



Expectations – Independent Study

At Secondary school it is advisable that all students should be doing an average of two hours a night of independent study Sunday to Thursday during term time (Year 7 perhaps a little less, Year 11 perhaps more).

Here is a suggested checklist of activities that can be carried out during study time each evening. Start at the top and work your way down.

- Homework – specific tasks set by your teachers.
- Continuing with coursework or assessment tasks that have been set previously.
- Re-capping – look at your timetable; is there any work you did today in a lesson that you need to do more on, complete, re-draft or understand better by reading it over again or completing more examples?
- Preparation – look at tomorrow's timetable. Do you need to re-read work to help you get ready for tomorrow? Have you forgotten stuff from last week? – if so look at it now. Check your homework is ready for handing in tomorrow - could you improve it?
- Extra research – the school planner has recommended websites that you could visit to help you really get ahead and boost your grades.
- Hegarty Maths/SAM learning/Bitesize/past papers etc. Revision sites – especially good for older students.
- Tidy and organise – sort out your workspace, tidy out your bag or pencil case.
- Make sure you have got the school equipment you need.
- Pack your bag so it's ready for the morning. Put out your uniform ready – tonight!
- 'Read around' – good students do this. Read extra about work that interests you or that you need to know more about.
- Courses – research jobs and courses, know what qualifications you need to follow your dreams www.careerpilot.org.uk
- Watch TV – Yes – but choose an excellent documentary about something you are doing currently at school!

Remember – the job of every child at Secondary school is to study – be a student. There is always work to do during term time.

We expect our students to take their work seriously. Students at Chew Valley should never say 'I have no homework tonight'. There is always independent study to do!