



Independent Learning Guidance for Parents

Department: Spanish

Year Group: 10&11

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Why is independent learning in Spanish important?

Pupils need to consolidate the language learnt in the lesson adopting a little and often approach which is why we set homework according to a regular twice a week routine. 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 or reading activity a week though this may vary.

What expectations do staff have of the work being completed?

We expect vocabulary to be learnt properly– 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. We expect pupils to refer back to previous work in order to take on board feedback given and make good progress.

If you are doing a Controlled Assessment you **MUST** learn what has been produced within the time given as we have to work to very strict time schedules.

What help and support is available?

Use resources such as grammar books/textbooks/online textbooks/ exercise books/previously marked work/handy hints booklet

A room will be provided for quiet study in the run up to Controlled Assessments where pupils can sit and revise their work quietly at lunchtimes.

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!

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.

You can go on the languages online website to practise grammar and reading activities

You can access listening activities on the asisehace.net website (level is called intermediate)

<http://www.spanishrevision.co.uk/> this website has past papers, listening and reading activities and vocabulary lists set by the Edexcel exam board

You can go on the bbc bitesize website to access higher and foundation resources for both listening and reading (go straight to 'test' as revise does not allow you to enter any answers)