

How To Make The Most Of Your Independent Study Time

Five Steps To Success

STEP 1:

HAVE YOU	HOW CAN YOU DO IT?
Completed all of your classwork and homework to the best of your ability?	<i>Review your notes using the textbook to check you have all of the information needed in classwork</i> <i>Look at markschemes for exam questions on the topics covered- do your notes cover all of these ideas in enough detail?</i> <i>Plan your homework - what are you going to do, what are you going to write</i> <i>Check you have the knowledge to complete homework -if not review your classwork before beginning</i>

STEP 2:

HAVE YOU	HOW CAN YOU DO IT?
Reviewed material covered in your lessons so far for THIS WEEK	<i>Read over your lesson notes and create cue cards to summarise each section/idea/lesson</i> <i>Make mindmaps or tables using appropriate colour to summarise and organize ideas</i> <i>Use the PIXL DTT template to identify potential weak spots</i> <i>Use the PIXL independence templates -thinking hard strategies to embed learning</i>

STEP 3:

HAVE YOU	HOW CAN YOU DO IT?
Reviewed material covered LAST WEEK, LAST MONTH, LAST TERM...	<i>Use your PLCs to identify areas to focus on</i> <i>Use the PIXL DTT template to identify the nature of your weak spots</i> <i>Use the PIXL independence templates -thinking hard strategies to embed learning</i> <i>Attempt past exam questions - use the exam board websites to find examples and markschemes</i>

STEP 4:

HAVE YOU	HOW CAN YOU DO IT?
Got ahead for the upcoming topics	<i>Use your PLCs/copies of the specification to identify what is coming next</i> <i>Read the chapter in the text book or articles in the study centre on this topic</i> <i>Consult your reading lists and pick a book from the study centre</i> <i>Use the internet to find reputable webpages and video clips about this topic</i>

STEP 5:

HAVE YOU	HOW CAN YOU DO IT?
Read around the topics and immersed yourself?	<i>Use your reading lists to extend and enrich your understanding - fiction and non fiction texts are available on a range of topics and subjects</i> <i>Use the internet to find reputable webpages and video clips about this topic</i> <i>Watch documentaries, films, youtube clips, listen to podcasts on your topics</i> <i>Use the Tutors2you website</i>