

# Supporting Study at Grove Academy

## A guide for parents.



Learners experience a wide range of learning and teaching approaches in at Grove Academy. The context in which they learn is often challenging and enjoyable and includes creative activities and investigation. Our young people are encouraged to communicate in different ways and in different settings applying critical thinking in new contexts. They understand that excellent learning means being able to explain and show concepts clearly in their own words or in writing or in diagrams. Children in general, become more confident by being given appropriate support and challenge. Good study habits are important for success in school. Knowing how to study effectively fosters feelings of competence, develops positive attitudes, and helps children realize they can control how well they do in school and in life.

Good study habits also lay the groundwork for successful work habits as an adult.

Grove Academy is committed to ensuring that teachers and parents work together to help children learn good study skills and homework techniques in order to achieve to the best of their potential.



## Make Doing Homework/Studying a Positive Experience – A few tips for parents.

- ✓ Provide support and praise for homework completion.
- ✓ Having a regular place to study will also help you and your child establish a routine for good study habits.
- ✓ Probably the most important thing to keep in mind when choosing a study spot is to keep it away from distractions, like the television.
- ✓ Help your child believe in his or her ability to succeed. When you praise work completed successfully, you are showing your child that he or she can do well in school. Success builds confidence.
- ✓ Encourage your children to complete homework well enough that they have a sense of pride in what they do.
- ✓ Maintain a positive and helpful attitude.
- ✓ It is important for you to set up a regular study time for your child and to try and be strict about maintaining it. This will help your child establish a routine for studying, which is a key to good homework habits.
- ✓ Encourage your children to participate in study groups with friends. Research shows that children who form study groups perform better than children who always study alone. Young people often engage in co-operative learning in discussion with others.
- ✓ Never use homework as a punishment.
- ✓ Be a good listener, and encourage your child to ask their teacher questions about things that they are having difficulty with.
- ✓ Set aside time for your children to talk about what they are learning at school.



# Study Skills (15 - 18)

In the senior phase of education, there are specific challenges. The area below is devoted to highlighting some resources that you can access which can help.

## Essay Writing

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/do/ExamTech2EssayWriting/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269082.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/do/ExamTech2EssayWriting/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269082.asp) IN In the Do section:- this unit will help pupils to learn how to improve their technique for writing essays in exams, so that they don't run out of time.

## Learning in context

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/do/LearningInWiderContext/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4270375.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/do/LearningInWiderContext/resources/genericcontent_tcm4270375.asp) - this unit will help pupils learn how, where and when they can continue learning outside lessons and how taking up learning opportunities outside school can help them in their work and everyday life.

## Learning Styles

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/do/KnowYourLearningStyles/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4270353.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/do/KnowYourLearningStyles/resources/genericcontent_tcm4270353.asp) - this unit will help pupils to get thinking about different ways of learning, and encourage them to identify what their preferred learning styles are.

## Learn from lectures

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/get/GettingMostOutOfLectures/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4270287.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/get/GettingMostOutOfLectures/resources/genericcontent_tcm4270287.asp) - this unit will help pupils to learn how to prepare for a lecture, how to spot the main points in a lecture, how to take notes from a lecture and how to learn from reviewing your work.

## Interpreting self portraits

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/get/SelfPortraits/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4338987.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/get/SelfPortraits/resources/genericcontent_tcm4338987.asp) - this unit is for those studying art. It gets pupils to look at a number of pictures in which artists have painted portraits of themselves. Looking at these self-portraits will allow the pupils to compare the way artists from different periods present themselves, understand how self-portraits can reflect the spirit of the time and understand how self-portraits can reflect personal experience and ideas

## Memory Skills

Resource – [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/remember/MemoryTheoriesStrategies/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4268933.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/remember/MemoryTheoriesStrategies/resources/genericcontent_tcm4268933.asp) - this unit looks at some strategies for learning in different ways. It introduces the pupils to some tricks they can use to train their brains to make memorising things easier. Also, it will help them gain a better understanding of how people learn, which can help them to develop their own strategies.

## Summarising

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/understand/Summarising/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4268851.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/15to18/understand/Summarising/resources/genericcontent_tcm4268851.asp) This unit helps pIn the “Understand” section–upils to learn the basic skills of summarising.

# Study Skills (10 - 14)

The links to resources available on line that we provide in this section should help you to focus your energies on working out what kinds of things help you to study successfully. Issues are broken down by theme for students.

If you find a useful website that you think others would benefit from, let us know and we'll share that information with everyone.

## Exam preparation

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/do/ExamTech1Prep/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269314.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/do/ExamTech1Prep/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269314.asp) In the Do Section - this unit will help pupils learn how to prepare for an examination, examination techniques, the importance of timing and how to read and examination paper.

## Time Management

Resource –

[http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/do/TimeManagement/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269290.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/do/TimeManagement/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269290.asp) - this unit will help pupils learn simple strategies for organising their time by balancing work and play and planning a study timetable or a revision calendar.

## Learn from lessons

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/get/LearnFromLessons/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4270327.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/get/LearnFromLessons/resources/genericcontent_tcm4270327.asp)

In the “Get” section:- interactive resource to help pupils to learn what to do before lessons (preparation), what to take a note of in the lesson (how to recognise the most important information), how to take notes during the lesson and what to do to fix it in your memory after the lesson (reviewing).

## Types of Reading

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/get/ReadingMedia/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269234.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/get/ReadingMedia/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269234.asp) - this unit will help pupils to understand how and when to read in different ways. Using the right strategies will help you read faster and more easily and more effectively.

## Note Taking

Resource –

[http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/remember/NoteTaking/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269206.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/remember/NoteTaking/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269206.asp) In the “Remember” section:- this unit will help pupils to learn different ways of making notes, how to take notes when someone gives them directions, how to make notes from a book and how to take notes when they are listening to a talk.

## Revision

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/remember/Revision/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269456.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/remember/Revision/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269456.asp) - this unit will help pupils to learn what revision is and is not, how to revise more effectively, how to plan revision methodically, how to avoid distractions and how to spend your time wisely.

### **Memory Tips**

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/remember/MemoryTips/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269168.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/remember/MemoryTips/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269168.asp) - this unit helps pupils to “train their brains” (brain gym), suggesting different ways of remembering things (sequencing, mnemonics, and also includes a few memory “tests”).

### **Classification**

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/understand/Classification/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269494.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/understand/Classification/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269494.asp) In the “Understanding” section:- this unit is about how we classify things in different ways. In particular, you will learn about some systems of classification used in science.

### **Mind maps**

Resource - [http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/understand/Mindmaps/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269130.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/understand/Mindmaps/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269130.asp) - this unit helps pupils to learn about what a mind map looks like, different uses of mind maps, why mind maps can be better than other ways of organising their ideas, making mind maps on paper and making mind maps on the computer.

### **Pictograms**

Resource –

[http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/understand/Pictograms/resources/genericcontent\\_tcm4269106.asp](http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/studyskills/10to14/understand/Pictograms/resources/genericcontent_tcm4269106.asp) - this unit will help pupils to learn what a pictogram is, some common uses of pictograms, reasons for using pictograms and how pictograms are used to represent data.