

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL – HOLIDAY REQUESTS

As from September 2010 there will be no holiday requests considered, and therefore any students taken out of school for a family holiday will receive an unauthorised absence. Whilst I appreciate that this is sometimes the only way families can afford to take an annual break, I also have to be accountable for consistently high attendance and as a consequence equally high results.

As many parents will understand some subjects start their GCSE and BTEC examination work in Year 9. There are also increasing numbers of modular exams and a new initiative called controlled assessment, which can occur in school throughout the year. I have not taken this decision lightly and many other schools are following a similar route.