



# Ramsey Grammar School

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Re: Term-Time Holidays and School Attendance**

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to remind all families of the importance of regular school attendance and to clarify our position regarding holidays taken during term time.

This term, we have already received 78 Student Absence Requests for holidays during school term time.

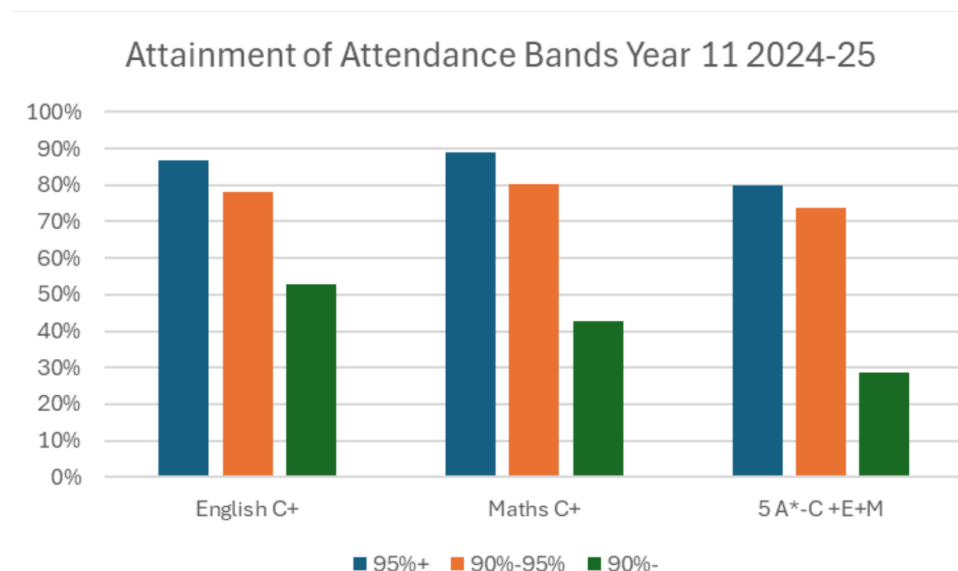
Consistent attendance is a key factor in academic success, personal development, and long-term achievement. When students miss school, even for short periods, it can disrupt their learning, affect their progress, and impact their confidence. At RGS, we are committed to ensuring every student receives the best possible education.

In line with Isle of Man Government guidelines and our school policy, holidays during term time will not be authorised. Requests for leave due to holidays are declined unless there are exceptional circumstances, which must be discussed with the Headteacher in advance.

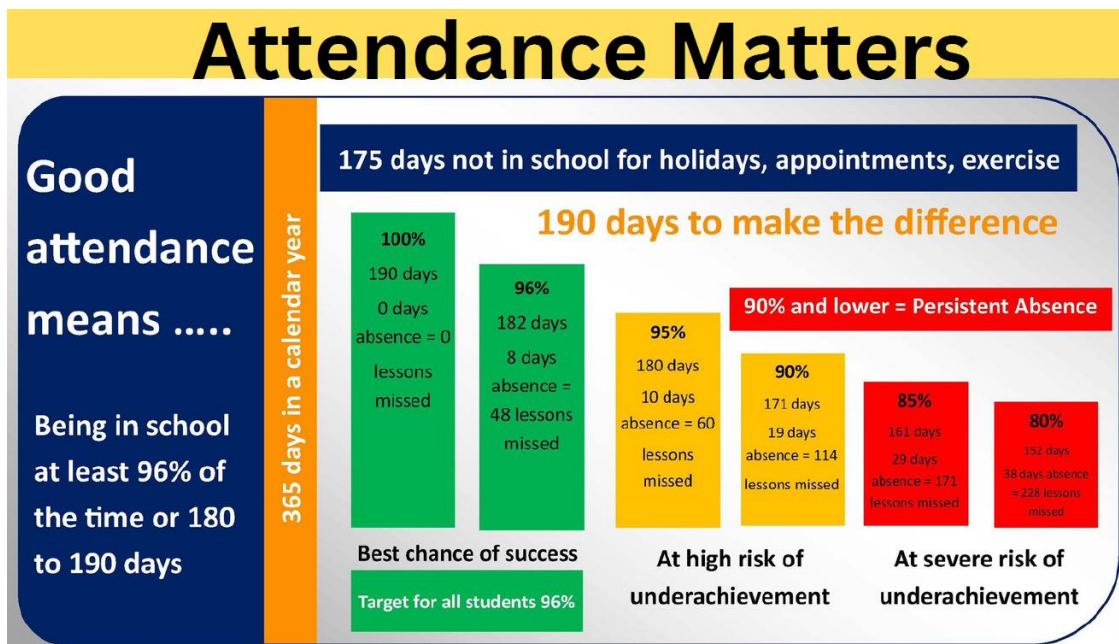
There are 188 school days per year where students are required to be in lessons. There are 13 weeks a year which are school holidays:

- 3 weeks for half term holidays (1 week in October, 1 week in February and 1 week in June/TT week)
- 2 weeks at Christmas
- 2 weeks at Easter
- 6 weeks summer holidays

Studies show that high attendance makes a difference to academic outcomes. The chart below shows 2024-25 Year 11 results; 95% or more attendance resulted in higher grades:



You will see below that 95% attendance still means 10 school days lost (equal to 60 lessons) in an academic year.



We understand that family time is important, and we appreciate the challenges some families face in arranging holidays. However, we ask for your full support in prioritising your child's education by planning holidays outside of the school term.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in helping us maintain high standards of attendance and achievement at RGS.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sonia Taylor  
Headteacher