



18th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Maidenhill we value Independent Study as an important tool in helping our students know more and remember more so that they can make at least the expected progress over time. It also helps our students develop lifelong skills including organisation, time management, research skills, revision techniques and creativity. Independent Study forms an essential part of our educational offer to students and one we expect students and parents to engage with.

To help with organisation, all Independent Study tasks will continue to be set on Satchel:One. Once logged into the platform, you will be able to use the calendar function to see what has been set and when it is due for completion. If you click on a task, specific details of what your child needs to complete will appear with all of the resources needed. We expect our students to check Satchel:One on a daily basis and we would hope parents do so too as they support their child(ren) at home.

The timetable detailed below has been created to help spread the workload over the week for your child. In order to prevent tasks from building up, we suggest that students complete the task on the day it is set. This also means they will have time to seek support should they require it before the deadline. Leaving tasks to the night before the deadline, prevents them from doing this. Tasks will not be set with 'next day' deadlines to support with this expectation.

	Week 1	Week 2
Monday	History	Art/DT/Food/ Photography (F & R)
Tuesday	Art/DT/Food/Photography (H & D)	
Wednesday	Maths & Geography	Maths
Thursday	French & Science	French & Science
Friday	English	English

Year 9 Independent Study Timetable 2023-2024

Drama, Music, PE, Religious Studies and Computing may set Independent Study tasks as appropriate and when relevant to a specific part of the course. These will not follow a timetable and are likely to average once per term per subject. It is also the expectation that students will attend extracurricular activities and clubs for some of these subjects and this contributes towards their Independent Study time also.

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To support students in completing their Independent Study tasks, we continue to offer Study Zone, which is a staffed computer suite, where students have all the resources they need to carry out their Independent Study in a quiet space. This runs on a Monday to Thursday from 3-4pm in CS1. No booking is required and it is free for all students to access.

Due to the significant impact Independent Study has on the progress of our students, any tasks that are not completed by the deadline will result in a compulsory after school detention. In this detention time, students will be expected to work on ensuring the task is done to the best of their ability so their progress is not hindered.

Kind Regards,

Miss S Martin
Assistant Headteacher