



Independent Learning at Brunts

A Guide for Pupils and Parents

What is Independent Learning?

Independent Learning is learning that takes place outside the classroom. It helps pupils to practise knowledge and skills, prepare for future learning and develop the independence, resilience and study habits needed for success in school and beyond. Research shows that regular, high-quality homework can have a significant positive impact on pupil progress.

Why is Independent Learning Important?

Independent Learning helps pupils to:

- Remember more of what they learn in lessons.
- Develop effective revision and study habits.
- Build confidence and independence.
- Prepare for assessments, examinations and future study.
- Develop the organisation and resilience needed to be successful learners.

What Will Independent Learning Look Like?

Independent Learning may include:

- Platform based learning such as, Sparx Maths, Kay Science, GCSE Pod, Seneca or MS Forms quizzes
- Reading and research activities
- Knowledge organiser activities
- RCWC (Read, Cover, Write, Check) vocabulary and knowledge practice
- Exam questions and revision (Flashcards, mind maps, brain dumps, revision timetables, Thinking Hard activities, knowledge organisers, etc.)

All Independent Learning will be set through **Class Charts on a Monday**.

How Often Will Independent Learning Be Set?

Year 7-9 (KS3)

- Weekly: Maths, English and Science
- Fortnightly: Geography, History, RE and Spanish

Approximate completion time per subject: 20 minutes

Week A		
Subject	Day Set	Day Checked
Maths	Monday	Monday of following week
English	Monday	First lesson of following week
Science	Monday	Monday week B
Geography	Monday	First lesson of following week
History	Monday	First lesson of following week

Week B		
Subject	Day Set	Day Checked
Maths	Monday	Monday of following week
English	Monday	First lesson of following week
Science	Monday	Monday week A
RE	Monday	First lesson of following week
MFL	Monday	First lesson of following week

Year 10-11 (KS4)

- Weekly: Maths, English, Science and all option subjects

Approximate completion time per subject: 30 minutes

Week A & B		
Subject	Day Set	Day Checked
Maths	Monday	Monday of the following week
English	Monday	First lesson of following week
Science	Monday	Monday of the following week
Option 1	Monday	First lesson of following week
Option 2	Monday	First lesson of following week
Option 3	Monday	First lesson of following week

Year 12-13 (KS5)

- Weekly independent study, reading, research and subject-specific tasks set by teachers for all subjects.

Approximate completion time: A minimum of 5 hours per subject per week (3 hours teacher directed study and 2 hours independent study).

Independent Learning Support at School

Support is available every day before school, at lunch and after school through our Independent Learning Club. Pupils can access:

- IT facilities
- Quiet study spaces
- Staff support
- Guidance with Independent Learning tasks

Rewards and Consequences

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Pupils who complete Independent Learning regularly may receive:

- Positive points on Class Charts
- Faculty and tutor recognition
- Academy rewards and incentives

If independent learning is not completed

- Non-completion is recorded on Class Charts.
- Three missed pieces of Independent Learning will result in compulsory attendance at an Independent Learning Club Support Session.
- Pupils are expected to complete the missed Independent Learning during the session.
- Failure to attend or engage will result in further sanctions through the academy behaviour system.

How Can Parents Support Their Child?

Parents and carers can support Independent Learning by:

- Checking Class Charts regularly.
- Encouraging a consistent Independent Learning routine.
- Providing a quiet space to work where possible.
- Encouraging regular reading.
- Supporting organisation and time management.
- Praising effort, resilience and improvement.
- Contacting the academy if additional support is needed.