



Independent Learning Guidance for Parents

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Why is independent learning in MFL important?

Pupils need to consolidate the language learnt in the lesson adopting a little and often approach which is why we usually set homework twice a week. They need to be secure in what they have done in order to progress to the next step as the latter is often dependent upon the former.

How will independent learning be set?

We will put independent work on Fronter to enable parents and absentees to see what was set as well as enabling all pupils to access it after the lesson.

Normally there will be one learning vocabulary a week and one written piece a week though this may vary.

What expectations do staff have of the work being completed?

We expect vocabulary to be learnt properly including spelling – use the Look Cover Write Check method to help. We expect notes and grammar books to be used for written work so that as accurate a piece as possible is produced – not a piece of writing based on guesswork. Presentation is important and the work should be given a title and date as well as being written neatly with a minimum of crossings out. We expect care to be taken and will make pupils redo work if it is clearly careless and rushed.

If you are doing a Controlled Assessment you need to learn what has been produced within the time given as we have to work to very strict time schedules and it will help your grade if you plan your time carefully.

What help and support is available?

Use resources such as grammar books/textbooks/online textbooks/ exercise books/previously marked work/ booklets and sheets that you have been given.

MFL staff are often to be found upstairs at lunchtime and are always willing to help but don't forget **BBBBB – brain, board, book, buddy** before you ask the **boss!**

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

You can never learn enough vocab so if you have a few spare minutes find some to learn on the double page spread at the end of the chapter you are doing or use some of the complex phrases sheets and learn two or three to help improve your grade.

Go back through grammar notes and revise tenses and word order- these are crucial for accuracy.

You can go through corrected work and take on board the teacher's comments and work out what was good and what could be improved – try rewriting sections of your written work- this will help start the learning process for Controlled Assessment

Plan your time – look at the Controlled Assessment schedule and think about when you will revise for it- how long do you need to set aside? Could you start preparing now?

You can go on any of the Taskmagic files to practise all sorts of vocabulary and grammar (under resources)

You can go on the MFL website page (pink) and use the websites such as Gut/languages on line/linguscope/ www.yjc.org.uk / the Ferrers Northants website is also very useful.