

On Track Education

Dear All,

What an amazingly busy term for us all at On Track Barnstaple! Our new site at Narita House is up and running and the students and staff have adapted really well to the change of scene. It has been great to see a large number of the students involved in decorating and arranging the rooms.

We have had several new students join us this term and the staff team has grown to enable us to keep the 1:1 work we do with all of our young people. All of these new members of the On Track family have fitted in well and are valued members of our community.

While on the subject of success....

Several students sat their Functional Skills exams in November. We understand how difficult our students find it to take exams, and we were so proud of them for turning up, staying totally calm, following the exam room expectations and doing their best. We will receive the results in January and wish them every success.



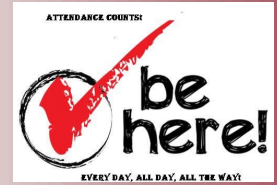
Attendance remains a key area of focus. Well done to the 9 of our students who achieved over 91% last term. Attendance is improving but we want all of our students to be above 91%. [Please see page 2 for more information.](#)



This term, to ensure we continue to meet the needs of all our students as the numbers grow, some of our staff have taken on new roles to help us cover all the jobs that need to be done. Helen Finn has taken on the role of Curriculum Manager and will ensure that our curriculum, planning, assessment and exam decisions are right for the students. Lucy Basey-Fisher is now our Pastoral Manager and will be responsible for the pastoral care of our students, developing the learning environment, increasing engagement and tracking the social and emotional progress that our students are making. Lucy will soon be joining the Safeguarding Team as well. They have already both had an impact on how we work and will continue to help us improve.



**Spring Term starts for students on Wednesday
3rd January 2018**



We are continuing to work with parents, carers and the Local Authority to ensure that our students are in school when they should be. Good attendance is crucial to achievement, and we all want our children to achieve their best and reach their potential.

If your son or daughter is off sick for ten consecutive days we have a duty to report this to the Local Authority. When there is extended absence through illness we also require medical evidence such as a note from your GP.

If your son or daughter is regularly absent we will arrange a meeting with you to discuss any issues that may be preventing regular attendance, and discuss how we can move things forward.

Please let us know as soon as possible on 01271 372269 if your child is not going to be in school—please leave us a message if nobody is available to answer the telephone.



Operation Encompass

We are proud to be members of Operation Encompass as part of our school Safeguarding work. This means we work jointly with the police who will contact us before 8.30 in the morning if they have been called to a situation of domestic abuse at the home of any of our students the previous day. This will enable us to make appropriate arrangements to support our students emotionally in these traumatic situations.

Safeguarding Team—if you have any child protection concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team:

Designated Safeguarding Lead—Jon Lisle 07580 861426

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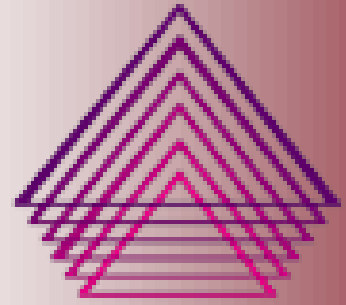
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Important!

**Please ensure that we have up-to -date
contact details for you.**

I wish you all a
happy and peaceful
Christmas and New
Year
Jon