



Independent Learning - Sixth Form

The approach to Independent Learning

Students in sixth form need to commit a minimum of 3 hours of independent study per subject per week. This includes the use of timetabled study periods. Students are expected to have completed preparatory work prior to lessons as to ensure they are fully able to access the curriculum and subject requirements.

Students will be set homework as required by the individual subject needs as different subject areas have different expectations. As a school we do not operate a homework timetable however do believe homework set should be purposeful and relevant to the subject requirements.

Any work set will be uploaded onto the Google Classroom so students can work through these tasks independently. Typical tasks set will include:

- Research into subject related theories
- Extensive reading and effective note taking
- Coursework and assignment write up's
- Exam practice
- Developing awareness of the wider world, further education and workplace opportunities
- Developing critical thinking and interpersonal skills

Parent/Carer involvement

Parents/Carers can monitor their child's tasks by being invited to join the Google Classroom by the class teacher. The school website has many useful resources and tutorials to explain how to use this programme.

We also expect all students to be reading for pleasure, and silent reading takes up a portion of form time. Please support us in encouraging your child to read.

Here are some ways in which you can support your child with independent learning at home:

- Discuss homework regularly with your child.
- Provide encouragement and support for your child when they take responsibility for organising themselves and putting in effort.
- Keep track of Google Classroom so you can support your child in becoming organised.
- Draw up a schedule with them to follow for independent learning (daily and weekly planner available on the school website).
- Establish a suitable place for them to study.
- If in doubt, ask! Contact the class teacher or form teacher for advice.