



Raise Your Attendance, Raise Your Chances!

What does "Good attendance" look like?

Can you make a difference to yours?

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What does attendance to school mean?

■ Do you know what you can and cannot be absent from school for?

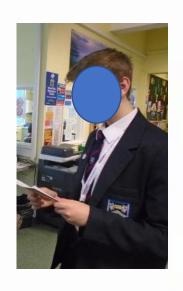


WHAT IS AN AUTHORISED ABSENCE?

- An absence for sickness for which the school has granted
- Medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall during school time
- ✓ Religious or Cultural observances
- ✓ An absence due to a family emergency or funeral
- Competing in a sporting event, filming, taking an assessment/exam

WHAT IS AN UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE?

- X Students absent from school without a reason
- Arriving late after registers are closed
- X Absence due to birthdays, shopping trips, concerts
- An unauthorised holiday
- × Truancy

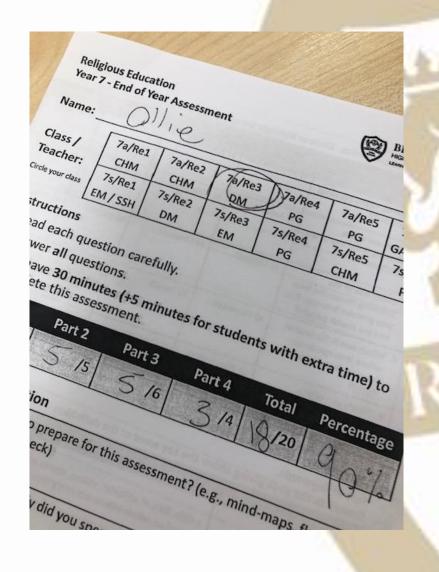


This is Ollie.

He is in Year 7 and has 90% attendance.

- Is that good?
- What does this mean?

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Ollie thinks this is pretty good, so do his parents.
Are they right?

This is Ollie's RS QMA test result. He got 90%. Is that good?

Lets looks a little closer.....

1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!!!

Absent for 4 weeks = 34/38 school week

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90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school....

20 weeks missed = ½ a school year missed!

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What impact might this have on Ollie's life.....?

Research suggests that 17 (about 92% missed school days a year = GCSE grade DROP in achievement. (DfES)

The greater the attendance the greater the achievement.

Attendance and Achievement – the link What does achievement in school have to do with earnings? Well did you know currently.....

- People with no qualifications earned £304 per week on average
- People with GCSEs at A*-C level or equivalent earned £381 per week on average
- People with A-Levels or equivalent earned £435 per week on average
- People with a degree or equivalent earned £694 per week on average

Why do we ask you to record your attendance in form every Friday?

How many days per week you will miss every week of the year.

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- $90\% = \frac{1}{2} \text{ day}$
- 80% = 1 day
- $70\% = 1 \frac{1}{2} \text{ days}$
- 60% = 2 days
- $50\% = 2 \frac{1}{2} \text{ days}$
- 40% = 3 days
- $30\% = 3 \frac{1}{2} \text{ day}$

Another reason we ask you to record your Percentage Attendance in form How many weeks you will miss in 5 years by Y11

- 90% = 20 weeks = 1 ½ TERMS
- 80% = 40 weeks = 1 YEAR
- 70% = 60 weeks = 1 ½ YEARS
- 60% = 80 weeks = 2 YEARS
- 50% = 100 weeks = 2 ½ YEARS

So 90% is **not** as good as it first seemed Ollie!

What can you do to ensure your attendance is as good as it can be?

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Ways to keep excellent attendance:

- 1.Be AWARE and monitor your attendance weekly in form time reflection. Stay informed.
- 2. Prevent BARRIERS which may prevent you wanting to come to school. Have good routines through the week which will keep you fit and healthy sleep, nutrition & exercise. Only have a day off if you are genuinely too ill to attend. You will know!
- 3. Always CATCH UP with any important missed work if you are off, so you don't start to have gaps in you learning

Support to help you keep your attendance on track

- 1.We keep your parents and carers up to date with your attendance.
- 2. We reward and celebrate the achievements of students with excellent attendance.
- 3. Talk to people at home or school if something is bothering you and preventing you wanting to come into school.

Attend and Achieve!

Aim to keep your attendance above 97% This will result in you having the best chance of achieving YOUR potential at the end of Y11 It will help YOUR mental and social wellbeing during your journey through Secondary School It will set you up with the best routines and habits for YOUR future in the work place