

## A Guide to Independent Study

Although you will receive homework and coursework to complete in each of your subjects, you will need to go above and beyond just completing this work to gain good grades. There should never be a time when a student has “nothing to do”.



Below is a list of activities you should be doing to ensure you complete at least 5 additional hours a week, per subject outside of lessons.

- Read through class notes.
- Complete additional reading to support your class notes.
- Use PLC's (personalise Learning Checklists) in all of your subjects to self-assess your understanding of each topic and to guide your revision



- Revising/making support notes all the time (A Levels are linear therefore you must revise as you go along).
- Check that all your notes are in folders and organised into sections.

Check for any missing notes and get these from your teachers.

- Use websites to support your learning and gain greater depth of understanding in each subject. For example [www.tutor2u.net](http://www.tutor2u.net) is excellent for many A Level subjects. The website is constantly updated into study notes, revision resources and relevant articles.
- Complete an online course (MOOCs, Future Learn courses). There are thousands of courses available and all are FREE! You can log on through your Unifrog account.

- Use Unifrog to search for university course apprenticeships and to keep a log of your achievements/enrichment activities.



- Use resources I the study centre such as textbooks, revision guides, subject specific journals/magazines.
- Complete wide reading tasks. This is also an enrichment activity! Ask your subject teacher for a book to read and review to broaden your subject knowledge.