



KINGS

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE

Independent Learning: Parents' Guide



What is Independent Learning and why is it important?

Independent Learning is where students continue studies outside the classroom and follow their own interests and passions. Largely, this will be without the input of adults, but sometimes they may ask for assistance.

Independent Learning is about allowing a student to develop their independence through exploring their own interests and following their own line of enquiry, as well as helping the students to develop resilience and determination in learning. It's about enabling their curiosity of the world to flourish.

Effective learners are those who continue to learn outside of the school hours; they are those who learn at every opportunity. Independent Learning programmes such as the one being developed at Kings will support students to become effective and Independent Learners. This in turn will support their in-school academic studies.





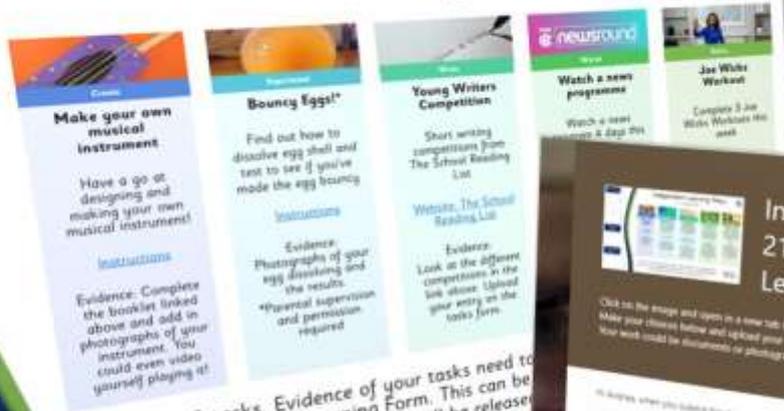
What is Independent Learning at Kings?

At Kings, all year groups are regularly set homework through their subjects. In the current climate, with delivery of lessons online, we feel that homework, requiring further onscreen time may not be as impactful as it would normally. Therefore, in Key Stage 3 (years 7,

8 and 9) we are offering students the opportunity to develop their own interests, and continue to develop their independence whilst reducing the amount of onscreen time that would otherwise be required for homework activities.

Independent Learning Menu

29th January 2021



The menu features five activity cards:

- Make your own musical instrument:** Have a go at designing and making your own musical instrument. Evidence: Complete the booklet linked above and add in photographs of your instrument. You could even video yourself playing it!
- Bouncy Eggs!*** Find out how to dissolve egg shell and test to see if you've made the egg bouncy. Evidence: Photographs of your egg dissolving and the results. *Parental supervision and permission required.
- Young Writers Competition:** Short writing competition from The School Reading List. Evidence: Look at the different competitions in the link above. Upload your entry on the tasks form.
- Watch a news programme:** Watch a news programme & give PPA.
- Joe White Workout:** Complete 3 Joe White Workouts this week.

Choose 3 tasks. Evidence of your tasks need to be on an Independent Learning Form. This can be uploaded to the tasks form. The form will be released on Friday.



Instructions for the tasks form:

- Click on the image and open in a new tab to see the menu.
- Make your choices below and upload your work.
- Your work could be documents or photographs.

At the bottom, there is a section for 'Approved' and 'Not Approved' with checkboxes and a 'Submit' button.

How does it work?

On Friday of each week, a “Menu” will be released containing five suggested activities. These activities are broad ranging in their skills, interests and abilities. The tasks will initially be accessible and achievable and will become increasingly challenging as students develop their resilience in their independent learning skills. We are suggesting that each week students aim to complete three of these five activities, but they can complete them all if they wish! In general, students will have one week

to complete the activities they have chosen, but occasionally the activities may take place over a longer time frame.

The following Wednesday, a form will be released on Microsoft Teams as an Assignment. On the form, students can upload evidence for each of the tasks they have completed. The evidence required for each task is detailed on the Menu. It could be photographs, written pieces, even short videos.



Is it compulsory?

Although Independent Learning is replacing homework during the period of online learning, it is not compulsory. We recognise and appreciate that families are working incredibly hard and juggling home schooling and work, and therefore we feel it would be unfair to put further demands on parents. However, we feel the benefits of

students taking part will significantly support their journey to becoming effective learners and will promote their independence and encourage resilience. In addition, we will be rewarding students for uploading any examples of their work onto the form. Those pieces which are particularly special will be celebrated by being published on the school's Facebook page; KIC Hub.

How do students submit their work?



1. Make sure your child is a member of the Independent Learning Team for their year group.



2. Each Friday the Menu is released for the following week.

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Make your own mental instrument
Have a go at designing and making your own mental instrument!
Evidence: Complete the booklet (black and white and colour), photographs of your instrument. The final one will be shared online!

Raising Eggs?
Egg on the go - design an egg that will last as long as you can make the egg levitate!
Evidence: Photographs of your egg levitating and the results. *Detailed explanation and pictures required.

Young Writers Competition
Start writing competitions from The School Reading List!
Evidence: Look at the different competitions in the list above. Choose your entry on the main form.

Watch a lesson programme
Watch a lesson programme & share the link!
Evidence: Write about what you enjoyed the most. Did any particular story/lesson 'wow' you?

Joe Wicks Workout
Complete 3 Joe Wicks Workouts this week!
Evidence: Record how many of each exercise you could do or how long you could do it for. (In each of the 3 workouts, to show any improvement!)

Choose 3 tasks. Evidence of your tasks need to be uploaded into the Independent Learning Form. This can be photographs or videos. **Deadline: 5th Feb**

3. Look at the menu and choose which tasks you'd like to do. We suggest three.



4. Each Wednesday, an MS Form will be released as an Assignment on Teams. Students will have to login to their Office 365 Account, and login to Teams. The form can be found on the Assignments tab and is titled "Independent Learning Tasks..." followed by the date of the Menu for which they are submitting evidence. For example, for the Menu released on the 21st January, the Assignment will be titled "Independent Learning Tasks 21st Jan". In the assignment will be the link to the form.



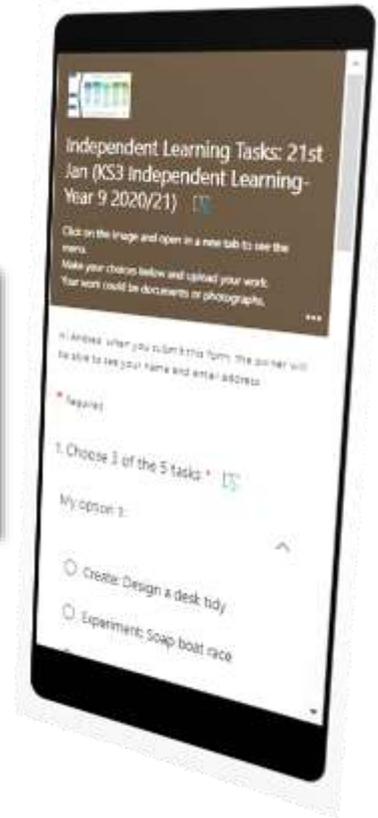
- Once in the form, they can select which tasks they are uploading evidence for and select their files to upload. We recommend that to make sure evidence isn't left out, they put all their files in one folder on their device so that when they are uploading it's easy to find and nothing gets forgotten. The form works on both desktop and mobile devices.



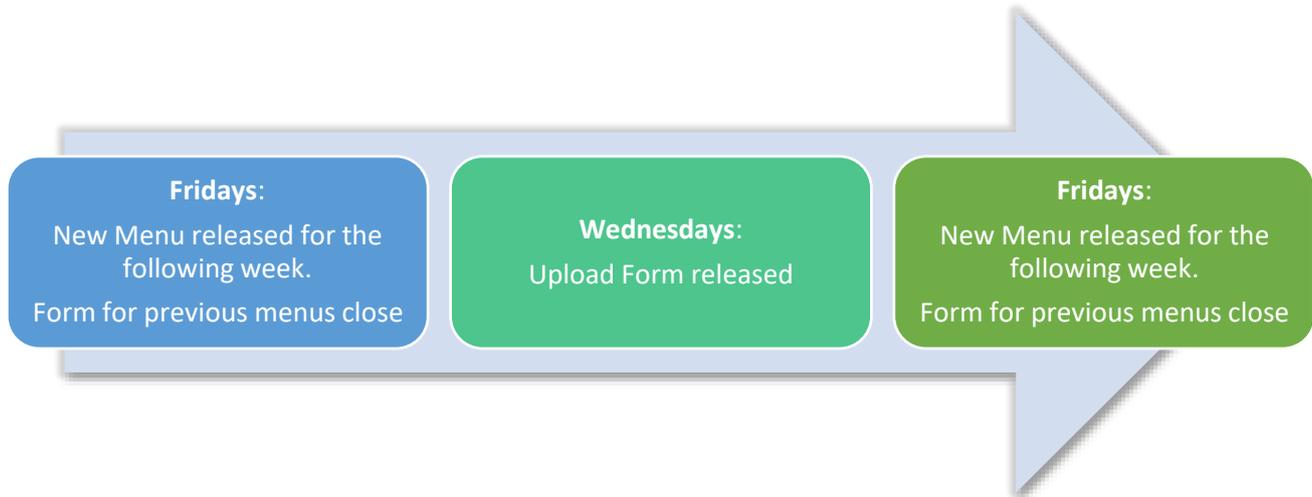
2. Design a desk tidy: upload your work here (Non-anonymous question ⓘ) (1 Point)

File number limit: 5 · Single file size limit: 1GB · Allowed file types: Word, Excel, PPT, PDF, Image, Video, Audio

- Once they have uploaded all the evidence, click submit. They will then receive one point for each task they upload examples for. They don't need to upload everything- just an example or two of what they have done for each task is fine! The form can only be submitted once, so if something does get forgotten, they will need to contact Mrs Ruck or their Head of Year who can delete their previous submission so they can re-upload.



What are the dates?



Queries?

You can find the launch assembly on the school website, or by clicking [here](#).

If you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor, Head of Year or Mrs Ruck, Head of Key Stage 3.