

## **STUDY LEAVE FOR YEAR 11 – PROCEDURES AND REASONS**

### **Principles**

At Highgate Wood School we are confident that active teacher – led revision lessons are extremely valuable throughout a student’s education and especially just before and during exams. Due to this we run revision lessons not only in curriculum time but after school, at weekends and during holiday time. Because of this we normally expect year 11 to attend lessons when they don’t have exams up until half term in the summer – about halfway through the GCSE exams period. During these lessons students will not be revising on their own but will be making use of their teachers’ expertise. They will be set relevant revision tasks, be able to ask questions and answer them, and this leads to better grades than only revising on their own at home. Private study is carried out at home, teacher guidance and advice is carried out in school.

After summer half term we have study leave as several subjects have finished all their exams and we feel it is best, on balance, for students to only attend their exams.

### **Exceptions – early study leave**

There are two reasons that the school might grant early study leave.

1. If a student’s mental or physical health would be adversely affected if they attended lessons during their exam period (a decision made by the Head of Year and Key Stage 4 SLT lead with parental agreement).
2. If a student finds it very difficult to concentrate in lessons immediately prior to or during their examinations and that this leads to them harming the learning of others. This decision is made by the Headteacher with parental agreement.

We ask that parents do not request study leave unless one of these two factors are met. The final decision on whether early study leave is granted lies with the school as indicated above.