

Key Stage 3 Independent Learning Tasks

The purpose of Independent Learning Tasks:

- To encourage students to take responsibility for managing their time, quality of work and skills development.
- To encourage greater independence and prepare students better for GCSE and beyond.
- To provide the opportunity for greater challenge and deep learning.
- To allow students choice and the opportunity to explore topics more fully.
- To encourage research, creativity and evaluation.

When and how will Independent Learning Tasks be set?

- Independent Learning sheets will be handed out to the students and stuck into their exercise books at the start of each task. The task sheets will include:
 - Differentiation / varying levels of challenge
 - A choice of tasks and formats
 - Learning outcomes (WILFs)
 - A timeline of interim deadlines to ensure the final deadline is met.
- There is an expectation that students will select and complete tasks suitable for their ability in order to stretch and broaden their learning. Teachers will monitor to ensure appropriate tasks are attempted.
- Teachers will build in regular check points to ensure that appropriate progress is being made towards the assignment deadline.

What are Core Tasks?

There will be a selection of tasks in most subjects called Core Tasks, which will be compulsory to complete, will practise a specific skill and will have a shorter term deadline. Other than Maths core tasks, it would be rare for these to be required for the very next day.

How long should Independent and Core Learning Tasks take?

The amount of time that should be spent on each subject may vary depending on the task. As a guideline, students are expected to complete approximately 1 hour of independent learning per night.

Recognising and rewarding Independent Learning

Each Independent Learning Task completed will be given an Effort grade E1-4. Consistently good or excellent effort will be recognised with House points.

Year 7 Independent Learning 2016/17

Subject	Frequency of Core Tasks	Independent Learning Task topics	Deadlines
Art	1 per fortnight		
Citizenship	1 per fortnight (except in term 5)	Term 5	Friday May 26th
DT	1 per fortnight (except when an ILT)	Term 4	Year 7 exam
Drama	Written evaluation at the end of each project.		
English	3 per fortnight		
Geography	1 per fortnight in terms without ILTs	Term 6	Friday June 23rd
History	1 per fortnight		
Computing	1 per fortnight		
Languages	15 mins 2x per week (except term 1)	Term 1	Friday September 30th
Maths	Short practice tasks after each lesson		
Music	1 per fortnight in terms without ILTs	Terms 1 and 2	Friday December 9th
RE	1 per fortnight in terms without ILTs	Term 1 (The Island)	Friday October 21st
		Term 4	Friday March 17th
		Term 6	Friday July 14th
Science	1 per week		

- PSHE homework will be set as and where appropriate during terms 1-4 and will usually be small project based tasks.
- Citizenship will be taught in Terms 5 and 6 when homework will be set.
- Drama homework will be set at the end of the project, roughly every four weeks.

Year 8 Independent Learning 2016/17

Subject	Frequency of Core Tasks	Independent Learning Task topics	Deadlines
Art	1 per fortnight		
Citizenship	1 per fortnight (except in term 3)	Term 3	Friday February 10th
DT	1 per fortnight (except when an ILT)	Term 5	Year 8 exam
Drama	Written evaluation at the end of each project.		
English	1 per week		
Geography	1 per fortnight in terms without ILTs	Term 6	Friday July 14th
History	1 per fortnight (except term 2)	Term 2	Friday November 25th
Computing	1 per fortnight		
Languages	15 mins 2x per week		
Maths	Short practice tasks after each lesson		
Music	1 per fortnight in terms without ILTs	Terms 4 and 5	Friday May 19 th
RE	1 per fortnight in terms without ILTs	Term 2	Friday December 16th
		Term 4	Friday 24 th March
		Term 5	Friday May 26th
Science	1 per fortnight	Term 1	Friday October 21st
		Term 3	Friday January 27th
		Term 5	Friday May 19th

- PSHE homework will be set as and where appropriate during terms 1, 2, 5 & 6 and will usually be small project based tasks.
- Citizenship will be taught in Terms 3 and 4 when homework will be set.
- Drama homework will be set at the end of the project, roughly every four weeks.

Year 9 Independent Learning 2016/17

Subject	Frequency of Core Tasks	Independent Learning Task topics	Deadlines
Art	1 per fortnight		
Citizenship	1 per fortnight		
DT	1 per fortnight (except when an ILT)	Term 3	Year 9 exam
Drama	Written evaluation at the end of each project.		
English	1 per week	Term 6 (Of Mice and Men)	Thursday June 29th
Geography	1 per fortnight in terms without ILTs	Term 6	Friday July 14th
History	1 per fortnight		
Computing	1 per fortnight		
Languages	15 mins 2x per week		
Maths	Short practice tasks after each lesson		
Music	1 per fortnight in terms without ILTs	Terms 2 and 3	Friday March 31st
RE	1 per fortnight		
Science	1 per week		

- PSHE homework will be set as and where appropriate during terms 1, 4, 5 & 6 and will usually be small project based tasks.
- Citizenship will be taught in Terms 2 and 3 when homework will be set.
- Drama homework will be set at the end of the project, roughly every four weeks.