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Dear Parent/Carer and Students,

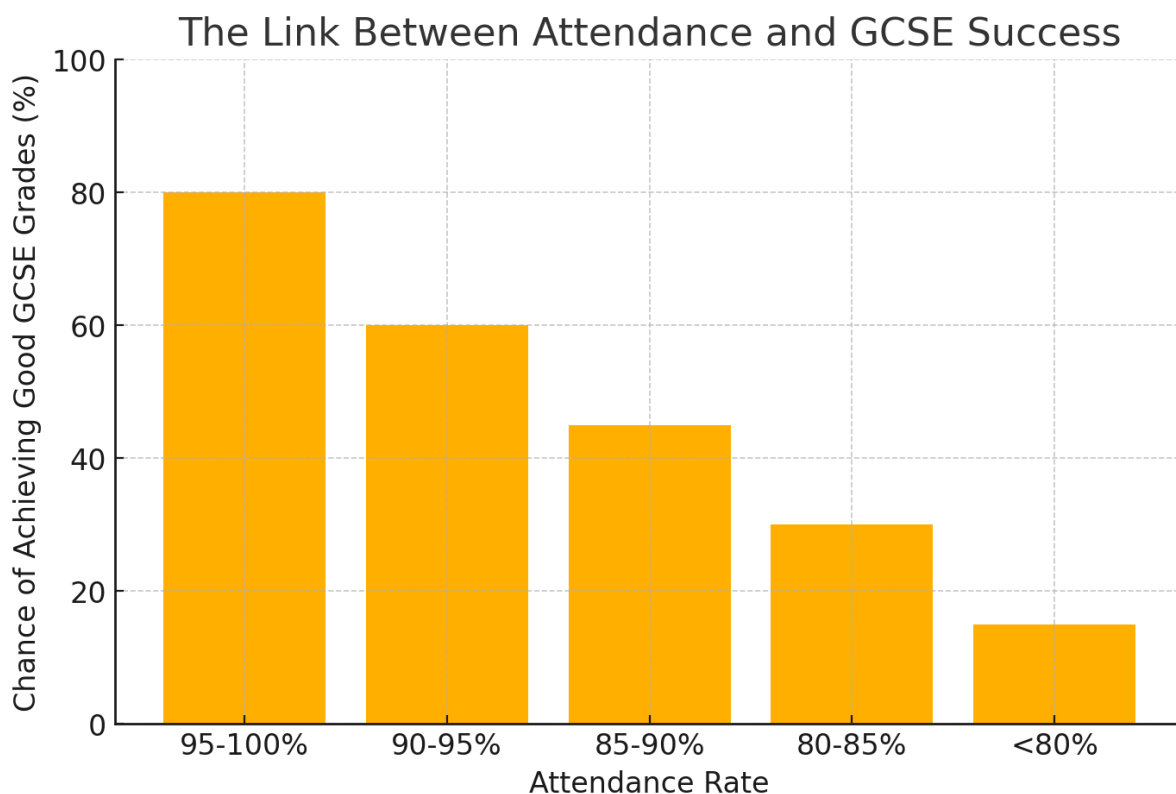
## Re: Why Every School Day Matters

We know that attending school regularly is one of the most important factors in your child's success. New research from the **Department for Education** shows that **students who attend school regularly achieve better exam results, have more job opportunities, and earn more money in the future.**

### The Impact of Attendance on GCSE Results

A recent study found that students who miss school regularly are much less likely to achieve good grades at GCSE.

- **Students with 95%+ attendance** are **twice as likely** to achieve good GCSE grades in English and maths compared to those with lower attendance.
- **Students with 90% attendance** (missing just one day per fortnight) are much less likely to achieve a Grade 5 or above in key subjects.
- **Students with less than 80% attendance** are **five times less likely** to achieve good grades.



The **graph above** clearly shows that as attendance **drops**, the chance of getting **good GCSE results** also falls. You/your child may, of course, have a medical condition that effects school attendance so to avoid getting worse GCSE results you will need to talk to the staff so we can give support.

### How Attendance Affects Future Earnings

Good school attendance doesn't just help students get better grades—it also **affects future job opportunities and salary levels**. Being part of the school community also helps to build connections and learn life skills required in the future.

### What Can Parents/Carers Do to Help?

1. **Encourage good routines** – Make sure your child gets enough sleep and is ready for school on time. Having the correct uniform, equipment and food/drinks for the day, stops unnecessary stress first thing in the morning.
2. **Avoid unnecessary absences** – Try to book medical appointments outside school hours.
3. **Talk about the importance of attendance** – Explain how missing school affects exams and future job opportunities.
4. **Don't book holidays during term time** – These will not be authorised and the impact of the time missed cannot be emphasised enough,
5. **Contact the school for support** – If your child is struggling with attendance, let us know so we can help.

### Final Message

Every school day counts! By making sure your child attends regularly, you are giving them the best chance of success in their exams, future career, and life.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are on this journey together, please ask for support if you feel we can help to get you child into school.



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