

Attendance

Brixham College is committed to providing a full and efficient education for all students. Regular attendance at the College is essential to ensure that each individual gains the maximum benefit from the education we offer. To this end we will do all we can to ensure that all students attend College every day and that any problems that get in the way of full attendance are identified and acted upon as soon as possible.

The Government expects students to attend at least 93.4% of the school year.

We expect the following from all students

- That they will attend College every day.
- That they will arrive on time at registration with the necessary equipment to take a full part in all lessons. Morning registration is at 8.40.
- That they will sign in should they be unavoidably late.
- That they will inform a member of staff of any problem that may prevent them attending College.
- That they arrive on time for all lessons.

We expect the following from parents/carers

- To ensure their children attend College every day.
- To contact the College whenever their child is unable to attend College. The number of the absence line is 01803 881228. There is also an option to text a message regarding an absence to the number 07907794035
- To contact the College whenever any problems arise that may have an effect on their child's attendance.

Parents and students can expect the following from the College

- Regular, efficient and accurate recording of attendance – lesson by lesson.
- Early contact with parents when a student fails to attend College without providing good reason.
- Prompt, caring action on any problem notified to us.
- The encouragement and rewarding of good attendance.
- The provision of a quality education for all students.

Working in Partnership

Do you know where your child is?

Do we know where your child is?

When your child is not well and therefore cannot attend school, make sure you ring the school in the morning on the first day of absence.

If we do not hear anything from you and your child is absent from school, we will ring you to let you know your child has not arrived at school.

Remember it is the school, who authorises your child's absence and not you as a parent/carer. Whilst you provide us with the reason for your child's absence, as a school we use DfES guidelines to decide whether the absence is authorised or not.

Absence Line phone number:

01803 881228

Absence Line text number:

07907794035

School phone number:

01803 858271

At Brixham College
we work with young people
and families to ensure
greater access to education
through increased attendance
at school.

Young people
will not achieve their
maximum educational
potential unless they have
maximum attendance
levels.

We hope all students will
achieve attendance of at
least 94% each
year.



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Why it is important

Simon's Story

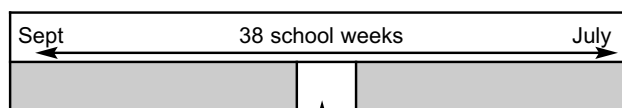
Simon is in Year 8. His attendance rate is always around 90%. He thinks this is pretty good!

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri



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

In Year 7 Simon's 90% attendance rate means he missed the equivalent of 4 whole weeks of lessons in a school year.



Absent for 4 weeks

If Simon continues to attend for only 90% of the time, then over five years he will **miss** the equivalent of about **one half of a school year**.

Sept											July
Yr7											
Yr 8											
Yr 9		1/2 year absent									
Yr 10											
Yr 11											

Do you think 90% attendance rate will affect Simon's chances of doing well in school?

Is your child's attendance rate affecting his/her performance in school?

- * 7.7 million school days a year are lost
- * 10% of persistent truants or absentees achieve 5 A*- C compared with 38% occasional truants or absentees and 58% of pupils with regular good attendance.
- * 21% of persistent truants or absentees had no qualifications as opposed to 3% of regular good attenders

In it to win it

