

Beaufort Co-operative Academy



Independent Study Policy

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INDEPENDENT STUDY POLICY

ETHOS

- Beaufort Co-operative Academy believes that independent study plays an essential role in the curriculum and should be set regularly.
- We regard independent study as an opportunity for students to develop skills of independent learning.
- Independent study should provide an opportunity for differentiation and should encourage students to develop research and project work skills.

PRACTICE

- An Independent study timetable is published which indicates to students and to parents which subjects they will be expected to have independent study in and when. More able and older students should be set more independent study than younger or less able students. (This may well be tasks associated with coursework for older students).
- It is the responsibility of the teacher to check students record their independent study. Tutors monitor through the Student Planner that independent study is being recorded and any parental views expressed about it.
- It is the responsibility of each Subject Leader to give guidance to subject staff about the appropriateness of independent study tasks and to plan independent study programmes.
- Within each Department clear standards need to be established for students about the quality of work which is expected to be produced during independent study time.
- Not all independent study needs to be a written task, but whatever the task it should be clearly explained for students and recorded.
- Independent Study Clubs support the needs of students, ensuring they can complete independent study on the premises if suitable facilities are not provided at home.