



Home Learning Procedures 2015-16

At The Ridings' Federation of Academies we understand the impact of carefully planned **Homework** and **Independent Learning Tasks** as an important 'weapon' in our arsenal in maximising students' learning opportunities.

Homework is designed to prepare students to better participate in the learning activities in the classroom; to consolidate or apply a skill learned in the classroom; or provide an opportunity to extend or enrich the learning experience.

Independent Learning Tasks are given at the beginning of a module and submitted at the end of a module. They are designed to give students the opportunity to research at deeper level; explore different aspects of a subject being studied in the classroom; provide an outlet for students to express their learning in a variety of ways taking into account the needs of students with different learning preferences; and manage their workload over a period of time, whilst meeting a hard deadline. This will prepare students for the learning skills required as they progress through the education system and in preparation for work.

Homework may not be marked but will be used in the lesson; it may form part of a peer assessment activity; or may be marked by the teacher and form part of the module assessment process. In all cases, homework should be recorded (in books where possible and appropriate) and valued as an integral part of the learning process.

Independent Learning Tasks may not be marked, but may be evaluated by an audience (eg. Performances, presentations, gallery); they may form part of a peer assessment activity; or may be marked by the teacher but will not normally form part of the module assessment process. In all cases, Independent Learning Tasks should be valued as an integral part of the learning process and celebrated.

The Federation operates on a two week timetable cycle. In **KEY STAGE 3** students will receive **homework** in **English, Mathematics** and **Science** (Physics, Chemistry and Biology) once each cycle. This equates to at least three per subject during each module. For all other subject areas, an **Independent Learning Task** will be set.

CURRICULUM AREA	Module 1	Module 2	Module 3	Module 4	Module 5
History	Year 7	Year 9	Year 8	Year 9	Year 8
Geography	Year 8	Year 7	Year 9	Year 7	Year 9
Religious Studies	Year 9	Year 8	Year 7	Year 8	Year 7
Modern Foreign Languages	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8
Expressive and Performing Arts	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7
Design and Technology	Year 8	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Physical Education	Year 9	Year 7	Year 8	Year 7	Year 8

Note: There are fewer ILTs for Year 9 as their GCSE homework in the core subjects increases.

In **KEY STAGE 4 and 5** students will receive **homework** in each of their examination subjects **once each timetable cycle**. Students may receive additional tasks to prepare them for their examinations or to address areas that require additional study. In **KEY STAGE 4 and 5 Homework** may not be marked but will be used in the lesson or for an extended piece of work; it may form part of a peer assessment activity that will advance the learning of both students; or may be marked by the teacher and form part of the assessment process.



In all cases, work should be recorded (in books where possible and appropriate) or stored in the students assessment folders and valued as an integral part of the learning process and preparation for external examinations.

In some subjects 'on-line' learning or revision is set in addition to set **homework** – eg. Revision through GCSE Bitesize; use of the CGP study books.

It is expected that all students in all Key Stages complete the **homework** and **Independent Learning Tasks** as set; in line with the presentation expectations; and in a timely fashion in accordance with the deadlines published by the teacher. Any student failing to submit **homework** or **Independent Learning Tasks** at the required standard and within the deadline set by the teacher will be expected to complete the tasks in **Study Support** which takes place during Period 6.

