

De La Salle College



Study Leave Policy

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STUDY LEAVE

Study leave is a difficult issue for many parents as there is considerable pressure from boys to take the option of revising at home. Parents should consider if their son would actually benefit if he revised at school with his teachers rather than at home. At De La Salle there is no compulsory study leave.

GCE Study Leave policy:

Boys in Sixth Form will be able to take study leave without request from the time designated by the Headmaster. Sixth Form teachers will be available in their normal lesson time. However, if a Sixth Former is not studying with a teacher then he must study in the study room.

“GCSE Study Leave policy:

For external GCSE examinations study leave will be granted to Key Stage 4 students (that is, Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11) on the day of the examination **if** they have a GCSE examination in the afternoon. **If** they have a GCSE examination in the morning then no study leave will be granted for that examination, however, no homework will be set on the preceding day to allow them to revise uninterrupted the evening before.

Where an entire class or year group have an examination in the afternoon then the school time table for that class or year group will operate as normal in the morning but no lesson will be taught. The teachers will maintain a silent atmosphere so that any students wishing to attend school can have supervised study in lieu of study leave at home. However, if the external examination only applies to a small number of students (below half of the normal class) then the normal lesson will continue and if the students who are entitled to study leave come into school then they will attend and participate in their normal lessons, (that is, no special study lessons will be set up for these students nor will they be allowed to study in the library).

Extended Study leave in the Summer term of Year 11:

For boys in Year 11 the situation is slightly different. If we receive a letter from parents requesting that a student is not given study leave, we will expect him to attend his lessons as normal. Study leave will be available from a time designated by the Headmaster. After this date, for those boys not on study leave, the boy's class teachers will allow silent revision to take place in lessons. The boys will be able to choose what to revise; the teacher will be there to support him and to ensure silence is maintained. Any boy whose behaviour disrupts the revision of others will be sanctioned. If a boy elects to revise in school then he must stay with his classroom teacher; he will not be able to study in the library or the computer rooms as these areas are used by the boys in the lower school and are not appropriate revision areas. When a student is due to take an examination he will make his way to the gym and having completed his examination he will then return to his timetabled lesson to continue revising.

Boys who have requested study leave may still come into school to see a specific teacher in the appropriate time slot but they must not wander around the building.

Extended Study leave in the Summer term of Year 11 will commence at a date to be advised by the Headmaster, and the boys allowed to study at home will be at the discretion of the Assistant Headmaster-Curriculum following consultation with the Director of Key Stage 4 studies and relevant staff. The Year 11 timetable will operate as normal during the period of extended study leave so that students wishing to attend school can have supervised study in lieu of study leave.”

All boys must confirm to the uniform code when they are in school.