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Rationale

Home study is work that is set to be done outside the timetabled curriculum. It contains an element of independent study and is crucially important in raising student achievement by enabling learners to develop essential study skills.

Learners will need to manage their time and should be responsible for planning ahead and keeping to deadlines – seeking help at home or with teachers.

We believe that home study should be a meaningful supplement to the skills and learning taking place in the classroom and will allow learners to:

- complement/reinforce classwork understanding
- consolidate knowledge
- develop study based skills and routines
- practise skills required in each subject area
- work at their own pace
- focus on their specific needs and interests
- become independent learners

Expectations

Teachers will set home study tasks where there is a clear need and purpose and where it is likely to enhance or support learning or skills development.

All home study information (instructions) will be posted on the home study channel within each class team.

S4 - S6 pupils can expect to undertake increased levels of home study in preparation of formal assessments and exams.

To become more independent, learners should regularly access One Note/Teams to review learning, finish work from class and to catch up on missed tasks (a class may have been missed due to absence from school, school trips or meetings). This will help learners develop a routine in preparation for the senior phase and helps to achieve greater confidence and creates responsibility for our young people.

Learners should highlight any issues with their teacher as required.

Examples of what home study may look like:

- review of work completed in class that week
- consolidation task of skills/knowledge gained in class
- online quiz/test which is self-marking
- undertake study using Scholar and Esgoil (senior phase)
- personal reading
- essay writing
- completing folio work
- oral practice
- Microsoft form task
- tasks to be completed on one note
- research task
- mind maps
- SQA past paper questions
- watching a video
- using websites such as BBC Bitesize
- conduct a survey
- practise musical instrument
- monthly drawing task