Independent Learning Task

Subject	Y8 Computing
Week set:	Week 28
Duration:	4 weeks
Hand in:	Week 32
Instructions:	Working as part of a small team (2 or 3 students), you need to submit a video news report on a topic of your choice. The video report should be a minimum of 3 minutes long and a maximum of 4 minutes. This 'Independent Learning Task' will require you to gather your own footage outside of lessons that can be edited within your Computing lessons. You will be given time in English lessons to write scripts. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for the best reports in the year group. There will also be some additional highly commended prizes. You will be asked to introduce and present the video of your news report in your English lessons
Skills:	● Digital research ● Video Editing skills ● Presentation skills ● Teamwork skills ● Script writing skills
Mark scheme:	Gold: All of the below checklist has been included as part of the project. Sliver: A majority of the below checklist has been included as part of the project, with a few minor omissions. Bronze: Most of the below checklist has been included as part of the project, with a few omissions.
Additional guidance or help:	Computing Support runs on a Thursday afterschool.

✅ BBC School News Report Video Checklist

📜 Script & Structure

- Engaging introduction (Who? What? Where? When? Why? How?)
- Information presented in a logical order
- Strong conclusion or call to action

🎙️ Presentation & Delivery

- Clear and confident speaking
- Appropriate tone and language for a news report
- Eye contact with the camera and natural body language

⚖️ Fairness & Accuracy

- Facts presented impartially (no bias)
- Sources credited properly
- Sensitive topics handled appropriately

🎞️ Filming

- Steady camera shots (no excessive shaking)
- Good lighting and clear audio
- Mix of shots (interviews, location footage, relevant visuals)
- Smooth transitions and clean editing

🎬 Video Editing

- **Video length:** Minimum **3 minutes**, Maximum **4 minutes**
- **Captions/subtitles** included for accessibility
- **On-screen graphics** (e.g., lower-thirds for names, location, or key facts)
- **Intro and outro elements** (e.g., title screen with "BBC School News Report")
- **Background music/sound effects** (used appropriately and not overpowering dialogue)
- **BBC-style branding** (if applicable, consistent fonts/colours)