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Independent Learning: a change to Homework!

Independent Learning

Our aim is to help you become effective, independent learners, to help prepare you for life!

- Homework is a part of this.
- We have listened to your pupil voice feedback, and want you to feel that tasks you do outside of school have real value to help you progress.

What is the change?

All homework will now become 'Independent Learning' tasks.

All Independent Learning tasks will fit into one of 3 categories:

1. To **pre-learn** new topic areas
2. To **embed** subject knowledge
3. To **practice a skill** taught in lesson



What sort of activities could I be doing?

Pre-learning	Embed-learning	Practising Skills
Key word spellings/ use of PiXL Unlock.	GCSE Pod – watching assigned pod and producing a revision resource. Could have a quiz afterwards in lesson.	Exam practice – needs to be reflected on in lesson (DIRT).
Research a topic with structured questions and location to find the information.	Creating resources to learn a topic, e.g. mind maps.	Practicing an Art technique taught in class to refine skill.
	Classic revision based tasks.	
LOBOS activities – Learning on Behalf of Others.	Answering ‘challenge’ questions, to help deepen your knowledge.	

What is the change?

All Independent Learning tasks will be used in lessons.

This means that it is even more important that it is completed on time.

For example, you could:

- Be quizzed
- Peer/ self-mark and improve your work (DIRT time)
- Use your work in lessons as part of an activity



What has not changed?

1. You will still be set Homework (now Independent Learning) tasks in all subjects.
2. You will still be expected to meet deadlines and sanctions for not completing it will be the same as before.
3. Homework club will still be there to support you.
4. It will still be posted on Google Classroom. It will be labelled 'Independent Learning'.

Removing the Mystery

We will also help you by:

1. Providing you and your parents with core information about subjects, including brief content overviews and key words.

2. Providing an 'Independent Learning Toolkit' with strategies to support their IL tasks.

This will be coming out later this term.