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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of how homework will be structured this year for your son/ward. Recent educational research suggests that equipping students with revision skills early on in secondary school leads to examination success at KS4 and KS5, therefore all KS3 students will receive homework in the form of a termly Knowledge Organiser this year.

What are Knowledge Organisers?

Knowledge Organisers act as revision guides, containing a set of key facts or information that students will need to know and be able to recall in class. The information is split into 3 topics for each of the following subjects: English, Maths, Science, MFL, Geography and History. Teachers will then let the students know which topic to revise for each fortnight and then quiz or assess the students on their knowledge.

Students will be receiving paper copies of their Knowledge Organisers, but electronic versions will also be available on the Academy website.

How can I support my son/ward with using his Knowledge Organiser?

We have put together the revision schedule below to help you support your son/ward at home. We have also provided revision ideas to help your son/ward engage with his Knowledge Organiser – these revision ideas will also give him strategies that he can take forward into KS4 and KS5 to support with his future studies.

Week	Subject and section	Revision technique
1 (A)	English, MFL and Maths Section 1	Create a mindmap for the information in Section 1
2 (B)	Science, History and Geography Section 1	Create flash cards for the information in Section 1
3 (A)	English, MFL and Maths Section 2	Create a poster and then follow the 'look, cover, say, write, check' method for the information in Section 2
4 (B)	Science, History and Geography Section 2	Create a mindmap for the information in Section 2
5 (A)	English, MFL and Maths Section 3	Create flash cards for the information in Section 3
6 (B)	Science, History and Geography Section 3	Create a poster and then follow the 'look, cover, say, write, check' method for the information in Section 3

**Please note: for term 1, the schedule will start week 3 when all students would have received their Knowledge Organisers.*



The Knowledge Organiser for each subject also contains key vocabulary for that term. We recommend that you test your son/ward on these key spellings as well as encourage him to learn the definitions of these words. Furthermore, if your son/ward learns best through applying information, we have included tasks that he can complete which allow him to use the information that he has learnt. Wider reading is also available on each of the Knowledge Organisers may he want to research further into the given topic.

What other revision resources are available for my son/ward?

Here at Greenacre Academy, we provide every KS3 student with a library book and we recommend that every student spends 20 – 30 minutes reading his book every day. After the book is completed, he will then take a quiz on this to support him with his reading skills. We also have a range of online resources available to our students which we recommend that they use 3 times a week:

- Maths Whizz
- Spell Zone

There is also a 'Revision Club' available to all students to use afterschool at 2:50pm – 3:50pm, Tuesday – Thursday and 1:20 – 2:20 on a Friday, if they would like any support with their Knowledge Organisers or a place to use the online resources.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your son/ward's Form Tutor if you have any questions or queries regarding your son/ward's Knowledge Organisers or online resources.

Yours sincerely,



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