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Dear Parent/Carer,

School Attendance and Term Time Holidays

At CRHS we have been focusing on school attendance and I am pleased to say this has risen to 90.2%; an increase of 2.4% on last year. However, one area that is adversely impacting student attendance is the number of term-time leave requests we receive for students and their families.

Students who miss out on school miss out on important learning hours, which can lead to gaps in skills and knowledge that can be difficult to close. Statistics show that good attendance is a significant contributing factor to success in studies, with high attendance of 97%+ resulting in almost triple the success at GCSE and double the success at A Level compared with lower attendance.

In line with all island secondary schools we ask you to plan holidays during the 13 weeks of scheduled [school breaks](#). **Leave during term time will no longer be authorised unless in genuinely exceptional circumstances and so the leave request form is no longer in use.** Parents/carers must now contact us via email to CRHSabsences@sch.im, outlining what you believe to be the exceptional circumstances in advance of making any bookings. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please note compassionate leave will be granted as normal and leave for sports or musical performances will be considered based on the level of competition. We require evidence of participation such as a letter or email from the National Governing Body, Country Association, or the club coach/team manager confirming the student's name, the name and date of the event and their required attendance.

For all approved absences parents must ensure students complete all missed work. It is the responsibility of the student to arrange this with their teachers.

Thank you for working with us to prioritise your child's learning. We want to give every student the best possible foundation to succeed in their education.

Yours faithfully,



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