



Independent Study Activities for A Level/BTEC/ACCESS

If you have either home study or a study period you should be using this time effectively. At Sixth Form you not only receive homework but also need to use these sessions to complete the following **preparation, reflection** and **consolidation** tasks.

In recognition of this and in order to support you consider following the following strategies at these times...

- 1) Prepare for the next lesson by looking ahead in the textbook or asking the teacher what you will be studying next and conduct preliminary research.
- 2) Look at what is on your class or subject Team drive to help review what has recently been covered.
- 3) Use online programmes such as **Seneca** in order to review and revise core knowledge for your subject.
- 4) Plan out answers to past questions found on exam board websites. Check with your teachers what boards and modules you are studying.
- 5) Review recent learning by rewriting or typing up class notes. As you do this fill in any gaps using textbooks, the library and online so your notes are comprehensive. Maybe do this a few days after the lesson to see how much you remember.
- 6) Make revision cards for the key topics as you go, rather than waiting until the end of Year 13.
- 7) Use the additional reading articles on the Library review achieve: <https://eclipse.microlibrarian.net/?refresh=9:13:20%20AM> or Sixth Form Library hard copies and copied extra reading in red library folders to help read around the topics.
- 8) Buy and complete the activities in the revision guides for your course. If you are a bursary student then these can be purchased for you if you see Mrs Higson.
- 9) After a lesson, read over your class notes and anything you do not fully understand, use the textbook to make additional notes and come to class with specific questions.
- 10) During class discussion, what questions were raised in your mind, but you did not ask? Note them down to ask next time in class or alternatively try and answer yourself through research.
- 11) Show intellectual curiosity through wider research and bring along to class. Newspapers are in the study centre every day and additional books are in the Sixth Form Library. General reading improves literacy for all subjects.
- 12) Allocate topics to be reviewed on your timetable and try and select topics you did not find easy.
- 13) If you completed an assignment or essay and got feedback, why not redo based on that feedback and show to your teacher to see if this has worked.
- 14) Look over and review learning from last month or last year as this is the material students often forget.
- 15) Complete additional practice questions for your subject from resources provided by teachers – worksheets, in books or from online.