



Malbank School and Sixth Form College



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14th November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to let you know about a new initiative that we launched in assembly this morning for our Year 11 students to encourage independent study at home.

Mrs Hoey (Yr 11 Progress Manager) will set a daily independent learning task on TEAMS. Each day, she will share a task from a different subject area including English, Maths, Science, and each of the 4 options subjects – 7 days and 7 different subject areas. There are 5 weeks leading up to the Christmas break which means there are 35 different tasks that will be set for the remainder of this half term.

The daily independent learning task will be designed to focus on consolidation of knowledge, knowledge retrieval and completion of tasks linked to any coursework. The idea is that students will have clear tasks to help focus their revision and ensure that there is always something that our students can be doing to revise and make progress towards achieving their goals in the Summer.

The independent study tasks include but are not limited to:

- ✓ The creation of 5 flash cards on a specific topic (could be more!) We will be giving guidance on the creation of flash cards.
- ✓ A brain dump on a specific topic
- ✓ Self-quizzing on a knowledge organiser (or body of knowledge)
- ✓ Completing tasks on Seneca
- ✓ Watching a GCSE pod and making notes on it
- ✓ Watching subject video (such as free science lessons) and making notes or writing questions
- ✓ Completion of NEA tasks if appropriate / necessary

The students do not need to complete these on the day and there is no deadline for completion so that students can manage their own time but we wanted to provide the opportunity and structure for independent learning.

When students complete a task, they should share this with their class teacher either physically or through TEAMS. All of Year 11 have been given a card today to record their teachers' signatures when they have evidenced completion of a task.

To incentivize our students, we have secured some funding for rewards and students will be able to exchange their cards with staff signatures for rewards. There are a range of rewards ranging from a slice of pizza from the canteen for 7 signatures to a prom ticket for 35 signatures. It is up to our students to choose how they want to use their cards, rather like a loyalty card. These have been shared with students.

Ultimately, we want the very best outcomes for our students so that they can be the very best that they can be and secure the next steps to the careers of their choice. We hope that this initiative will help to encourage and structure learning outside of the classroom. If your child says that they don't know what to do or how to revise, please direct them to their daily task on TEAMS.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the KS4 team or myself,

Yours Sincerely
Janine Edwards – Deputy Head teacher