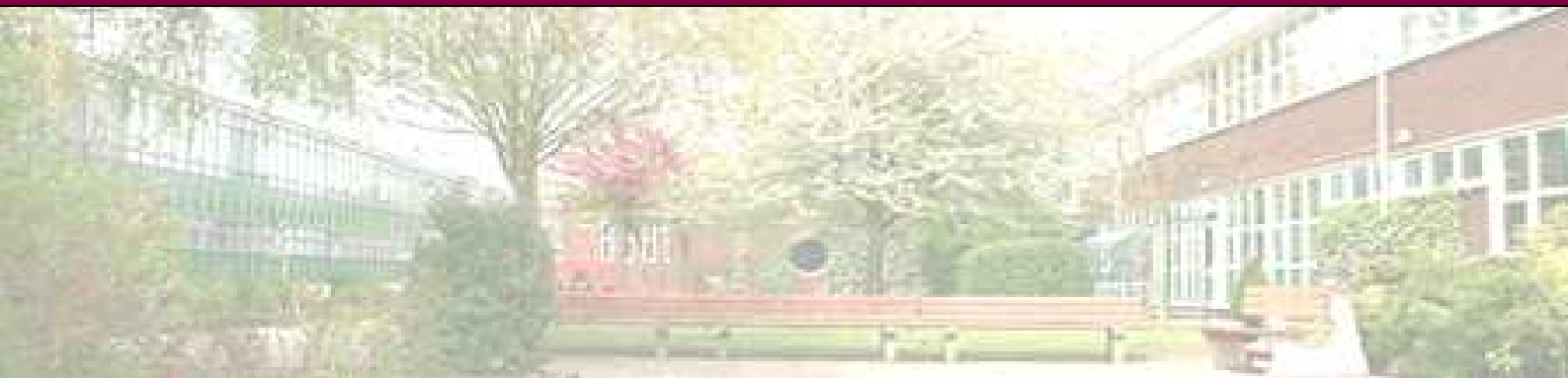


**WOLGARSTON HIGH SCHOOL**  
Staffordshire



**YEAR 9**  
**Independent Learning**  
**and**  
**Personal Learning**

**2011/2012**



# Year 9 Independent and Personal Learning 2011/2012

In Year 9, there are two types of homework:

- Independent Learning Assignments (ILA's) and
- Personal Learning

## Independent Learning Deadlines

### *Autumn Term*

Subject	Date set (week commencing)	Deadline	Feedback (week commencing)
Expressive Arts	12 September	3 October	31 October
English: Reading Assignment	26 September	10 October	17 October
Design and Technology	7 November	5 December	9 January

### *Spring Term*

Subject	Date set (week commencing)	Deadline	Feedback (week commencing)
Geography	9 January	23 January	6 February
English: Reading Assignment	23 January	6 February	20 February
Science	27 February	30 March	16 April

### *Summer Term*

Subject	Date set (week commencing)	Deadline	Feedback (week commencing)
English: Reading Assignment	7 May	14 May	28 May

All Independent Learning Assignments should be handed in to the Learning Centre, on or before the deadline published.

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## *Independent Learning*

Independent Learning is designed to regularly take a substantial period of time outside of school and will help students develop key skills, consolidate their subject knowledge and practice exam style questions. Tasks will be undertaken mainly in an environment away from the classroom and outside normal school hours. These will be formally assessed and written feedback given.

Parents/Guardians are asked to support students in organising their learning time outside school and encourage them to develop time management and organisational skills in order that they are successful in meeting necessary deadlines.

Together, we can encourage students to achieve their potential.

## *Personal Learning*

Each Department has specific requirements in terms of Personal Learning. The programme of Personal Learning enhances the Independent Learning Assignments, and deadlines must be adhered to for each system in order to develop and improve student progress. Parents/Guardians are asked to encourage and support students at home to compliment school learning.

Personal learning tasks involve students taking responsibility for learning the key information necessary for progress in their subjects, for example French vocabulary. These will not necessarily be marked with written feedback although scores will be recorded to track progress.

## **Personal Learning Details**

### **Design and Technology**

Students will complete Independent Learning Assignments as advertised.

### **English**

Students will complete Independent Learning Assignments as advertised. The Independent Learning Assignments consist of private reading or research projects.

### **Information Communication Technology**

No Personal Learning will be set during Year 9 as students will follow the DIDA course.

# Year 9 Independent and Personal Learning 2011/2012

## ...Personal Learning Continued

### **International and Cultural Studies:**

- **History**

Students will receive Personal Learning once a fortnight. The tasks will consist of research work, reading and comprehension or source skills practice.

- **Humanities**

Each term, students will receive a project to complete. Although these assignments may take the same outline as an Independent Learning Assignment, they differ in that students will not be expected to complete projects on their own, receiving support and opportunities to develop their work during lesson time.

- **Modern Foreign Languages**

Students will be set work on a regular basis throughout the year. They can expect to receive a 'learning' work weekly and a second homework type every fortnight. These tasks will consist of comprehension, research, preparation, writing or creative activities.

### **Mathematics**

Students will be set work on a regular basis throughout the course. Homework will be set and feedback received once a week.

### **Physical Education**

Personal Learning is not set in Year 9 although students are strongly encouraged to participate in 20 minutes of physical activity a day as a minimum expectation.

### **Science**

Students will complete Independent Learning Assignment as advertised.

### **Geography**

Students will complete Independent Learning Assignment as advertised. They may be occasionally asked to complete tasks as required by the unit of teaching.

**Throughout Year 9 parents are strongly encouraged to support students to complete Independent Learning Assignments and Personal Learning tasks and to reinforce the School's expectations. During this vital year, it is so important for us to build on the skills attained and developed by students whilst at Middle School and develop this area of learning so essential to their success. Should teachers feel students are not progressing as expected and hoped for in this area, they will contact home in order to inform parents; so that together we can support students to achieve their potential.**