

4th April 2022

Dear Year 13 Students and Parents,

Year 13 Study Leave – Change to start date

As you know, the number of COVID cases nationwide remains high and this is reflected in higher than usual absence rates among the student body at RGS. In the run-up to the A Levels, our priority is to continue to follow government guidelines and do everything we can to look after the health of our students and ensure they are ready to take their public exams.

With this in mind, we have decided to bring forward the start of Year 13 study leave. **Year 13 students will therefore begin study leave at the end of school on Friday 13th May**, five days earlier than originally planned and more than a week before the first written A Level exam on Monday 23rd May. Our traditional Leavers' Day celebrations, which were scheduled for Wednesday 18th May, will also be brought forward. The new date will be communicated to you as soon as the arrangements have been made.

Our aim in bringing study leave forward is to reduce the spread of infection and ensure our students are in the best possible health for their A Level exams. Year 13 teachers will continue to be available online at scheduled lesson times during study leave to give students the support they need.

Kind regards,

James Eve
Director of Studies