



Marden High School
Media Arts College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Holiday Leave in Term Time

I would like to remind all parents/carers that in accordance with amendments made in 2013 to the 2006 Education Regulations Act, we are unable to authorise any holiday taken in term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

I would also like to take this opportunity to underline the importance of good attendance. All the national research shows conclusively, that children are disadvantaged if they do not attend school regularly and consistently across the school year. Sometimes, even short absences can have a serious effect upon the continuity of education and can significantly impact upon GCSE grades at Key Stage 4.

Please be aware that if you take your child on holiday in term time, the leave will be marked as unauthorised and with effect from 1st January 2016, you will be at risk of being issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice from the Education Welfare Service. You should also be aware that if your child's attendance falls into the Persistent Absence category (attendance less than 90%), you may also be liable to prosecution proceedings.

Our aim at Marden High School is to maximise your child's achievement and provide them with the best possible education, and I hope we can support each other in this endeavour.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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