



# Independent study in MFL

Independent study is a vital part of learning the skills of MFL and developing them beyond the classroom. The 'Learning to Fly' document gives guidance on the kinds of habits and practices we ask you to develop in MFL and we consider these to be the most important element of your routine of independent learning. Your teachers will also give you regular pieces of directed homework to develop your skills and understanding.

**At Key Stage 3** we expect you to spend 30 minutes a week reviewing your learning and completing homework tasks. Homework tasks will usually alternate between learning one week and comprehension/grammar consolidation/productive tasks the next week. You are advised to split the 30 minutes up into smaller chunks throughout the week.

**At Key Stage 4** we expect you to spend **up to 1 hour** a week reviewing your learning and completing homework tasks. Homework tasks may be learning vocabulary and grammar, listening or reading comprehension, translation, writing or speaking. You are advised to spread your work over the week and not do it all at the last minute.

**In Year 12** we expect you to spend **4 hours** a week independently reviewing your learning, preparing for and attending conversation classes with the assistant, completing homework tasks which may include comprehension, writing, and translation tasks. You are advised to spread your work over the week and not do it all at the last minute.

**In Year 13** we expect you to spend **5 hours** a week independently reviewing your learning, preparing for and attending conversation classes with the assistant, completing homework tasks which may include comprehension, writing, and translation tasks

- We will always give you at least three days to complete a piece of homework.
- We will always give you homework which is **purposeful** and which will have an impact on your learning and skills development.
- We will give you clear guidance about **how** to complete the homework when it is set.
- We will acknowledge the work you put in and do all we can to give you useful written or verbal feedback in good time.

In return, we expect you to:

- Complete homework at a time and place when you can focus quietly on it.
- Ask your teacher for help **in advance of the due date** if you are unsure how to complete the task.
- Be ambitious in every piece of work, e.g by using new vocabulary, grammar and idioms
- Always spend time **identifying what the task involves, planning and checking** your work.
- Don't worry about making mistakes - they are the best way to learn.
- Read and act on the feedback you are given e.g. by redrafting your work.