



BRIDGEWATER
HIGH SCHOOL
LEARNING WITH PRIDE AND JOY

Welcome to Assembly

Remain in silence

Wait for further instruction

The background of the slide features a large, faded logo of Bridgewater High School. The logo is a shield shape with a gold border. Inside the shield, there is a smaller shield containing an open book and the year '1987'. Flanking the central shield are two figures, possibly lions or griffins, each wearing a crown. Below the central shield, the words 'BRIDGEWATER' and 'HIGH SCHOOL' are written in a serif font.

Raise Your Attendance, Raise Your Chances!

What does “Good attendance” look like?

Can you make a difference to yours?

What does attendance to school mean?

■ Do you know what you can and cannot be absent from school for?



WHAT IS AN AUTHORISED ABSENCE?

- ✓ An absence for sickness for which the school has granted
- ✓ Medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall during school time
- ✓ Religious or Cultural observances
- ✓ An absence due to a family emergency or funeral
- ✓ Competing in a sporting event, filming, taking an assessment/exam

WHAT IS AN UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE?

- ✗ Students absent from school without a reason
- ✗ Arriving late after registers are closed
- ✗ Absence due to birthdays, shopping trips, concerts
- ✗ An unauthorised holiday
- ✗ Truancy



This is Ollie.

He is in Year 7 and has 90% attendance.

- Is that good?
- What does this mean?



Religious Education
Year 7 - End of Year Assessment

Name: Ollie

Class / Teacher: _____

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CHM	CHM	DM	PG	PG
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Instructions: Read each question carefully. Answer all questions. You have 30 minutes (+5 minutes for students with extra time) to complete this assessment.

Part 2	Part 3	Part 4	Total	Percentage
5 / 5	5 / 6	3 / 4	18 / 20	90%

How did you prepare for this assessment? (e.g., mind-maps, flashcards, etc.)

How did you spend your time?

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

This is Ollie's RS QMA test result. He got 90%. Is that good?

Lets looks a little closer.....

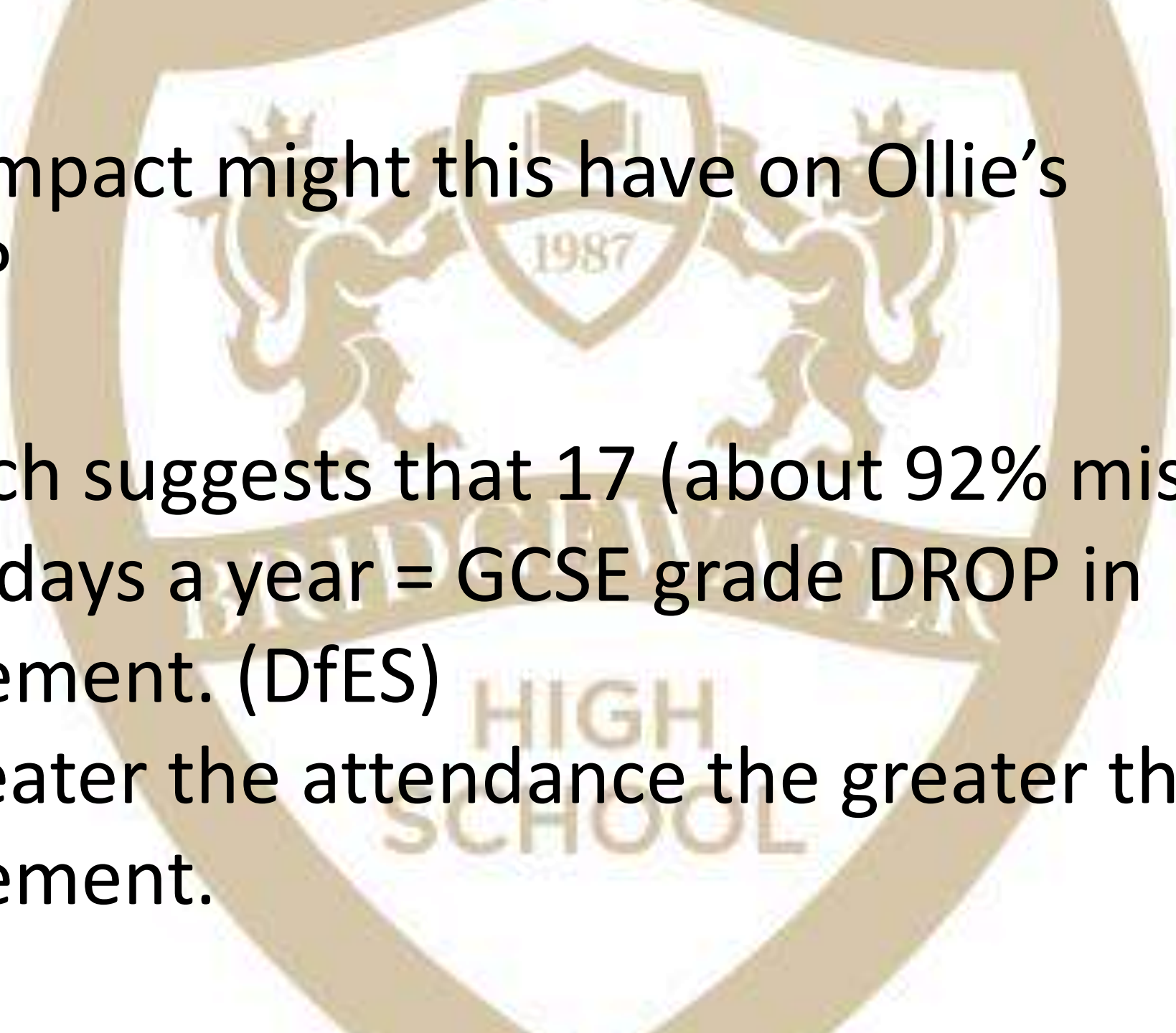
1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!!!

Absent for 4 weeks = 34/38 school week

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

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



The background of the slide features a large, faint crest of Bradford City High School. The crest is circular with a shield in the center. The shield is divided into four quadrants, each containing a lion. In the center of the shield is a book. Below the shield, the year '1987' is inscribed. The words 'BRADFORD CITY' are written in a banner across the middle of the shield, and 'HIGH SCHOOL' is written in a banner across the bottom. The entire crest is set against a light beige background.

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

Research suggests that 17 (about 92% missed school days a year = GCSE grade DROP in achievement. (DfES)

The greater the attendance the greater the achievement.

Attendance and Achievement – the link

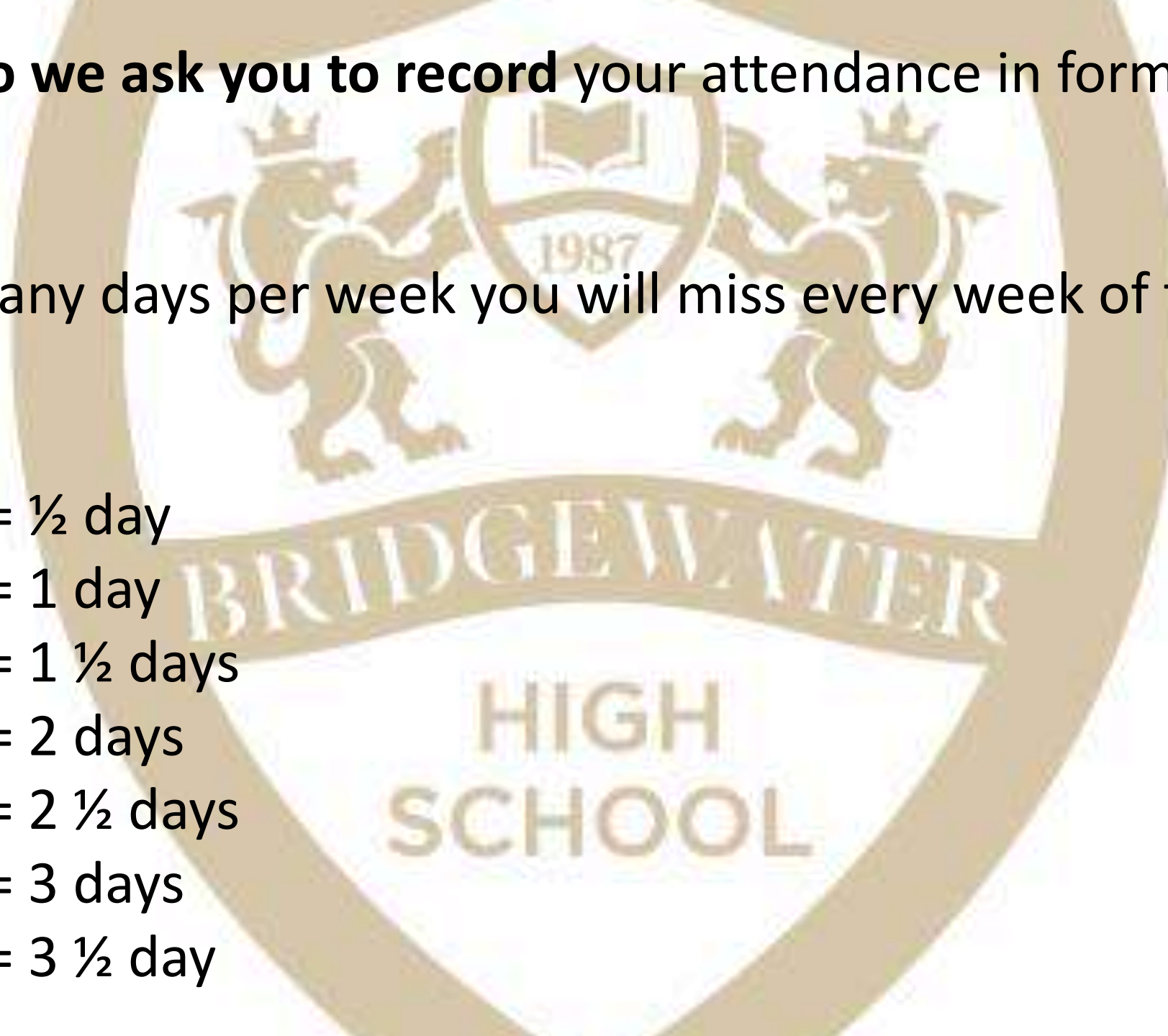
What does achievement in school have to do with earnings? Well did you know currently.....

- People with no qualifications earned £304 per week on average
- People with GCSEs at A*-C level or equivalent earned £381 per week on average
- People with A-Levels or equivalent earned £435 per week on average
- People with a degree or equivalent earned £694 per week on average

Why do we ask you to record your attendance in form every Friday?

How many days per week you will miss every week of the year.

- 90% = $\frac{1}{2}$ day
- 80% = 1 day
- 70% = $1 \frac{1}{2}$ days
- 60% = 2 days
- 50% = $2 \frac{1}{2}$ days
- 40% = 3 days
- 30% = $3 \frac{1}{2}$ day





Another reason we ask you to record your
Percentage Attendance in form
How many weeks you will miss in 5 years by Y11

- 90% = 20 weeks = 1 ½ TERMS
- 80% = 40 weeks = 1 YEAR
- 70% = 60 weeks = 1 ½ YEARS
- 60% = 80 weeks = 2 YEARS
- 50% = 100 weeks = 2 ½ YEARS

So 90% is **not** as good as it first seemed
Ollie!

What can you do to ensure your attendance
is as good as it can be?



Ways to keep excellent attendance:

1. Be AWARE and monitor your attendance weekly in form time reflection. Stay informed.
2. Prevent BARRIERS which may prevent you wanting to come to school . Have good routines through the week which will keep you fit and healthy – sleep, nutrition & exercise. Only have a day off if you are genuinely too ill to attend. You will know!
3. Always CATCH UP with any important missed work if you are off , so you don't start to have gaps in you learning

Support to help you keep your attendance on track

1. We keep your parents and carers up to date with your attendance.
2. We reward and celebrate the achievements of students with excellent attendance.
3. Talk to people at home or school if something is bothering you and preventing you wanting to come into school.

Attend and Achieve!

Aim to keep your attendance above 97%
This will result in you having the best chance of
achieving YOUR potential at the end of Y11
It will help YOUR mental and social wellbeing
during your journey through Secondary School
It will set you up with the best routines and
habits for YOUR future in the work place