

Independent Learning Activity Policy

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Purpose:

An independent learning activity should be appropriate, relevant, meaningful, differentiated and further extend and challenge students' learning. Although, it may be appropriate for learners to complete any unfinished/missed work, independent learning activities are not finishing off activities.

Rationale:

- Independent learning activity are to be set regularly. The marking cycle is every review period. Within this review period, students will be set at least one independent learning activity. The academy's consequence system will be followed where students fail to hand in an Independent learning activity. The independent learning activity should always extend the student's learning from within the lesson.

The academy's independent learning activity policy is as follows:

- Independent learning activities must be set at least once per review period. Activities can be set when and where the teacher feels they are appropriate in order to extend the students' learning. The Area Leader is responsible in ensuring that all students receive appropriate independent learning activities, for both ability and frequency. Appropriate, differentiated independent learning activities should be set for those students who may require additional support and/or scaffolding.
- Each subject independent learning activity must be recorded by students in their student planner. This should be checked by the subject class teacher when setting the work.
- Students, parents/carers, form tutors and teachers may communicate in the student planner in the space provided.
- Student planners will be monitored by form tutors, Achievement Coordinators and SLT.
- It is the responsibility of the class teacher to ensure that work produced for an independent learning activity is of an acceptable quality. The quality of independent learning activity will also be monitored by senior and middle leaders as per the quality assurance cycle.
- Independent learning activities must be appropriate, contributing and further challenging students' learning.

- Students must adhere to the expectations set out on the academy's work presentation poster.
- Teachers will reward students who produce work of high standard with a Class Charts positive behaviour point.
- If students do not hand independent learning activities by the shared deadline, a verbal warning is issued and students must bring it to the next lesson. A homework detention will be issued if students fail to hand in their independent learning activity after a verbal warning.