



Give school attendance 100%

- Pupils who miss school risk failing to achieve what they are capable of.
- Figures have shown that 90% of persistent, poor or non-attenders fail to achieve five or more good grades at GCSE and approximately one third achieve no GCSEs at all.



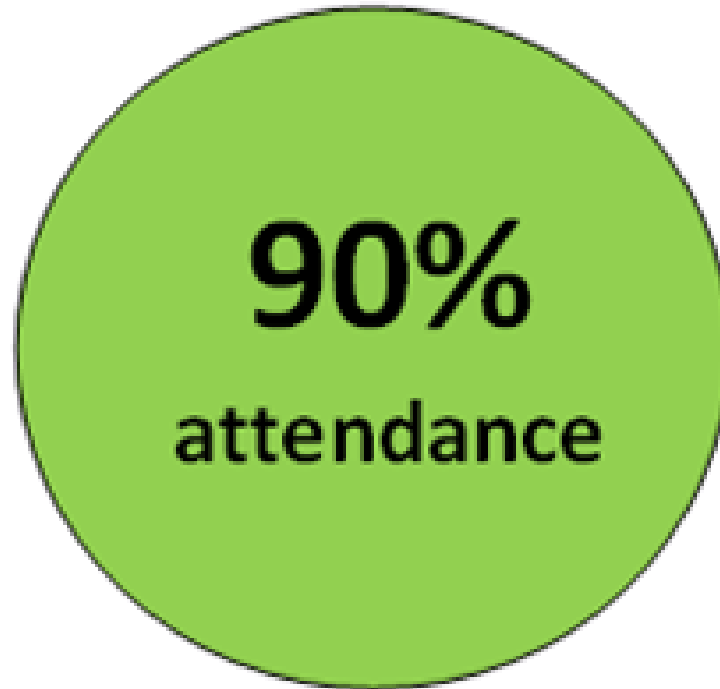
When pupils miss school ... they miss out!

- Do you know what your child's current attendance figure is?
- Do you know what it means?
- Do you know what effects it could have on their future?





What does 'good attendance' mean?



Is this good attendance?

What does 90% actually mean?



90% attendance = **½ day missed** every week!

Over one school year this is 4 weeks of learning lost!

Over the 5 years at your secondary school you will have missed half a year!

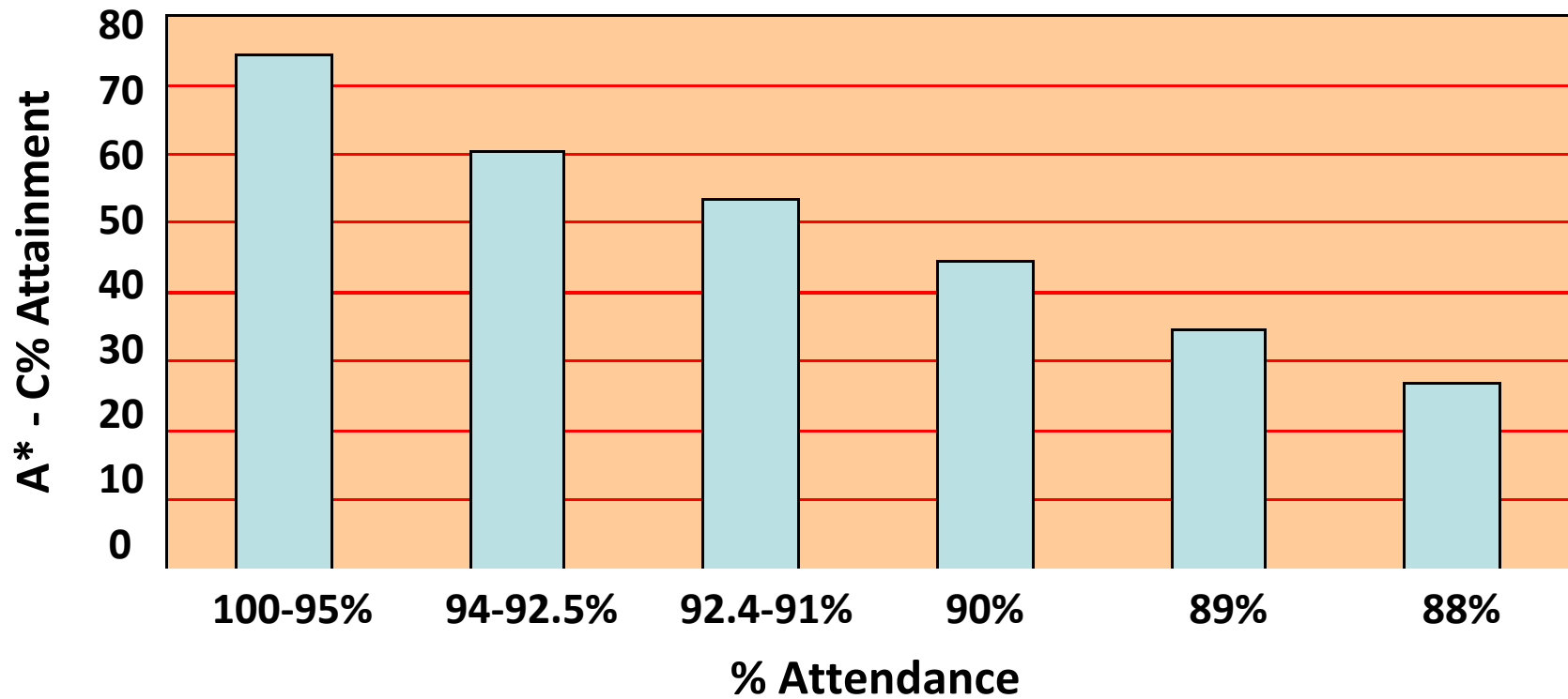
What impact might this have on your child's future ...?

17 missed schools days means that in secondary school they could **drop a whole GCSE grade.**

The greater the attendance, the greater the potential achievement.

Attendance & Attainment

Chances of success at GCSE



What does this tell you?

- To work towards achieving their potential, your child's attendance needs to be above 95%.
- So, ultimately the message is that 90% attendance is simply **not** good enough!
- Remember, there is no relationship between school attendance percentages and test/examination percentages, where 90% would be considered good!

What does your child want to do when they leave school?

- This may be a long way off for some, but whatever they decide, their school attendance is vitally important to give them the best start in life.
- All employers and colleges look at attendance and punctuality as major factors in recruiting people.





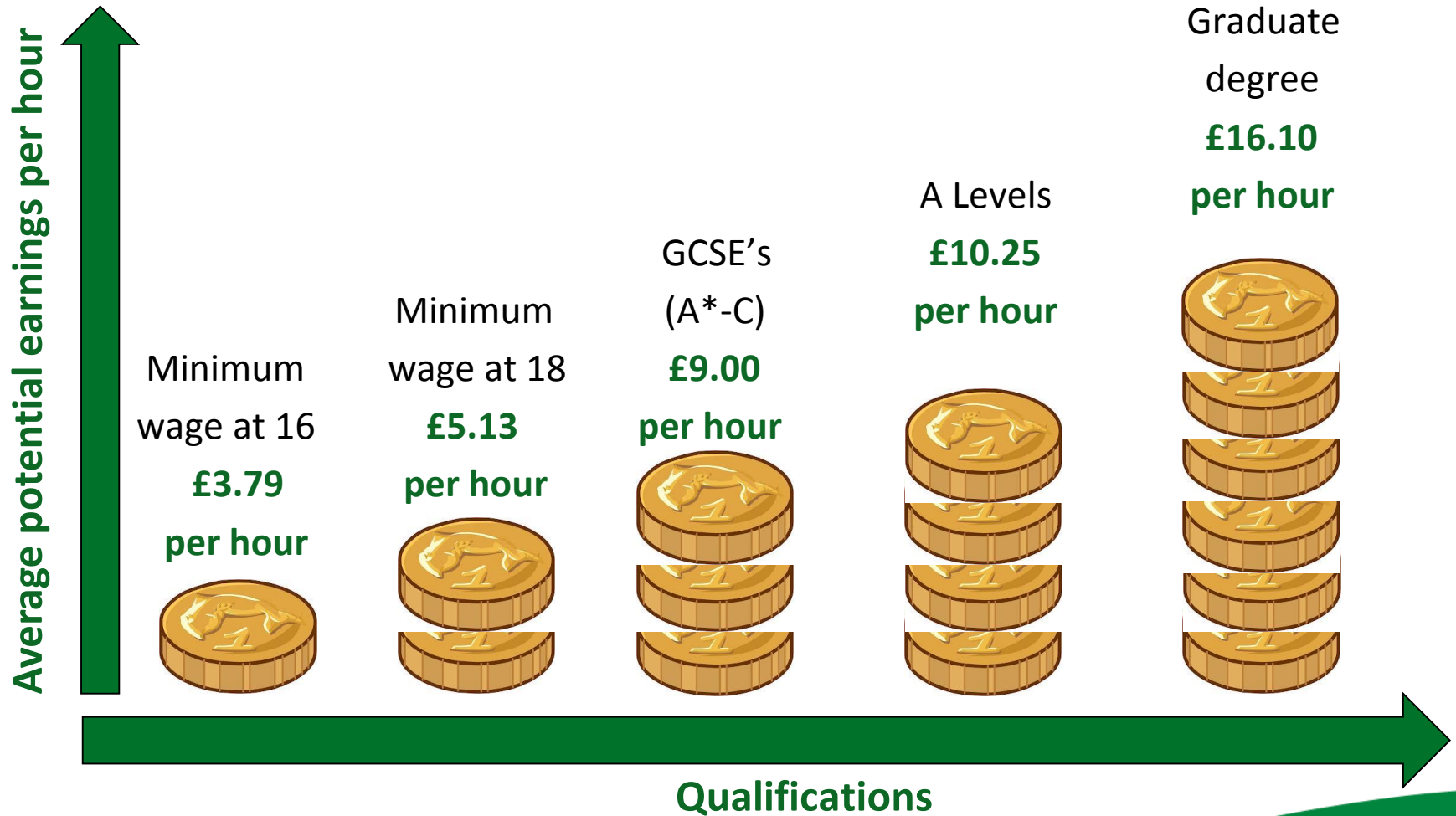
- Some young people will be hoping to secure jobs after school.
- However, for others a college course or apprenticeship could lead to a more secure future.

**Ultimately, the more they learn,
the more they can earn!**





What could potential earnings look like?



Important Issues about Attendance

- Your child's attendance is being monitored all the time, but targets should be set each term.
- Pupils with low attendance will be highlighted and given extra support to improve their attendance.
- In Islington 96% or above is considered to be good attendance.
- Nationally 90% or below means a pupil is considered to be a persistent absentee and further action will be taken.



For more information

For information on school-related attendance, please contact your child's school and ask to speak to the Attendance Lead.

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REMEMBER...

- A year has 365 days, 52 weeks or 12 months
- A school year has 195 days, 39 weeks or 3 terms
- Five days in each school year are training days for teachers
- Therefore, all pupils are expected to attend school for 190 days a year
- A school day is divided into 2 sessions, so pupils should attend 380 sessions a year

...GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

The infographic features a silhouette of a teacher standing at the front of a classroom, addressing a group of students seated at desks. One student is in a wheelchair. A whiteboard is visible on the right side of the classroom. The background is a vibrant pink and purple gradient.