



10<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Independent Study

We hope that you have had a wonderful summer, we have enjoyed welcoming back all our students and families, and also a warm welcome to our new cohort of Year 7.

Research shows that homework (Independent Study) has a positive impact and adds up to an extra five months of learning, particularly with students in secondary school. Studies involving digital technology typically have a more significant impact. We believe that consolidating their learning from school at home will help them to achieve greater success.

Therefore, we continue to focus on Independent Study. We would value your ongoing support in this area, as it is expected that Independent Study is completed weekly by all students. We will be setting homework as outlined below:

### KS3 – Years 7,8 & 9

Students will be set weekly online tasks for English, Maths, Science, Geography and MFL which they will have one week to complete each task. In addition to the online tasks set for students, it is expected that students attend at least 1 Co-curricular club that is PE or Dance each week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Maths Sparx Maths	Science Sparx Science	Geography (week A) MFL (week B)	English Sparx Reader

### KS4 – Years 10 & 11

KS4 students (year 10 & 11) receive weekly Independent Study from all their subjects. English, Maths and Science will set two independent study activities, one online and one written task each week.

Year 10				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Option B Option D	Maths Option A	Science Option C	Maths	English Science



Year 11				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English Option B	Maths Option C	Science Option A Option D	Maths	English Science

### **Support**

For students that would prefer to complete their Independent Study at school or for those who would like additional support, we will offer a staffed room for subject-specific support with Independent Study at lunch time. Additionally, our school library will be open at lunchtime and after school.

### **Rewards**

For each Independent Study task that students complete, they will be awarded one housepoint. Completion of Independent Study also contributes to the Reward Charter where students are rewarded with a range of activities and trips both in and out of school. Every term each pupil has the opportunity to meet their reward charter, as this refreshes each term and Independent Study is a key element of the criteria to achieve this.

### **Sanctions**

Should a student fail to complete their Independent Study, they will be issued a subject detention in line with our whole school behaviour policy. We will be launching this with all students in assemblies. All Independent Study tasks will be set from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**.

We kindly ask that your child logs into Seneca Learning before **15<sup>th</sup> September** to ensure they can access the platform successfully. If they experience any difficulties logging in, please encourage them to speak with their teacher as soon as possible so that any issues can be resolved ahead of upcoming independent study tasks.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. If you have any questions regarding any of the above, please contact me by email: [lauren.obrien@stockport-academy.org](mailto:lauren.obrien@stockport-academy.org)

Yours faithfully,

**Miss L O'Brien**