

## **Planned Study**

All Students have been added to a programme called planned study. This course will appear on student timetables and learning agreements.

Planned study lessons are there to support students in meeting the college expectation of completing a minimum of 5 hours a week of additional study per subject. Students who complete the minimum expectation of independent study and attend all their lessons would have a 30 hour college week. The average school week is about the same.

It is well documented that at least 15 hours of independent study is needed to succeed on A level or equivalent courses but we recognise how challenging this may be. It is our intention to support students by providing a clear direction of the activities and tasks they should be doing during this time. Of course the range of study activities will be varied and will depend on each subject, but would normally include the following:

- **Teacher set tasks, essays, research** set as traditional homework tasks
- **Working on externally set coursework**
- **Work Placement/Experience**
- **Revisiting / rewriting class notes**
- **Reading around the subject or topic**
- **Flipped Learning** or other preparation tasks needed to take a full and active part in a planned lesson.

Planned study lessons will not be allocated a classroom, and the sessions will not be supervised. The time is for students to start their 5 hours of planned study. You can choose to do this either on-site (using our study spaces) or off-site.

## **FAQ's**

### **Can I decide to carry out my planned study at a more appropriate time?**

Do try and complete your study tasks during the planned study lessons on your timetable, but if the time allocated is really inconvenient, then students may choose to complete their lesson of planned study at another time during that college day.

### **Will all the hours of planned study be marked?**

Teachers will use a variety of methods to check that the work is being completed. It is expected that some of the planned studies will be homework that will be marked as usual, but the completion of other study activities may be evidenced in other ways. For

example, you may be questioned in class, you may be set some revision activities to prepare for a test or assessment, you may have to upload tasks to Google Classroom, you may have folder checks in class, be asked to complete workbooks, or we may use peer assessment.

### **What if I am not able to complete the planned study activities**

We want everyone to aim for 5 hours per subject, but recognise that for some this may not be achieved immediately. The college can help you organise and structure your college week so that these study activities can be completed. You may be enrolled on a learning coach programme, be directed to additional support or subject support workshops. What is important is that students and teachers work together on an individual action plan with an aim of meeting our planned study expectations.