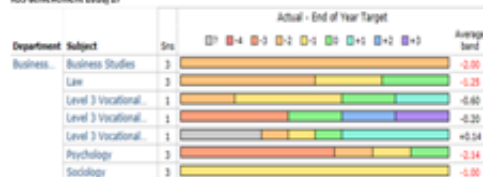


DSLIP Closing the Gap in KS5



The role of HOF of Enterprise and Social Studies includes improving the performance of all subjects offered by the department. In 2016/17 ALPS showed that overall progress for the department in KS5 was **less than satisfactory**.

KS5 achievement 2016/17



It can be seen that where BTCC grades in Single and Double Business and ICT at KS5 were satisfactory, attainment in A Levels were less than satisfactory. The ALPS gradings show a clearer and more unfavourable analysis of the

One area that was evident as a key barrier to progress in KS5 was the issue of attendance to lessons. Overall KS5 attendance to lessons for the faculty in 2016/17 was **45.4%** which was having a serious impact on progress being made.

One of my aims was therefore to improve overall student attendance to lessons above 50%.

Below are attendance averages to date for 2017/18 and last year.

	2017/18	2016/17
A Level Business	59.6	41.73
V. Business	36.24	41.43
Finance	64.2	-
Accounting	63.51	-
Law	61.04	49.19
Sociology	34.53	43.24
Psychology	40.94	51.42
Criminology	39.82	-
Faculty average	49.98%	45.40%

Key Activities

Apart from the general expectations of teaching good/outstanding, purposeful and engaging lessons, the following strategies were further put in place:

Accurate registers: All teachers to ensure registers are accurate especially where there is lateness after register is taken.

All teachers to do calls/texts home for students who have been absent more than twice in a given week.

Teacher/HOF meetings to be held with students who are persistently absent from lessons i.e. usually after 2 phone calls/texts home have been made or a pattern of behaviour observed.

Parental meetings held with students, parents, HOF where attendance has become a serious issue and there is a risk of serious underachievement.

Year to date:

Phone calls/texts to parents	Meetings with students	Meetings with parents
63	18	5

Impact of the project

- So far we have only received actual grades for Certificate in Financial studies. Actual ALPS grade shows progress is Excellent

Progress in other subjects based on AP projections:

- Psychology:** ALPS shows progress is Excellent
- Sociology:** ALPS shows progress is Very good
- Law:** ALPS shows progress is Very good
- Accounting:** ALPS shows progress is satisfactory
- Criminology:** ALPS shows progress is satisfactory
- V. Business:** ALPS shows progress is Satisfactory
- A. Level Business:** ALPS shows progress is Satisfactory

Summary

Though it can be seen that these activities are in general having a positive impact on reducing short-term absenteeism, long-term absenteeism is still an issue which has to be addressed mainly by ensuring that students are on the right courses to begin with.