



# Independent Learning Guidance for Parents

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## **Why is ICT independent learning important?**

Learning independently is vital in ICT to help improve both the skills, but also problem solving capability. The more pupils actively seek to develop and broaden their skills the more competent a user of ICT they will become. Developing techniques to problem-solve will be beneficial in all aspects of current work, but also in the future.

## **How will independent learning be set?**

Tasks set in class (homework is difficult for a coursework based qualification) may involve some or a lot of independent learning. The current qualification requires a lot of independent learning and pupils need to be proactively getting feedback and developing their work. The future qualification will have some element of 'exam conditions' work and will again be a necessity to independently look at methods to solve pre release problems.

## **What expectations do staff have of the work being completed?**

Pupils are expected to try and work as independently as possible, using forums and tutorials etc, before seeking help. Tasks are expected to be completed in detail and with care, carefully looking at the projects requirements to ensure full coverage.

## **What help and support is available?**

Online forums and tutorial sites are available 24/7 (with an internet connection) and teachers are available at break and lunch (where other responsibilities allow) to offer clarification and guidance.

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

Any tutorial site can be used to broaden skills and problem solving techniques. There are links to some of these on the intranet, but there are many more beside these.