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# Rationale

Well-organised independent study at home or in school plays a vital role in raising standards of achievement and developing life-long learning skills. It should be an integral part of the curriculum, planned and prepared within Schemes of Work.

# Expectations of students

* Develop strategies with the Form Tutor and class teacher(s) to ensure the successful completion of independent tasks on time and review progress.
* Present all work to a high standard.
* Take an increasing responsibility in the planning and setting of appropriate independent study tasks.

# Expectations of teachers

* Set appropriate, challenging tasks according to the policy which can be accessed by all students.
* Set homework on Go4Schools.
* Develop the skills of students to plan their learning at home or in study time.
* Check that tasks are completed, follow up any non-completion and record appropriately on Go4Schools.
* Liaise with the Form Tutor if a pattern of non-completion exists.
* Feedback can be given in a variety of ways: verbal, written comments, electronically assessed, peer or self-assessment.

# KS3 expectations

* English, Maths and Science set a 30-45 minute homework task every week.
* All other subjects set a homework task once a fortnight for 30-45 minutes, or equivalent.
* Minimum of one week for students to complete, unless it is a collection, research or reading activity to support the next lesson.
* Portal or ICT-based work will be supported by break/lunchtime access or paper resources which are made available by the class teacher.

# KS4 expectations

* The equivalent to one hour a week for all subjects; reading is extra and not included in the one hour a week for English.
* Minimum of one week completion unless it is a collection, research or reading activity to support the next lesson.
* Portal or ICT-based tasks will be supported by break/lunchtime access or paper resources which are made available by the class teacher.

# Post-16 College expectations

* There will be an equal amount of independent study to lesson and workshop time.
* For Year 12 and 13, students should complete a minimum of four hours of independent study per subject per week and this includes homework set by subjects.
* Portal or ICT-based tasks are supported by access to ICT facilities during independent study time.