



Independent Learning Guidance for Parents

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Why is independent learning in Business Studies important?

Business Studies is a new subject to many students and homework provides the opportunity to develop and apply new content studied in lessons in more detail. It allows for pupils to focus on skills of analysis and evaluation; crucial in the examinations and controlled assessment task.

How will independent learning be set?

Independent work will be set once a week. Tasks will alternate every two weeks between a formal assessment case study which demands examination skills and a shorter research or key terms task.

What expectations do staff have of the work being completed?

Staff have high expectations of all pupils and independent tasks must be completed to the pupil's best ability. Work should be handed in on time, be neat and checked carefully.

What help and support is available?

If a pupil finds homework challenging they should see their class teacher who can help clarify understanding. Pupils can also visit Business Studies websites (www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk and BBC Bitesize), Fronter and CSE Workspace Resources for further support on subject content.

What work can be completed in addition to the set tasks?

Located in the CSE Workspace Resources are numerous case study (Over To You) tasks which can be completed by pupils independently throughout the course. Mark schemes are also available in this area for each case study task.

Keeping up to date with national and international business news is useful as pupils can witness theory learnt in lessons to real life business situations.