



April 2018

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 on the 30th April 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 for Years 12 and 13.
- School uniform must be worn whenever a student attends school, and for all examinations.
- Welsh Bacalaureate lessons will be suspended during study leave to allow students to focus on core subjects. **(Please see note later).**

Study leave ends for Year 12 on the 11th June. So, study leave runs from 30th April to the 11th June for Year 12, but lessons continue in individual subjects through this period.

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 Bacalaureate.



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:

- 9th May - All AS courses end
- 9th May – A2 Photography ends
- 23rd May - A2 courses and Y2 BTEC courses (Y13) end
- 6th June - Y12 BTEC Courses end, last day for the LINC transport

Year 12 WBQ:

WBQ lessons suspended as soon as students complete the Global Citizenship challenge – tutors will inform students when they have satisfactorily completed this challenge. Students should then use WBQ lesson time to complete their 30 hours for Community. Again, tutors will guide this process. If students have completed their volunteering they should use WBQ lesson time to write up the documentation for their hours, and to revise.

WBQ lessons to start up after study leave and there will be work for a new challenge that they will be completed in lessons, so attendance to all three lessons a week will be compulsory, as for their other subjects.

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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