

PDS/GGD/mwt

02 October 2009

Dear Parent / Carer

**Independent Learning (Homework) Information Evening (Year 7)**

At The Forest School, we work hard to ensure that your son learns the skills he will need to succeed and thrive in further and higher education, and in the workplace. One of the most important of these skills is the ability and self-confidence to work independently. We introduce homework (known at the school as Independent Learning or IL for short) in a structured and supportive way to give him a chance to settle in, get used to the systems and procedures of his new school and make new friends.

We consider Independent Learning to be a vital and integral part of your son's education which will not just enable him to increase his knowledge and deepen his understanding. It will also enable him to follow his interests and teach him the very valuable skills of organisation and time management.

Your son will receive Independent Learning tasks in the core subjects: English, Mathematics and Science after half term and Independent Learning tasks in all subjects after Christmas. To introduce the system, your son will receive a whole-school task in the week before half term.

We value our partnership with parents, and recognise the important role you play in your son's education. We want you to be as fully informed as possible and would therefore like to invite you to an Information Evening on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 6.30pm.

Please return the enclosed reply slip via your son's form tutor by **Wednesday 07 October 2009**.

Yours faithfully,

Petra Davis  
Director of Learning  
Science & Technology

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Return to the main office via your son's tutor by **Wednesday 07 October 2009**.

From the parents of ..... Tutor Grp .....

I/We will be attending the IL Information Evening and require ..... seats.

Signed ..... parent/carers