



The Skinners' School

Skinners' Study Leave Policy

It is the responsibility of the students to know where and when their examinations will be held. They must be prepared to enter the examination room at the 10 minutes before the time published by the school (not the times from the examination boards).

We see Study Leave as an essential component of individual and personalized preparation for public examinations. For Study Leave to be effective students must be allowed time at home to prepare for examinations but this is not at the expense of teaching or revision in school. The correct amount of time devoted to Study Leave is therefore crucial and this policy is borne out of experience and represents what we feel is the ideal balance.

Block Study Leave

This will be provided for Years 11, 12 and 13 in the summer. The date of the start of block Study Leave will be decided annually and will take into consideration that season's examination timetable.

Block Study Leave will also be provided for **YEAR 13 ONLY** for January modules. Again the timing of this will vary with examination timetables.

Study Leave for Modules outside of the block Study Leave (AS and A-Level)

Years 12 and 13 will be allowed to take the day off prior to an examination timetabled for the next morning. **This does not mean study leave on Fridays for Monday exams.** For afternoon modules they may take that morning as Study Leave.

Students who have taken a morning examination must return to their lessons after the exam unless they have a further exam in the afternoon or one the next day.

Study Leave for GCSE modules outside of block Study Leave

Years 10 and 11 may take the morning as Study Leave for afternoon modules. No other Study Leave is sanctioned for GCSE modules except where the modules represent a considerable element of the overall assessment (RE, Statistics). For these two exceptions students may take the day off prior to the examination.

For all Study Leave, students may study independently in the school library or Sixth Form study room.

Finally, Study Leave is a privilege and may be rescinded if study in school is deemed to be a more appropriate preparation for individual students.