

**Simon is currently in Year 8 and Lisa is in Year 10, their attendance rates at school are always around 90%**

*They think this is pretty good!*

**90% attendance for Simon = 20 days absence**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

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Absent half a day every week

90% attendance means that Simon is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **one half day every week**

**87% attendance for Lisa = 25 days absence**

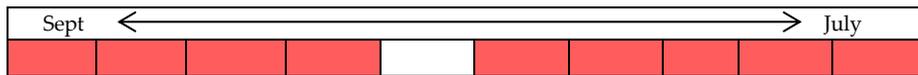
- Two weeks –holiday (10 days)
- Five days – flu
- Three days – orthodontist appointments (three appointments)
- One day – to do coursework catch-up
- Two days – as a result of being late to school and missing registration
- One day – taken off at the end of term to go Christmas shopping
- Three days unauthorised absence – for which no note has been received

In Year 7, Simon’s 90% attendance rate means that he missed the equivalent of **four whole weeks** of lessons in the school year.



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Absent for four weeks

In Year 9, Lisa’s attendance rate was 87%, which means that she missed the equivalent of **five weeks** of lessons in the school year.



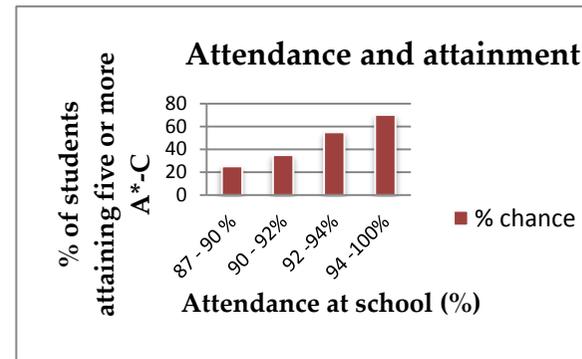
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If Simon continues to attend for only 90% of the time, then over five school years he will miss the equivalent of about **one half of a school year**.

Sept	←									→	July	
Year 7												
Year 8												
Year 9			Half a year absent from school									
Year 10												
Year 11												

Lisa’s attendance has improved from 87% to 90% this year, what impact will this have?

**Do you think a 90% attendance rate will affect Simon and Lisa’s chances of doing well at school?**



*Based on national figures did you know that ...*

75% of students with attendance rates of 94 and above achieve at least five or more A\* - C grades GCSE.

At 90% attendance, students have only a 35% chance of five or more A\* - C grades at GCSE.

**What does your child’s attendance figures mean as learning time lost:**

Attendance Rate	Approximate days absence by the end of the year	School time missed by end of Year 11
100%	0	0
95%	10	¼ of a year
90%	20	½ of a year
85%	30	¾ of a year
80%	40	One whole year

**Is your child’s attendance rate affecting their performance at school?**

## Clocked in at work today?

Please remember:

- Try to make dental/doctors' appointments outside of school hours.
- Make sure your child registers promptly and is safe. A late mark is an absence after registration has closed.
- Repeated lateness is classed as truancy say the courts
- Don't book holidays in term time. Many holidays companies will offer cheap deals during the school holidays if you book early.
- The first and last days and weeks of terms are important both socially and academically.
- Missing the odd day can become a habit, which would not be accepted in the work place.
- Your child only has one chance at school. Help them to make the most of it.
- Make sure your details are up to date and that you have registered in Schoolcomms.
- Please contact the school immediately if your child is absent from school.

## Every day counts ....

