



## **Independent Learning - Key Stage 4**

### **The approach to Independent Learning**

In Year 9, 10 and 11, students study option subjects and therefore move away from project based learning and instead are set individual subject tasks that are monitored by subject teachers.

Biddenham believes it is vital to build good independent learning habits. As a school we are determined to maintain enjoyment, enthusiasm, curiosity and pride in work.

Students will be set homework as required by the individual subject needs as different subject areas have different expectations. As a school we do not operate a homework timetable however do believe homework set should be purposeful and relevant to the subject requirements.

Any work set will be uploaded onto the Google Classroom so students can work through these tasks independently.

### **Parent/Carer Involvement**

Parents/Carers can monitor their child's tasks by being invited to join the Google Classroom by the class teacher. The school website has many useful resources and tutorials to explain how to use this programme.

We also expect all students to be reading for pleasure, and silent reading takes up a portion of form time. Please support us in encouraging your child to read.

Here are some ways in which you can support your child with independent learning at home:

- Discuss homework regularly with your child.
- Provide encouragement and support for your child when they take responsibility for organising themselves and putting in effort.
- Keep track of Google Classroom so you can support your child in becoming organised.
- Draw up a schedule with them to follow for independent learning (see daily or weekly planner).
- Establish a suitable place for them to study.
- If in doubt, ask! Contact the class teacher or form teacher for advice.