

Home/College Partnership

Independent and Extended Learning at Whitby Community College

It is our expectation and belief that students' learning is enhanced by independent and extended learning which takes place outside lessons. Students will experience a range of tasks, depending on the demands of their examination courses, and will be given deadlines for completion.

The College website, www.whitbycc.co.uk, provides many useful resources and links to support both students and parents. Please refer to the website for details of extra support available to students, outside timetabled time.

English and Performance

Students will be given a task to complete on a weekly basis, which may include drafting and/or completing coursework, listening to the radio, watching a particular type of television programme or film, working on exam skills and researching a variety of topics. Straightforward tasks may be required to be completed for the next lesson; students will be given longer to complete more sophisticated tasks.

Mathematics and Enterprise

Students will normally receive assessed work once a week. This work may include independent research or revision of topics, working in exam skills or straightforward question and answer exercises. Students must show their working and have their own calculator.

Business Studies

Students will normally receive assessed work once a week. A significant amount of time will be related to coursework.

ICT

Students will receive a task once a week. Students are expected to use ICT, where appropriate. Most resources are available in the GCSE ICT area of the College website to allow for access at home and in school.

Science and Human Sciences

Independent and extended learning will take a number of forms e.g. booklet questions, revision, research, or preparing presentations. If coursework is set then there should be short-term interim targets to complete. Double Science students will receive two tasks a week, Single Science students will receive one.

Sports Studies

Students will receive one task to complete a week.

Technology and Expressive Arts

Design Technology

Students' independent and extended learning will take the form of research, development and completion of coursework, and examination preparation work. This will usually take the shape of researching into the current project or theme or an extension of class tasks.

Music

Further study to enhance and consolidate learning that has taken place in class as well as completing individual set targets concerning students' coursework.

Art & Art and Design

Specific tasks will be set to support coursework and encourage independent learning. There is the opportunity for students to do independent study with teacher support after college on Thursday evenings from 3.30- 5.00pm. This will enable students have full access to media and ICT facilities.

World Studies

Religious Education & Religious Studies

Statutory RE – students will receive a revision task for a test the following lesson approximately every seven weeks (seven lessons). Further tasks will be set as required by the teacher for the following lesson.

Full Course RS – tasks will be set weekly as required and for the following week where the task is of an extended nature.

Citizenship Studies

Tasks will be set on a regular basis and may include a written response, research, reading or revision.

Geography

Tasks will be set on a regular basis and may include completing tasks started in the classroom, revision and GCSE coursework.

History

Tasks will be set once a week and may include a written response, reading or research.

Modern Foreign Languages

Students should expect two tasks per week; one written and one learning.

Sixth Form: Independent Study

Independent Studies are an important aspect of your course. The following is the independent study entitlement you will receive on a weekly basis. The work you may be set can range from work that will be assessed to research or investigation tasks.

Level 3 (Year 1)	1 AS – 3 hours per week Double AS Award – 6 hours per week National Certificated – 6 hours per week National Award – 3 hours per week
Level 3 (Year 2)	1 A2 – 4.5 hours per week National Certificates – 9 hours per week National Award – 4.5 hours per week Double Award – 9 hours per week
Level 2	First Diploma – 3 hours per week BTEC Introductory Diploma – 2 hours per week