



September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to explain a new approach for year 7 homework (which we call Independent Study) that we will be trialling in September for the first term.

Year 7 students will have a weekly Independent Study task set on Teams, which will involve them completing a daily learning log, similar to the booklet that they filled in during the induction week in July. To do this, they will need to write down 1-3 things that they have learnt in their lessons during the day. They will do this for all subjects apart from English, Maths, Science and Languages, which will continue to set their usual Independent Study tasks.

We found that when this learning log was used previously with students in year 11 it really helped them to develop good study routines and so we are keen to give our year 7 students the best possible start by using this approach with them. You could also use it to have a conversation with your child about the learning that they have acquired during the school day.

Students will be taught how to use Teams during their Computer Science lessons, which will take place during the first two weeks of term in September. They will only be expected to begin completing the learning log after they have had this lesson. In the meantime it would be very beneficial if you could talk with them at the end of the day about what they have learnt in their lessons. This will be a great advantage in preparing them to complete their learning log later on this term.

Yours Sincerely,

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