



Chesterton Community Sports College



Independent Learning

“Be the best you can be”

At Chesterton Community Sports College, we aim to promote independent learning as an essential part of raising pupil achievement and developing more independent learners. Independent learning encourages pupils to become more responsible for their own learning and reinforces and extends learning that takes place in the classroom. With the support of teaching staff, parents and carers, we aim to develop our pupils’ work ethic through engagement in learning and a commitment to being the best they can be.

Purpose of Independent Learning

Independent learning should:

- Reinforce and extend the curriculum
- Promote responsibility, time management and self-discipline
- Develop lifelong skills
- Challenge students and encourage engagement in their learning
- Be accessible through Show My Homework
- Reward pupils for their efforts through achievement, engagement and through the school’s rewards system

Examples of Independent Learning

- Flipped Learning – researching or preparing for a topic before the lesson
- Directed online tasks (e.g. Maths-Whizz, Kerboodle, online links)
- Directed reading or research tasks
- Projects set by subject areas
- Consolidation of classwork (e.g. writing up classwork and notes, researching and developing understanding of topics, practicing key skills)
- Revising and preparing for an assessment or exam
- Gathering resources for a lesson or topic
- Completion of department study packs with links to online resources
- Completion of coursework assignments
- Completion of past exam papers
- Self-study – reinforcing and extending learning addressed in the classroom and exploring key concepts in areas of their own interest

Guidelines for Independent Learning

Key Stage 3 – 1 to 1.5 hours a day

Key Stage 4 – 1.5 to 2 hours a day

KS3 (Suggested)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
English	Maths	MFL	Science	Self-Study	Self-Study
History	Geography	English	Maths		

KS4 (Example)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
English	Maths	MFL	Option Subject	Self-Study	Self-Study
History/ Geography	Option Subject	Science	Maths		

Recording Independent Learning

Subject areas will ensure that all resources and links for independent learning are available on Show My Homework to ensure that independent learning can be accessed by teachers, pupils and parents. Teaching staff will ensure that pupils are equipped with the necessary resources and skills to successfully complete tasks.