

Attendance at Frome College

At Frome College attendance is a serious matter. We are all working together to ensure that students achieve their maximum academic potential. The table below demonstrates it's a well established fact that poor attendance can have a negative impact on academic progress. Good attendance also shows potential employers that your child is reliable.

All students should arrive promptly at 8.40am ready for registration to start at 8.45am. If your child is unable to attend school, it is vital that you call the absence line 01373 469008 and leave a clear message detailing your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence. If your child is not well enough to attend school and the absence is for more than one day please provide a note in their planner on their return. For lengthy absences you may be asked to provide a medical note from your doctor. **We would ask all parents to please make all appointments out of school hours where at all possible as it can be very disruptive to learning.**

From the academic year, 2015-2016, the Government reduced the persistent absence threshold from 15% to 10%. Therefore, a student is now considered to have persistent absence if their attendance falls below 90%. This means that school will be closely monitoring students who are not achieving an overall attendance of 90%.

A 90% attendance rate over a child's time at school (on average just 19 days' absence each year) would mean that by the end of Year 11 the equivalent of over a school year will have been missed.

Holidays in Term Time

From September 2013 legislation changed so that **no** absence for holidays will be authorised. Exceptional circumstances will always arise and such situations will be taken into consideration if a letter outlining such a request is submitted to our Principal. If you decide to take your child out of school, this will be recorded as unauthorised absence. This may result in you being issued with a Penalty Notice fine from the Local Authority of £60 per child (per parent/carer) if paid within 21 days, which goes up to £120 if payment is made between 22 and 28 days. Prosecution will be enforced if no payment within 28 days.

Students Attendance % in a school year	% chance of achieving 5 A* - C	Number of days off
95	77	10
94	74	11
93	60	13
92	53	15
91	44	17
85	30	30

