



**ROSSETT SCHOOL**  
**A Specialist Mathematics & Computing College**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

In the history department at Rossett School, we believe that developing student independence and personal thinking skills are at the very heart of education. As such, we are launching a schedule of independent study programmes which will be completed for homework. It is expected that your son/daughter spends a minimum of 45 minutes a week working on their homework project. A list of all the topics that your son/daughter will be expected to study as part of the independent study programme is below. Alongside this is a list of resources and a timetable for the topics to be completed. The timetable should be signed on a weekly basis when you have seen evidence of the work taking place.

For this half term our new unit of work centres on the Industrial Revolution. In lessons we will be looking at the causes and impact of the Industrial Revolution. The homework topics for this half term will therefore involve researching the key inventions of the period. The final assessment will involve a 'Dragons Den' style presentation of the invention they believe was the most significant.

The rationale for this initiative is outlined below:

- It encourages the students to take responsibility for their own learning.
- It advances the idea that the study of history is not just something that occurs in the classroom.
- It fosters independent learning skills that will be essential in the next stage of your son/daughter's education.
- It promotes the idea that education is a three way interaction between teacher, student and parent/guardian.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information or clarification.

Thank you for your support in what we hope will be a valuable initiative.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R McFarlane  
Head of History

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Please sign below to acknowledge that you have seen this letter and to confirm your support for the initiative. Slips need to be returned to your child's history teacher by 25<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ History set \_\_\_\_\_

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**Homework timetable:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Independent work undertaken (student to complete)</b>	<b>Parent signature</b>	<b>Teacher signature</b>
Week 1	The Steam Engine			
Week 2	The Spinning Jenny			
Week 3	The Davy Lamp			
Week 4	The Seed Drill			
Week 5	Preparation for presentation			

## **Resources**

### **Electronic**

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/IndustrialRevolution.htm>

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/indrevo.htm>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/davy\\_humphrey.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/davy_humphrey.shtml)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/arkwright\\_richard.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/arkwright_richard.shtml)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/watt\\_james.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/watt_james.shtml)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/workshop\\_of\\_the\\_world\\_01.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians/workshop_of_the_world_01.shtml)

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic\\_figures/tull\\_jethro.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/tull_jethro.shtml)

### **Books**

The following books are available at break times and lunchtimes from any of the history classrooms –

Peace and War (green)

In Search of History 1714-1900 (blue)

Minds and Machines (dark blue)

You may also use your own resources.

**Please keep evidence of all work completed, either electronically or as a series of hard copy documents. We will ask for copies of all work completed as part of the presentation in the final week.**