

Use of KGV Study Day

Guidance for Parents

The College timetable is organised so that students have one 'study day' which can be used in a number of ways. This day is an essential part of the overall learning programme. **It is not a 'day off' and students should not be arranging paid employment on this day; we would really appreciate your support in ensuring that the day is used as productively as possible.**

The day is designed primarily to give students a concentrated block of study time to allow them to focus on the more complex work that is expected of them in advanced level study. It will also help students to develop the kind of independent study skills that they will need for success in higher level courses (for example, at University) or in employment. For the majority of the year, students will use the day in this way, either at home or, if they prefer, in College using the Learning Centre, computer suites or other dedicated study areas such as the Art studio.

However, the day provides a number of other learning opportunities such as:

- Students may want to do some work experience, perhaps as part of their main course or as preparation for University or employment applications. The College has a dedicated careers team who can support them with this.
- Different courses may well organise trips on this day, for example, theatre visits for English or Drama, or field trips in Biology or Geography. Students also often attend update or revision conferences in their subjects and the day provides an ideal opportunity to attend such an event without missing any lessons.
- Enrichment courses may be offered during this day, for example, participation in sport teams or music/drama performances. Teachers may well want to offer extension activities that are directly linked to their subject area.
- On occasion, teachers may want to meet with students to discuss a particular problem or tricky topic and it is not always possible to fit these meetings in during the other four days. Students should make sure that they are available should these requests be made.
- If students fall behind with their work, their teachers may ask them to come to the subject area or the Learning Centre so that they can catch up. **If this is the case, attendance is not negotiable and students will be marked as absent if they are not present. Please be aware that this could invoke the College disciplinary procedure if a student's absence is generally below our expectations.**