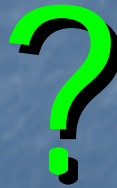


Raise Your Childs Attendance, -Raise their Chances!

What does "*Good attendance*"
mean?



- Do you know what your child's attendance is?
- Do you know what it means?



This is Simon. He is in Year 7 and has 90% attendance.

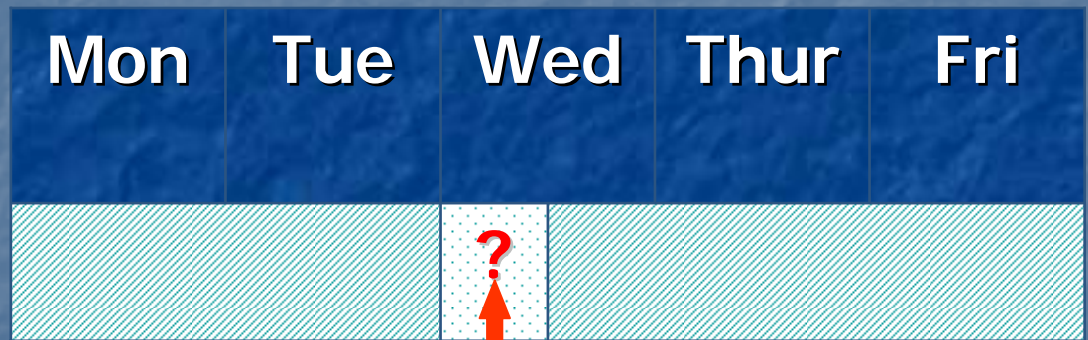
- Is that good?
- What does this mean?



Simon thinks this is pretty good, so do his parents. Are they right?

90% attendance = **1/2 day missed**
every week!!

(Would your boss like you to be off work this much??). That's practically part time!



Absent half a day every week

Lets looks a little closer.....

1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!!!

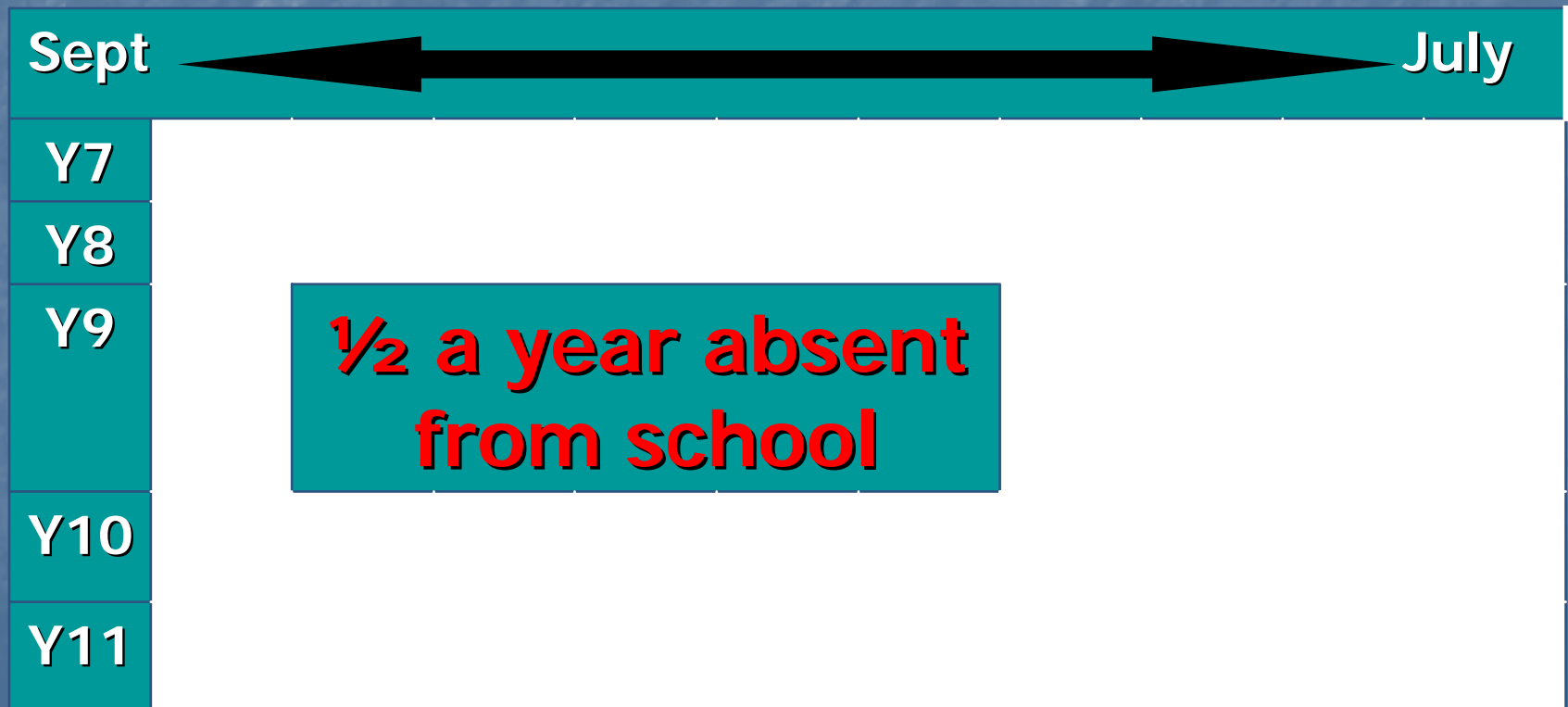
38 school weeks



Absent for 4 weeks

90% attendance over **5** years of secondary school....

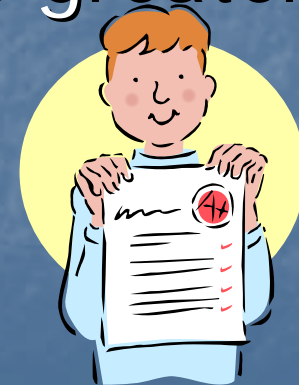
= $\frac{1}{2}$ a school **year missed!**



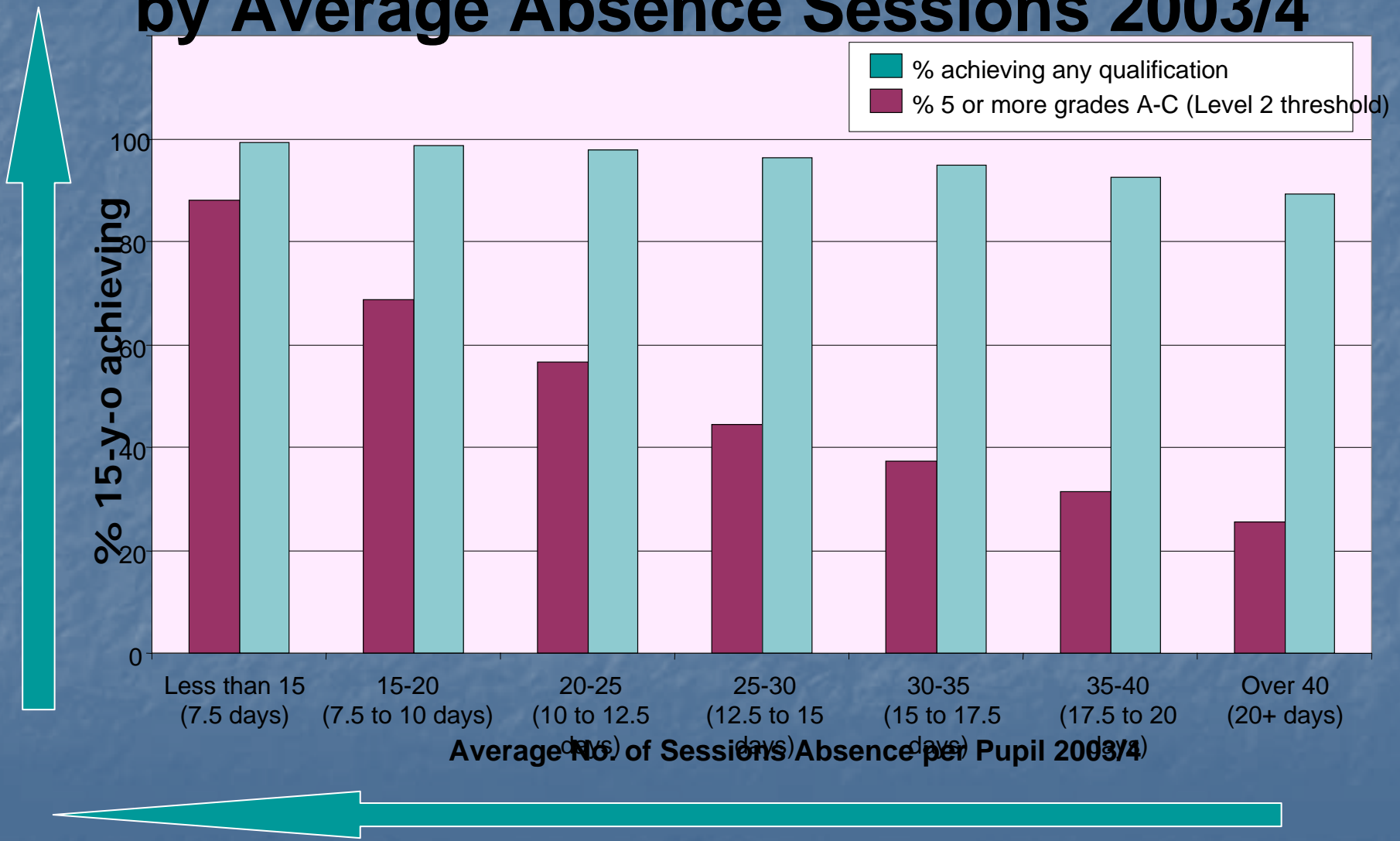
What impact might this have on Simon's life.....?

Research suggests that **17 missed school days** a year = GCSE grade **DROP** in achievement. (DfES)

The greater the attendance the greater the achievement.



Secondary School Key Stage 4 Performance by Average Absence Sessions 2003/4



What could Simon's potential earnings look like?



What do you want for your child?

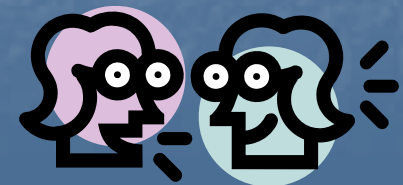
So **90%** is **not** as good as it first seemed.

What can **I** do as a parent to increase my child's attendance?



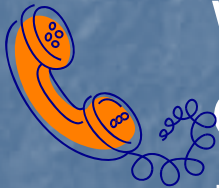
Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

1. Find out **regularly** your child's **absence**. (Ask for half days if easier) and check this matches with your **own record**.
2. **Talk** regularly with your child about school and how they feel about it. More likely to attend if they feel supported and anxieties **listened** to.

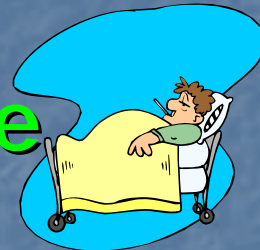


Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

3. **Phone** us as soon as possible to tell us why your child is absent, and when you expect them to return. Putting the school number in your phone can save you time. Know the school routine for alerting you to absence.



4. Only grant days at home for **genuine** illness. (you will know!!)

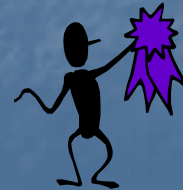


5. **Avoid** taking holidays in school time.



Ways for parents to encourage attendance:

6. Know **routines** of the school **day** to avoid issues, e.g. have they got their PE kit?
7. If you have concerns **ring us** – we will **check** attendance and be discreet.
8. **PRAISE AND REWARD GOOD ATTENDANCE:** even small successes, e.g. going in promptly, even when first lesson is their worst!

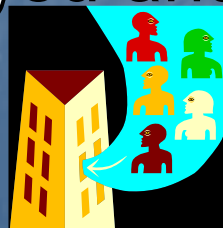


Other tips to help secure good attendance:

1. If there is a **problem** with your child's attendance, **talk calmly** to your child and **listen** to the **explanation**. There is *always* an explanation. It may not impress you, but it counted enough with your child to make them truant. Pursuing the **reason** for non attendance is **important**.



2. Talk to us to **resolve** issues. We maybe able to help and support you and your child. You are **not alone**.

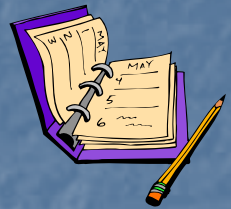


Other tips to help secure good attendance:

3. Be particularly watchful and supportive in the run up to **tests** and aware of coursework **deadlines**.



4. Check homework **diary** regularly for gaps as well as completed activities.



5. **Help** them **catch up** with missed work, missed day doesn't mean missed work.
6. Remember **PRAISE** for good attendance.

Attend and Achieve!

- If a school can **improve** attendance by **1%**, they will see a **5-6%** improvement in **attainment**. (Department for Education and Skills)
- Please **help** us and **your child** by ensuring their attendance remains above **95%**, allowing them to **achieve** their potential.

