



Independent Learning Tasks

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Following a review into our Independent Learning Tasks and ahead of a deeper review of our homework policy for September, we will be improving the way in which your child is issued their ILT and how class teachers check that learners have understood and remembered key knowledge. These changes will take place from Tuesday 9th May.

The purpose of our ILTs remains the same as we continue to focus on supporting students to know and remember more. We are providing students with an opportunity to consolidate what they have been taught in lessons and to deepen their understanding of core knowledge taught throughout the week.

Students will continue to be expected to revise from the ILT that their teacher sets however, they will then have an in-class quiz to check their understanding. Your child will not need to return the ILT to school; the quiz will act as the progress check. This will be used as an assessment tool for subject teachers to respond to any misconceptions that may have arisen and will also provide your child with an opportunity to make any necessary corrections to their work, ensuring that they have the correct answers to revise from. We will also be using this time in lesson to celebrate the progress that your child is making and awarding ETHIC points.

Your child will continue to receive Independent Learning Tasks weekly in the following subjects:

Y7 – 9 Maths, English, Science, History and Geography

Y10 Maths, English and Science

What will ILTs look like?

Independent Learning Tasks will be based on core knowledge that students have been taught across the week. The document will provide students with text to read and class teachers will direct students to highlight / annotate their work. Class teachers may ask your child to summarise their understanding or to make notes to support them with understanding the text. Maths ILTs will provide questions for your child to complete to check their understanding.

How will my child know when they will be set their ILT?

Your child will be informed of the day that they will be issued their ILT by their class teacher in each subject area. This will also be published on the school website for parents and guardians to access. If your child is absent when the ILT is issued, they will be able to collect a spare from the collection points around school. We aim to provide your child with one week to complete their ILT reading.

How will my child submit their Independent Learning Task?

We will no longer be asking students to hand in their ILT at school. Instead, we will be checking that students have read and understood the material provided by teachers during their lesson time. Your child will be able to keep their completed reading in their folder to refer back to as an additional revision tool.

How will my child's understanding be checked?

Subject teachers will designate time in one of their lessons across the week to check your child's understanding. Students will complete a four-question quiz to check that they have read and understood the reading from their ILT.

Our aim is to support students to know and remember more and this will be evident in the progress that your child is making.

We have shared the key changes with your child during Culture time this morning. If you have any questions regarding ILTs, please do not hesitate to contact the curriculum leader in the subject area. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,



Miss Oakes
Assistant Principal