

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

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When the pandemic hits 2019 up to the present, teachers had become so engrossed in how they can manage and aspire to achieve quality education as much as the pandemic sets new academic set-ups and new academic platforms. With this thing in mind and the modular presentation of lessons, most of the teachers gave their best in the preparation of this kind of process. However, some things were indeed phenomenological among all these learners.

Initially, they become independent learners who have set their own time and pace in achieving the kind of education they want to have. With this, it is possible that the worst and best might happen from this, such that their laziness or the other way around creativity and critical thinking skills might be the results of this current educational setup.

It is quite refreshing to know that most students find their independent learning exciting and full of happiness. Such that they are required to pass their modules.

Nevertheless, the students are quite hopeful as well as their teachers to achieve more than what their modules are offering. Even though some of the teachers and most students find modules as part of what they can have from their educational community, most of the educational development from these may cater to more than just the aspirations of the former. There may happen some induction of challenges and with this, it might be relaxing to know some suggestions on independent learning to boost the students' aspirations to learn more and minimize diversion of what they can do while learning, some distractions for example.

It is highly suggested that:

Make some additional activities according to the interest of the students.

Do involve the parents and the guardian when dealing with the modules

Monitor them but not to the extent that the students will feel that they are being pressured.

Lastly, set a time and game-changing plan if in case the module seems to be quite less for the critical thinkers and the innovative students.

Hoping these suggestions can add more spices to independent learning not just for students but also for teachers.

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