

# KS5 A Level Home Learning

## Expectations overview

Students are, at the very minimum, expected to spend an equivalent proportion of their time studying and/or completing independent learning, as they do in lessons at Mulberry Academy Shoreditch. For example, a student who is studying four A-Levels, on average has 25-30 hours of lessons a fortnight. Therefore, it is expected that this student spends a minimum of 25 hours studying at home. A-Level qualifications are designed in a manner which supports and encourages students to partake in their own independent learning to support the development of their critical thinking and writing skills. Independent learning activities vary dependent on the subject; however, activities can include: academic reading, practicing problems or equations, watching academic videos or tutorials, completing past papers and revising learning that has taken place. It is also a prudent and practical idea to prepare for the lesson ahead! A commitment to independent learning is key to ensuring a positive and enjoyable Sixth Form experience and achieving the highest grades available.

SUBJECT	FREQUENCY	HOME LEARNING	INDEPENDENT STUDY
Art	Twice a week	Personal Portfolio targets set weekly in books and on MS Teams. Finishing pieces. Recording ideas and observations and research work.	External visits to locations and to gallery and museums. Independent study booklets
Biology	Every lesson, 5 hours per week	Complete booklets, exam questions, revision tasks.	Complete practice questions for each topic that are shared on Microsoft Teams, consolidate knowledge into revision notes, complete textbook questions and the consolidation booklet for each topic.
Business	Weekly	Year 12: Students will be set homework each week on Seneca to consolidate learning from prior lesson. Year 13: Teacher to set assignment question each week linked to the topic.	Work on coursework or revise for exam units
Chemistry	Every lesson, 5 hours per week	Complete consolidation booklets, exam questions, revision tasks.	Complete practice questions for each topic that are shared on Microsoft Teams, consolidate knowledge into revision notes, complete textbook questions and the consolidation booklet for each topic.
Computer science	Weekly	Students will be assigned weekly homework, which will be comprised of ongoing programming challenges in Y12 and project work and exam practice in Y13.	Students are expected to spend time revising lesson material, practicing programming, completing their projects and preparing for upcoming exams. Revision resources include: SmartRevise, Isaac Computer Science, PGOOnline Revision Book, Craig n Dave, Physics and Maths Tutor and past papers.
Criminology	Weekly	Homework booklet set at the start of each half term. To be completed weekly Pre-readings and videos set on teams weekly	Each subject will set up to 5 hours of independent study work to be completed
Drama	Weekly	Component based. Includes portfolio notes, research, section writing, line-learning, script writing, presentations. External visits to theatre and note taking, response writing, opinion-piece writing.	Condensing live evaluation notes and studying / creating revision materials. Independent revision booklets on key topics.
Economics	Weekly	Year 12: Students will be set weekly homework on Seneca to consolidate learning from previous lesson. Year 13: Teacher to assignment questions each week linked to the topic. Questions will range from 5 marks, 12 marks and 25 marks.	Read the Economist regularly
English Literature	Twice a week	Either reinforcement or application of in-class learning (including revision for assessments/mock exams and essays), or flipped learning	Memorise plot and key quotations for all texts. Read and take notes on articles on British Library website, particularly for Blake and Othello. Complete Independent Study booklets.

French	Twice a week	Essay research and preparation for times essay every two weeks. Reading and research activities every week	Pre-made booklets, reading of newspaper articles
Further Maths	Twice a week	Homework booklets: one Pure, one Decision.	Complete all textbook exercises, use DrFrost for exam practice, and complete independent study booklets in MS Teams
Geography	Weekly	GeoFact files, exam questions, online research, presentations, flip reading	Plus independent study booklets (ISB) which are set every half term,
History	Weekly	Pre-reading or essay planning	Use student resource section of Historical Association website, listen to BBC History Extra podcasts, additional academic reading from History library in 211 and 212
Law		Homework booklet set at the start of each half term. To be completed weekly Pre-readings and videos set on teams weekly	Each subject will set up to 5 hours of independent study work to be completed
Maths	Twice a week	Homework booklets: one Pure, one Applied	Complete all textbook exercises, use DrFrost for exam practice, and complete independent study booklets in MS Teams
Music	Weekly	Music theory quizzes on Teams. This will follow and support learning in class. Topics include: Reading rhythm, identifying pitches, time signatures and musical elements.	Listen to music, go to live music concerts
Physics	Every lesson, 5 hours per week	Complete booklets, exam questions, revision tasks.	Complete practice questions for each topic that are handed out in booklet form. Download past papers from the AQA website and complete these before using Physics and Maths tutor.
Politics	Weekly	Pre-reading, essay planning or revision/consolidation using Pre-chewed Politics	Use Seneca for revision, read/watch the news regularly (BBC News, Channel 4, Guardian), listen to news podcasts, read extracts from key thinkers posted on Teams
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RE	4 pieces of homework a half term	AO1/AO2 essays Research task/flipped learning	Pre-made booklets
Sociology	Weekly	Essay planning, 10 or 30 marker essay questions, self assessment or pre-reading using Tutor2u	Weekly activity booklet which is checked every Friday Morning
Spanish	Twice a week	Essay research and preparation for times essay every two weeks. Reading and research activities every week	Pre-made booklets, reading of newspaper articles