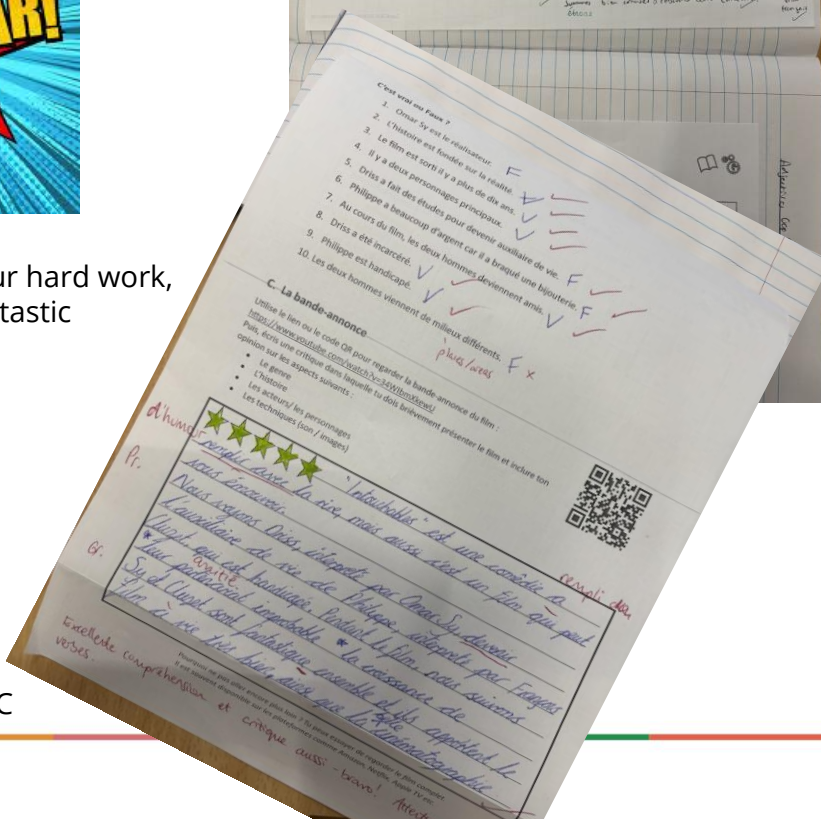
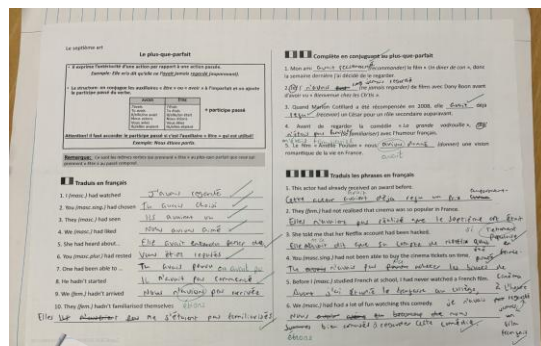
We're thrilled to celebrate a group of Year 12 students who have already achieved **hundreds of positive points** for their excellent attitude to learning.

James C
Chris G
Noah G
Jess N
Josie R
Hannah G
Ethan G
Connie H
Sophie P
Phoebe O



A huge well done to all of you — your hard work, positivity and commitment set a fantastic example for the whole year group!

Images of outstanding French work from Yr 12 students James C & Chris C



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YEAR 13 PROGRESSION AND SUPPORT

Good luck to all our students who have just completed their UCAS forms ahead of the early deadline for applicants to Oxbridge, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. Also, best of luck to those who are completing aptitude tests including UCAT, LNAT, TMUA, PAT and ESAT.

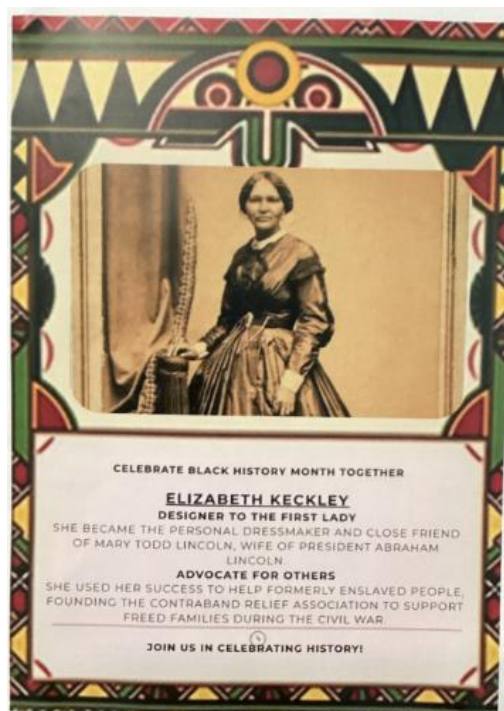
The remaining Y13 have been told that the internal deadline for UCAS applications is Thursday 27th November to allow tutors to complete applications in advance of the January deadline.

This half term we held both our Y12 Information Evening and our Y13 Higher Education Evening. Thank you to all parents/carers who came along to these evenings, we hope they were useful and informative. Copies of the presentations have also been sent out via ClassCharts for anyone who was unable to attend.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Many thanks to BAME Society for providing high quality materials to celebrate Black History Month which have been shared across the school in registrations.



PASTORAL SUPPORT, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE

ATTENDANCE – AN EXCELLENT FIRST HALF TERM

Attendance plays such an important role in how students do and strong attendance underpins success. Compelling evidence from the Department for Education shows that students who are in more than 95% of the time achieve better results. This is reflected in our own school figures from the Summer 2025's GCSE results:

| % Attendance | Number of students | Students achieving 5 standard passes including Eng &Ma (Grade 4+) | Students achieving 5 strong passes including Eng &Ma (Grade 5+) |
|--------------|--------------------|---|---|
| Under 90% | 42 | 42% | 21% |
| 90-95% | 46 | 70% | 41% |
| 95%+ | 145 | 84% | 68% |

The same pattern was mirrored at A-level, with average grades for students below 90% attendance being a Grade C- and for 95% and above being a Grade B.

Where students struggle with attendance (and for a range of reasons), we will always do all we can to support by working closely with our students, our incredibly supportive parents/carers and with wider agencies.

We are very fortunate to have fantastic students and parents/carers. Our attendance figures for the first half-term reflect the thirst for learning across the school community:

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STUDENTS HAVE BEEN IN EVERY DAY SO FAR THIS TERM



TOP 20% FOR ATTENDANCE IN ENGLAND



LOWEST 20% FOR PERSISTENT ABSENCE IN ENGLAND



1020 STUDENTS HAVE 96% OR ABOVE

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CULTURE OF VIGILANCE AT EGGLESCLIFFE

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As discussed in previous assemblies and PSHE lessons, students have the opportunity to inform staff of something in a discrete manner by completing our SafeSpace report.

Please see the link: [SafeSpace Reporting \(egglescliffe.org.uk\)](https://egglescliffe.org.uk/SafeSpaceReporting)