

Raise Your Child's Attendance, - Raise their Chances!

What does "***Good attendance***"
mean?



- Do you know what your child's attendance is?
- Do you know what it means?

Attendance Percentage		Days missed over a school year
100%		0 days
95%		10 days
90%		20 days
85%		30 days
80%		40 days

Is 90% attendance good?

90% attendance = **1/2 day missed**
every week!!



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
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Absent half a day every week

Let's look a little closer....

1 school year at **90%** attendance = **4** whole weeks. This is 100 lessons **MISSED!!!**
(116 lessons for Year 11 students)

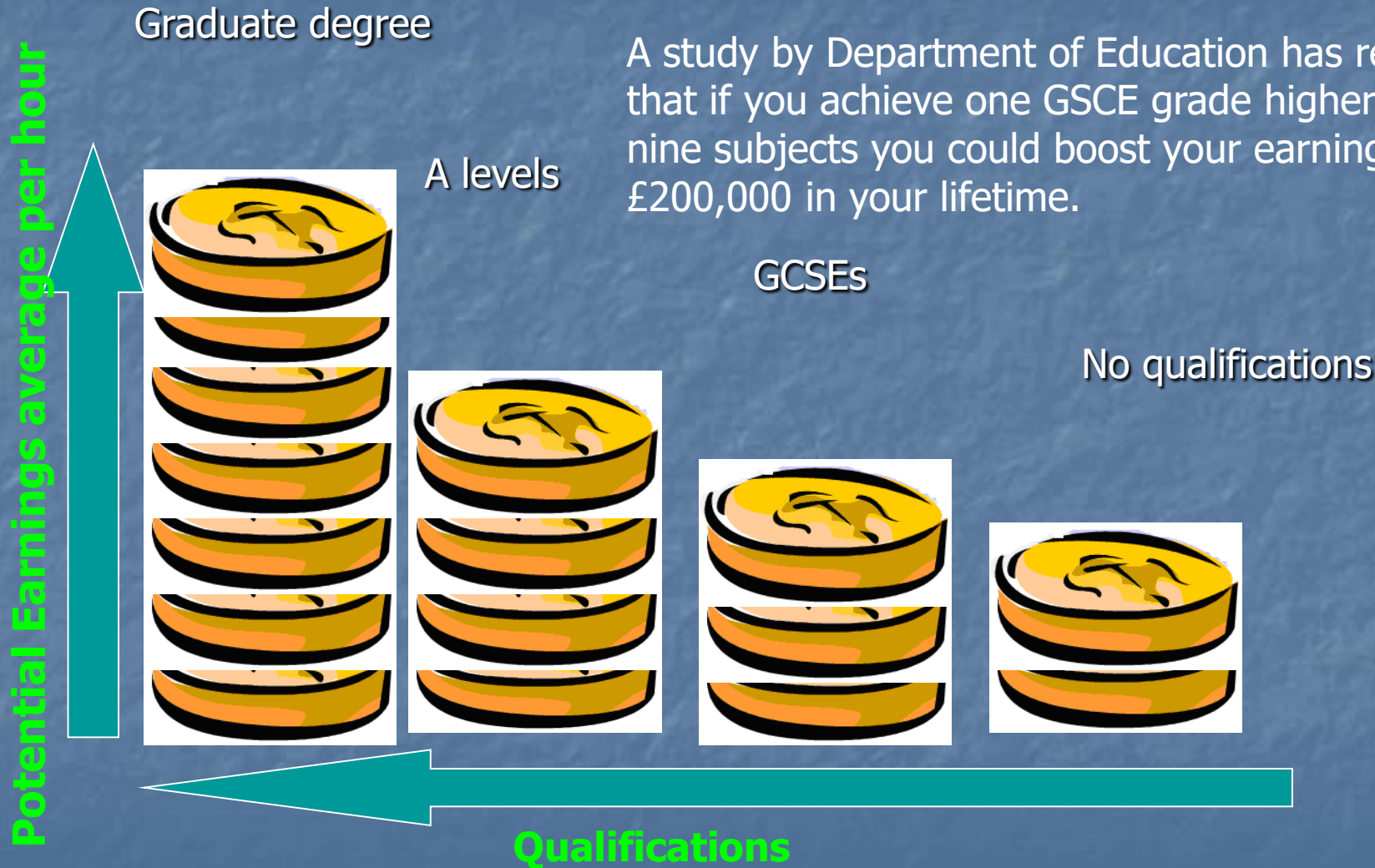


What impact might this have on
your child.....?

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

The greater the attendance the greater the
achievement.

What could your potential earnings look like?



A study by Department of Education has recorded that if you achieve one GCSE grade higher across nine subjects you could boost your earnings by £200,000 in your lifetime.

What do you want for your future?

90% in your maths test is excellent
but

90% attendance is **not** as good as
it first seemed.

Make the right choice for your child
and support them with school
attendance.

Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

1. Find out **regularly** your child's **absence**. (Ask for half days if easier) and check this matches with your **own record**.
2. **Talk** regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it. More likely to attend if they feel supported and anxieties **listened** to.

Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

6. Know **routines** of the school **day** to avoid issues, e.g. have they got their PE kit?
7. If you have concerns **ring us** – we will **check** attendance and be discreet.
8. **PRAISE AND REWARD GOOD ATTENDANCE:** even small successes, e.g. going in promptly, even when first lesson is their worst!

Other tips to help secure good attendance:

1. If there is a **problem** with your child's attendance, **talk calmly** to your child and **listen** to the **explanation**. There is *always* an explanation. It may not impress you, but it counted enough with your child to make them truant. Pursuing the **reason** for non-attendance is **important**.
2. Talk to us to **resolve** issues. We may be able to help and support you and your child. You are **not alone**.

Other tips to help secure good attendance:

3. Be particularly watchful and supportive in the run up to **tests** and aware of coursework **deadlines**.
4. Check homework **diary** regularly for gaps as well as completed activities.
5. **Help** them **catch up** with missed work. A missed day doesn't mean missed work.
6. Remember **PRAISE** for good attendance

Attend and Achieve!

- If a school can **improve** attendance by **1%**, they will see a **5-6%** improvement in **attainment**. (Department for Education and Skills)
- Please **help** us and your child by ensuring your attendance remains high, this will allow you to **achieve** your potential.

We are here to help so
please contact our
Attendance Team if you
have any concerns with
your child's attendance.