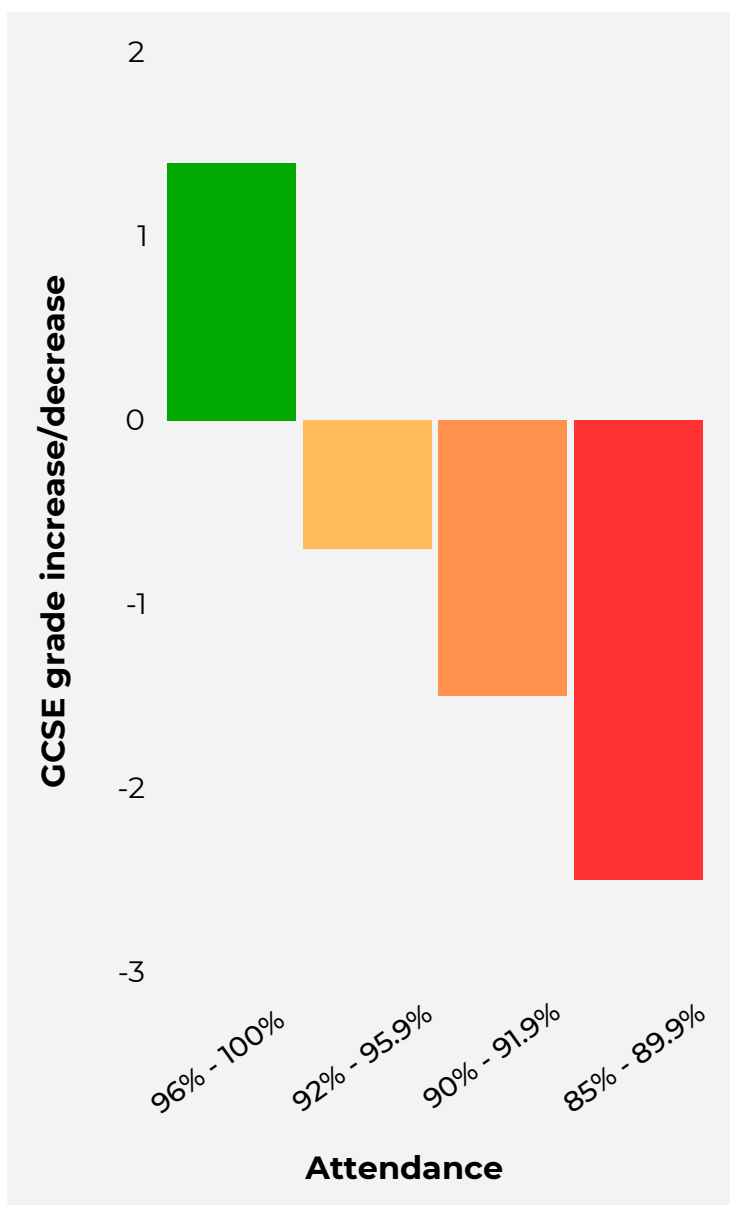




# THE IMPORTANCE OF **ATTENDANCE**

**It all  
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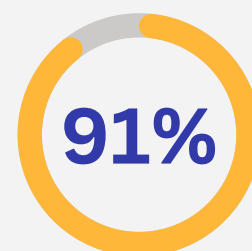
Every late arrival  
+  
Every absence  
= **A lower grade**



Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to two weeks absence a year, that's **55 hours of lessons missed**.



**95% attendance means 50 hours of lessons missed**, meaning your child missed about two weeks of lessons.



91% attendance or lower = **one grade lower** across all subjects.

# Just one day off can hinder your child's education

Regular school attendance is undeniably linked to academic success. If your child misses their classes - whether by taking days off or by arriving late to school - they will miss vital aspects of their education. This is why, at PSA, as per government guidance, **we do not permit holidays or any leave during term time**, and we expect students to aim for **96%** attendance. Taking your child out of school and lowering their attendance rate can create gaps in their understanding, and ultimately impact their grades, confidence and future.

<b>1 day</b>	<b>5 hours of lessons missed</b>
<b>5 days</b>	<b>25 hours of lessons missed</b>
<b>10 days</b>	<b>50 hours of lessons missed</b>
<b>20 days</b>	<b>100 hours of lessons missed</b>

From the table, we can see that a two-week absence from school means your child will need to make up for 50 hours of lessons. This situation can result in stress and anxiety as they attempt to catch up, and can lead to a drop of one whole GCSE grade.

As your child's grades are at risk due to poor attendance, so are their future prospects. Since their absences are recorded and included in references, universities and employers can view poor attendance as a reflection of your child's reliability and discipline, limiting their opportunities for higher education and future employment.

## Did you know...

90% of young people with absence rates below 85% **fail to achieve five or more good GCSE grades**, and around **one third achieve no GCSEs at all**.



**EDUCATION +  
ATTENDANCE + EFFORT =  
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES**

## Frequent absences can also:

- ❗ lead to poor behaviour
- ❗ result in your child missing out on school social life
- ❗ affect your child's ability to have or keep their friendship groups
- ❗ isolate your child, leading them to feel lonely and detached

### Did you know...

Those holding at least an undergraduate degree earned almost **130%** more than people with no qualifications.

No qualifications	£304 per week on average
GCSEs at A*-C (now 9-4) or equivalent	£381 per week on average
A-Levels or equivalent	£435 per week on average
Degree or equivalent	£694 per week on average

## Unacceptable reasons for being off school

We **DO NOT** authorise term-time leave for holidays or travel. Absences can lead to fines, your child being classified as a "child missing education," and social services getting involved.

Other reasons include:

- You have a runny nose
- Headache
- Period pains
- A member of the family has an appointment
- Stomach ache
- Body pain
- Unwell/under the weather
- Mild cough or cold
- Tiredness/fatigue
- Feels sick
- Sore finger or toe
- It's your birthday

Your child's well-being and attendance are our top priorities. We have a very structured approach to managing attendance that involves regular checks and monitoring of attendance figures. This helps us address any concerns promptly, involving parents and authorities when necessary. Through open communication and collaboration, we can ensure a bright and successful future for every student.

## Get in touch

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### Talk to us

The Student Services team is here to support you and your child. If something happens which prevents your child coming into school, please contact us or your Head of Year. We want to help.