

HOW DOES ATTENDANCE AFFECT GCSE GRADES?

Year 10 and 11 Newsletter

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Attendance at school is a key factor in students achieving their full potential. In this newsletter we want to showcase this to you, and the impact absence has on your child's progress.

Introduction

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results. The higher a pupil's attendance, the more they are likely to learn, and the better they are likely to perform in exams and formal assessments.

Attendance	Effect on Results (per GCSE or equivalent)
96 – 100%	+1.4
92 – 95.9%	-0.7
90 – 91.9%	-1.5
85 – 89.9%	-1.9
80 – 84.9%	-2.7
0 – 79.9%	-3.3

What data shows us

Every year schools analyse students academic achievement against their attendance at school. Students whose attendance is higher than 96% achieve nearly one and a half grades higher in their GCSE's. Those with an attendance below 90% range from one and a half grades lower to nearly three and a half grades lower when it falls below 80%.

How this might look on results day

- Pupils with no absence are over twice as likely to achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades 5-9 including English and Mathematics.
- The students with the highest levels of attendance are almost 5 times more likely to achieve 5 GCSEs at grades 5-9 including English and Mathematics
- Students with a rate of attendance lower than 95%, have lower than 50% chance of gaining 5 or more GCSEs at grade 5-9 including Maths and English. Only 35% of pupils whose attendance is lower than 90% gain 5 or more GCSEs including English and Maths.
- **Students with 100% attendance have almost 75% chance of gaining 5 or more GCSEs at grades 5-9 including English and Maths.**

What we have found out at Madeley School from our 2023 results

	Attendance 96% or above	Attendance 85-95%	Attendance 84% or below
% of students achieving 9-4 in English and Maths	87.9	75.6	54.2
% of students achieving 9-4 in English	87.9	82.1	62.5
% of students achieving 9-4 in Maths	97	85.9	75



% Attendance at end of year	Average amount of days missed	Hours of teaching missed	% achieved 5 GCSE's grade 9-4	% achieved 5 GCSE's grade 7-1
100 – 93.5%			74.3	96.8
93.5 – 91.5%	½ per fortnight	48.7	53.1 – 60.4	92.8 – 94.6
91.5 – 90%	½ per week	97.5	44.6	89.5
90 – 85%	1½ per fortnight	146.2	34.7	84.8
80% and below	1 per week	195	26.7	77.9