



## The Skinners' School

### Study Leave Policy

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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 to be the ideal balance.

Study Leave is a privilege and may be rescinded if study in school is deemed to be a more appropriate preparation for individual students.

Whilst on study leave during public examination sessions, it is the responsibility of students to know where and when their examinations will be held. They must be prepared to enter the examination room at least 10 minutes before the time published by the school (not the times from the examination boards).

## 1. Block Study Leave

This will be provided for Years 11 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.

## 2. Study Leave for A level exams outside of the block Study Leave

Years 11, 12 and 13 will be allowed to take the day off prior to an examination timetabled for the next day. *This does not mean study leave on Fridays for Monday exams.*

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.

## 3. Study Leave for GCSE exams outside of block Study Leave

Years 10 and 11 may take the morning as Study Leave for afternoon modules. However, where the exam constitutes a substantial part of the GCSE, the whole day before may be given as Study Leave.

## 4. Study Leave for internal examinations

This will be granted at the discretion of the school during mock exams in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. It will be of limited duration.

During Study Leave, students are very welcome to study independently in the School Library or Sixth Form Centre.