



April 2017

**Year 12 and 13 Study Leave Arrangements**

Dear Parent or Guardian

As you are undoubtedly aware, AS and A2 examinations are very close now. To ensure that students are able to prepare effectively for these examinations, we intend to offer the following study arrangements for both Year 12 and Year 13 students.

Study leave will begin May 11<sup>th</sup> with the following arrangements:

- Students **MUST** attend all time-tabled lessons. This will allow tutors to guide private revision and complete any coursework still outstanding.
- Students can sign in and out during private study periods during study leave.
- There will be no registration.
- School uniform must be worn whenever a student attends, and for all examinations.
- Welsh Baccalaureate lessons will be suspended during study leave to allow students to focus on core subjects. They will start again on the 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Study leave ends for Year 12 on June 26<sup>th</sup>. So, study leave runs from May 11<sup>th</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup> for Year 12.

Year 13 will continue to attend time-tabled lessons until all A2 components have been completed. Once they have completed all coursework and examinations they begin their summer holidays.

Year 12 students will spend the rest of the summer term looking at their A2 programmes of study and completing key elements of the Advanced Welsh Baccalaureate.



If your son or daughter follows a wholly vocational timetable, so will have no examinations, they may be able to start study leave earlier. Individual arrangements can be made in this case after consultation with myself and the relevant Heads of Department.

**LINC courses:**

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> is the end date for AS Level Courses and A2 Photography.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> is the end date for A2 Courses & BTEC 2nd Year Courses.
- June 7<sup>th</sup> is the end date for BTEC Y12 courses.
- LINC transport continues until June 30<sup>th</sup> so students can attend sessions if needed to complete any outstanding work.

**Year 12 WBQ:**

Please note that the school days following the Cardiff trip must be attended as students will be completing Controlled Assessment Tasks (CATS). These CATS are part of the Destination Passport part of the Enterprise Challenge. Attendance is compulsory.

Study leave allows students more flexibility in revision. However, it does not mean that the school's role in examination preparation is over. Lessons will continue as normal during study leave. Staff will also offer a range of revision sessions during this period. We offer study leave to allow those students who feel they work better at home the opportunity to do so during their private study periods.

If you require any further guidance please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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