

A High Performing Specialist School

Head of School: Mr Zumon Chowdhury

Subject: Independent Study Guidelines and Expectations

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Both Year 12 and Year 13 students are now at critical stages of their Sixth Form education. Year 13 students are just four months away from their A-Level exams or final BTEC assessments, while Year 12 students are working towards AP2 and AP3, the outcomes of which will determine their progression into Year 13 and the predicted grades for their university or apprenticeship applications.

As you know, a significant portion of a student's timetable is dedicated to independent study (IS). When used effectively, this time can greatly improve preparation and academic outcomes. We expect all students to respect the learning environment, understanding that independent study time is essential for productivity and success. Every student has the right to study without disruption. With that said, from Monday 27th January, any students found engaging in any of the following will lose offsite lunchtime privileges for two weeks:

- Truantiing independent study.
- Not attending the assigned independent study location.
- Being outside their independent study location without a note from the IS supervisor.
- Arriving more than 10 minutes late to independent study.
- Failing to follow independent study rules regarding respectful, quiet, and productive work.

We trust that all students and parents understand the need to foster a respectful and productive independent study environment. This helps ensure that students can focus on their studies without disruption and ultimately achieve outcomes that meet or exceed their targets.

To further support students, we have now enabled Wi-Fi across the Sixth Form, which students can use on their personal devices such as smartphones, tablets, and laptops. Many students have already started using this facility, which eliminates the excuse of not having access to online resources or the need to be in a specific location.

The goal of these changes is to promote strong study habits and maximise academic outcomes. It is not our intention to issue sanctions lightly and we would prefer that all students follow the expectations set out.

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We wish all students the very best for the year ahead and for their upcoming exams and assessments. We are confident that, with focus and effort, they will continue to make great strides toward achieving their goals.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your tutor or head of year.

Kind regards
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