Weekend and Absence Policy

2026 - 2027

Weekend Policy

- The following weekends are Community Weekends: Sept. 5, Oct. 17, Dec. 5, Jan. 30, Apr. 1, and May 1. During these weekends, boarding students will not be granted permission for an overnight leave. Day leaves will be granted; however, students must be back on campus at 8 p.m. for the weekend programming.
    - Weekends in the school calendar that consist of more than one free night are designated free weekends and may be taken by all students who have permission to leave, and they will not be counted in the allotments. Examples of these weekends: Family Weekend, Winter Term Holiday and Memorial Day.
    - Students will be permitted to take 11 weekends over the course of the year. Sixth-form college visits, with approval from a student's college counselor, will not count toward this limit. Any additional weekend requests beyond this limit will require a petition from the family.

All students, including day students, are required to attend Field Day on Friday Sept. 4. The weekend of Sept. 5 and 6 marks the first weekend of the year. Day students are strongly encouraged to remain on campus for a host of fun activities throughout the weekend (Western Weekend, ice cream social, etc.).! Please see the Opening of School Schedule for more details.

Elective Absences

- Students are given five days of elective absences per semester.

- Fifth- and sixth-form students have four extra days for college visits. These must be approved by the college office.

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