

Public examinations and study leave – Cloister Time 2026



WINCHESTER
COLLEGE

Information

The school believes it is important to make the most of lesson time available and for pupils to have access to dons to assist with their revision. Equally it can be unproductive and unhealthy for pupils to withdraw from school too early and lose access to dons and peers, and the support they provide.

The timing of study leave is therefore chosen to maximise scheduled pupil-don contact while giving sufficient time for pupils to engage in private revision.

Note: pupils should raise leave in advance from any scheduled hours they will miss during the exam period.

Rules for study leave

- School rules continue to apply to all pupils as normal.
- Pupils may choose to study UTH or in one of the school libraries when not UTB or in an exam. They may also use classrooms by pre-arrangement and permission from the relevant Head of Department.
- Pupils should be in UTB dress when in school, and dressed appropriately when studying UTH (e.g. shirt and trousers, not dressing gowns).
- Pupils are not permitted in town during timetabled hours, even during study leave.
- Pupils are expected to honour all school commitments during study leave.
- Day pupils are expected to arrive and leave at the usual times, revising in school even during study leave.

V Book and VI Book 1

To Saturday 16 May inclusive

Lessons will continue till 13:00 on Saturday 16 May. Pupils will be expected UTB in their usual classes, unless they are in an exam.

Examinations prior to study leave

Pupils with morning exams are permitted to take 30 minutes' break from the time they finish the paper, then attend the next full lesson in their timetable. Pupils with afternoon exams are permitted to revise UTH from 4th hour. They should sign in and follow the same instructions as for study leave. Pupils should always aim to attend as many of the final don-led revision hours as possible.

From Monday 18 May – study leave begins

Study leave will begin on Monday 18 May for both year groups. Dons will remain available in scheduled hours until Friday 22 May inclusive (the start of Leave-out). It is recommended that pupils attend hours where possible and maximise contact with dons. During private revision time, pupils should be UTH or in one of the school libraries.

From Monday 1 June

Lessons will not continue UTB, although your dons may make themselves available and offer opportunities for guided revision.

Chapel: Pupils must attend with their House as usual, unless they have an exam at 09:00 (muster 08:45).

V Book

Div: From Wednesday 15 April until Saturday 2 May inclusive, there will be normal Div hours but no tasks. From Tuesday 5 May these hours become UTB revision, supervised by Div dons.

PSHEE: These hours will be supervised revision time until Friday 22 May inclusive. From Monday 1 June, these hours will be released for study leave revision.

VI Book 1

Div: There will be no Div or tasks from Wednesday 15 April. Pupils should attend Div hours and undertake private revision up to and including Saturday 16 May.

At a glance

Exams before study leave

[clash sittings are not included]

		V Book	VI Book 1	
W	6 May	am: Geography		UP-TO-BOOKS HOURS
Th	7 May	am: History pm: German (candidates may revise UTH from 4 th hour)		
F	8 May	am: Latin pm: Physics (candidates may revise UTH from 4 th hour)	am: Computer Science AS	
S	9 May	<i>Pupils to attend all scheduled lessons</i>		
M	11 May	pm: Mandarin, Classical Greek	am: Economics pm: Further Maths AS (candidates may revise UTH from 4 th hour)	
T	12 May	am: RS pm: Biology (candidates may revise UTH from 4 th hour)	am: Geography, Philosophy	
W	13 May	am: Geography pm: Computer Science (candidates may revise UTH from 4 th hour)	am: Computer Science AS, English	
Th	14 May	am: Maths pm: German (candidates may revise UTH from 4 th hour)	pm: Classical Greek AS, Further Maths (candidates may revise UTH from 4 th hour)	
F	15 May	am: History pm: Latin (candidates may revise UTH from 4 th hour)	pm: Further Maths AS (candidates may revise UTH from 4 th hour)	
S	16 May	<i>Pupils to attend all scheduled lessons</i>		

Exams during study leave

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		V Book	VI Book 1	
M	18 May	am: Chemistry pm: Mandarin	pm: Economics, Art History	STUDY LEAVE begins for both exam years <i>Dons will remain available in scheduled hours till Friday 22 May inclusive.</i>
T	19 May	pm: Physics, Computer Science	am: Ancient History, German, Mandarin, Computer Science AS, Philosophy pm: History, Latin	
W	20 May	am: French pm: RS	pm: Classical Greek (AS and A2), Physics	
Th	21 May	am: English, Music	pm: Further Maths, Geography	
F	22 May	am: Italian pm: Classical Greek	am: DT	
S	23 May	<i>School closed for Leave-out</i>		LEAVE-OUT BEGINS (13:05)

Exams during study leave

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		V Book	VI Book 1	
M	1 June	am: Italian, Japanese	am: Mandarin, English, Physics, Russian pm: Latin	STUDY LEAVE continues <i>No scheduled hours. Heads of Department to offer some guided revision opportunities.</i>
T	2 June	pm: Latin, Russian	am: Chemistry, German, Art History pm: History	
W	3 June	am: Maths pm: Physics	am: Classical Greek pm: Maths (AS & A2), Ancient History	
Th	4 June	pm: French	am: Economics, Spanish, STEP 2 pm: Biology	
F	5 June		pm: Further Maths	
S	6 June	<i>No scheduled lessons for exam years</i>		
M	8 June	am: Biology pm: Classical Greek	am: French, Physics pm: Latin, Music, Geography, Russian	
T	9 June	am: Spanish, Japanese	am: Chemistry	
W	10 June	am: Maths pm: DT, Russian	am: STEP 3	
Th	11 June		am: History pm: Classical Greek, Maths	
F	12 June	am: Chemistry	am: Biology pm: Further Maths, Spanish	
S	13 June	<i>No scheduled lessons for exam years</i>		
M	15 June	am: FSMQ	am: Chemistry pm: Latin <i>A-level candidates on this day can return to School from 19:00 the night before (14 June).</i>	WYKEHAM DAY EXEAT
T	16 June	am: Spanish	am: Biology	
W	17 June		am: French	POST-GCSE PROGRAMME RUNS 16-19 JUNE
Th	18 June		am: Classical Greek pm: Maths (AS & A2)	
F	19 June		pm: Further Maths	
S	20 June	<i>No scheduled lessons for exam years</i>		
M	22 June		pm: Further Maths	LAST EXAMINATION DAY