

Supporting your child at KS4

He always leaves everything to the last minute - one moment he has all the time in the world - the next it's all stress and stropping because it has to be in tomorrow and he hasn't got the stuff he needs to do it...

I didn't even do GCSEs - how can I help him?

I don't understand all this coursework, levels and module exams - it's completely different from when I was at school.

I can't stand the arguments and stress when I tell him exams are important and try to make him work - it always ends up with him saying it's his life and slamming the door.

There's a million websites to help but how do you know which are any good?

She's always got an excuse - I don't know what to believe.

She's always panicked in exams - when I try to help her it always ends in a slanging match - it always seems to end in me making her more stressed.

Surely she shouldn't be going out **again** when she's got exams coming up?



What is my role?

- Partner with College
- Provider of tools, files, revision guides and a quiet place to study
- Study buddy
- Entertainments officer
- Project manager
- Cheerleader
- Attendance officer

Sam's Story

Sam is Year 10.

His attendance rate is always around 90%.

He thinks this is pretty good!



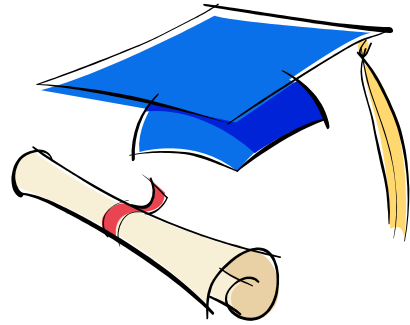
So what does an attendance rate
of 90% look like?



90% attendance means that he is absent from lessons for the equivalent of **one half day every week**

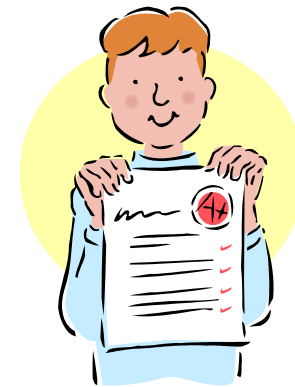
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri
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Absent half a day every week



How do you think 90% attendance rate will affect Sam's chances of doing well in school?

Research suggests that 17 days missed from school equates to a GCSE grade.



Preparation for exams / assessment

- Know when assessments and examinations will take place
- Help plan a revision timetable - no more than 2 subjects per night
- Work out time limits for revision and social time
- Ensure there is a suitable place to study
- Offer help as a tester, reader
- Organise rewards for hard work

Term time revision timetable

Fill in each of your options A-D

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
ENGLISH	MATHS	RE	SCIENCE	Rest day	Review of Monday and Tuesday	Review of Wednesday and Thursday
Option A:	Option B:	Option C:	Option D:			

How will we help?

- Stretch and challenge
- High expectations
- Revision sessions
- Keep you informed
- Intervention support

Subject guides