What does

Independent Learning in DT

look like?

After Every Lesson

File your notes and handouts, ensuring they are organised into the correct units and topic areas for better retrieval later.

Consolidate your notes using the lesson resources shared by your class teacher. Add any information that you may have missed and expand on your notes for clarity.

Review your notes and sign post anything that you didn't understand and raise this in the next timetabled lesson **OR** research the answers to your queries independently.

Read the current chapter in your textbook and make a note of any additional content that you may find useful to make links to other prior learning.

Weekly

Read the previous chapter in your textbook to strengthen prior learning, or the next chapter prepare for your next lesson.

Record your practical progress into your coursework and reflect evaluatively by highlighting the strengths and targets in your iterative approach to design.

Research into the wider design industry by engaging in independent academic reading; watch videos on commercial manufacturing; and keep up-to-date with subject specific discussions on social media.

Share your findings with your peers through Teams to contribute to a live collaborative learning hub.

Fortnightly

Practice exam style questions using past papers or query ChatGPT to generate questions for you.

Engage in practical by working in the department during your free or independent study periods.

Half Termly

Study mark schemes to develop a deeper understanding of the success criteria the exam board uses when assessing written examinations.

Study NEA assessment criteria to develop a deeper understanding of the success criteria the exam board uses when assessing coursework.

Resources

- The Design Council
- OCR [Exam Board]
- Core77
- Dezeen [Technology]
- Design Boom
- Design Week
- MIT Technology Review

Visit the Design & Technology iLearn Hub, here.