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Holiday in term time request

(to be completed by the Parent/Guardian at least 2 weeks in advance)

ON TRACK = 96% and above

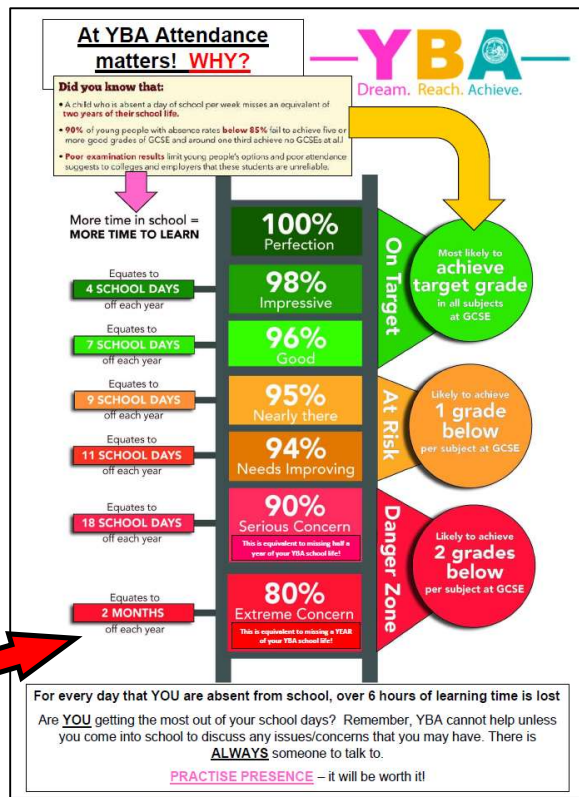
AT RISK = 90% - 95.9%

DANGER ZONE = 89.9% and below

Leave of Absence requests during term time

Parents are requested **NOT** to arrange family holidays during term time. Where this is unavoidable, requests for holiday leave of absence should be made on this form and an appointment made with the Headteacher, well in advance of the date.

Please be aware of the negative impact of your child missing school.



SECTION A

Pupil(s) Name(s): _____ Form: _____

Holiday start date: _____ Date returning to school: _____

Destination: _____
(Please note - this is for child protection reasons ensuring all our children are safeguarded)

Declaration: I understand that this holiday request may be authorised or not authorised and the Headteacher will use her discretion in making the decision based on my child's circumstances. If the Headteacher does not authorise this holiday, this may lead to a request for a Fixed Penalty Notice to the Local Authority Lead ESWTM which will be determined in line with the school's attendance policy.

Parent/Guardian signature.....

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Number of days requested: _____ Date: _____

Current Attendance:

Any previous holidays taken? _____
(include dates)

Date of Meeting with Headteacher: _____

Code given: _____

Attendance Officer Signature: _____



SECTION B

To be completed by the Headteacher within at least 1 week from the request

Reasons for refusal to authorise absence.

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Reasons for authorising

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The Headteacher has authorised/unauthorised the holiday request for the reasons specified above. Please see attached attendance registration certificate.

Read the information below carefully. There can be detrimental loss of learning due to taking your child out of school.

It is vital that pupils strive to have the best attendance possible so that they have access to learning opportunities. There is a proven link to GCSE success and attendance, so all pupils need to develop good habits to attend school every day and on time.

Your child has 175 days in the year where they are NOT in school – that is plenty of time for visits, holidays, and other appointments.

Try to support your child develop good attendance habits as there can be a huge impact on learning when you consider the number of lessons that could be missed. The biggest % of these lessons will be Maths, English and Science, therefore, it is clear the possible negative impact on lost learning for your child (see information below)

**190 school days in each year = attend all / no lessons missed = 100%.
Your child has the best chance of success.**

180 days = 10 days absence / 50 lessons missed = 95% attendance. Striving to ensure that any absences do not have a detrimental effect on your child’s education.

171 days = 19 days absence / 95 lessons missed = 90% attendance. Less chance of success at GCSE level (even if in lower school years). Possible Fixed Penalty notice issued following YBA attendance processes.

161 days = 29 days absence / 145 lessons missed = 85% attendance. Not accessing key learning opportunities and a possible stressor for your child having missed vital work (coursework, exam preparation, introduction to new learning topics). Fixed Penalty notices issued and Education Social Worker involvement.

Most young people with absence rates below 85% fail to achieve five or more good grades at GCSE and around one third of these achieve no GCSEs at all.

152 days = 38 days absence / 190 lessons missed = 80% attendance. This is **VERY** poor attendance and has a serious impact on education as well as reducing life chances for your child. Court action could be taken by the Local Authority ESW team following a YBA referral as per our attendance policy. **As a school we would be particularly concerned about the negative impact of this absence on your child not only with their learning but more importantly on their wellbeing. This amount of absence creates an increased workload for catch up as well as adding considerable additional stress on your child. For example, they may find it difficult to make and maintain friendships, have feelings of isolation as they have poorer academic performance and then go on to develop poor mental health as a result.**

Remember, if your child is in Years 10 or 11 and **misses an external exam** for reasons that cannot be professionally evidenced (e.g., GP, Consultant letter), then **you will be charged the entry fee.** As a school we pay for every exam that your child is entered for and we will, therefore, pass this cost on to you (approx. £40 per entry).

PRACTISE PRESENCE at YBA, it makes the difference to your child’s life chances.