How do I work independently?

THE SIXTH FORM at Southmoor Academy

- Turn lesson notes into revision materials e.g. flashcards, mind maps, etc.
- Write yourself a quiz on a lesson you have just had - then use it later in the year to test yourself independently.

ACCELERATION

Remember (especially if you have a textbook/revision guide) you can pre read the chapters that haven't been taught yet – remember each subject has a published timeline on Google Classroom – so you can see the order in which the topics are taught.

If you have pre read the topic chapters, the lessons can act as a chance to clarify, address questions and to revise instead of coming 'cold' to new areas of study.

ENRICHMENT – PERSONALISED PATHWAYS:

www.thesixthformatsouthmoor.co.uk/enrichment/independent-study/

These are activities (one for every subject) which you can complete outside the classroom – these will allow you to draw synoptic links across topic areas and make you outward facing in your learning – taking your understanding to a higher level.

HOW DO I USE?

1. A handout – read the text and highlight or underline the key words and main ideas. Then write a summary in your own words, adding your own comments or responses.

2. A textbook – read the text, then note down in your folder key words and ideas. It can sometimes be useful to try to summarise each paragraph in one sentence. This helps you focus on what the important points are.

3. Your own lesson notes – to remember the information effectively, it is best to return to your lesson notes the same day. Research has shown that after only 10 minutes, your ability to recall knowledge begins to decline sharply and by the end of 24 hours, you will only have retained 20% of the information unless you have reviewed it.

YOU COULD ALSO:

- Book in for a revision technique session with the 6th form team
- Complete a free online course on: www.futurelearn.com
- Expand your subject knowledge beyond the curriculum using: www.myheplus.com/post-16
- Read about interesting current affairs issues on: www.oxbridgeapplications.com/resources/keeping-you-current/
- Use the revision survival guide – available from the 6th form team

INDEPENDENT PROJECTS – YEAR 12

Year 12 complete their independent projects. You will carry out a 'mini EPQ' choosing an area of study that truly interests you. You will research that topic and share your finding's with your peers.

You have a 10-minute slot – be creative!

EXTENSION:

www.access-ed.ngo/research-based-curricula

TUTOR PD PROGRAMME

Your tutor will also teach you study skills, which can be used in all your subjects to help support your class/homework and your preparation for the exam.

Don't forget to keep checking the Sixth Form website for more learning methods and revision advice.

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