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Dear Parents

**Re: Key Stage 3 Knowledge Organisers and Homework**

Thank you to those of you that have been in touch with positive comments about the use of Knowledge Organisers at key stage 3. These are a vital resource for enabling students and parents to understand their path through key stage 3 and to take responsibility for their own learning.

The level of engagement from parents is hugely appreciated and will ensure that students use these properly and are successful.

Following discussions with some of our students, I would like to clarify some points regarding the effective use of Knowledge Organisers and to ensure that students have a manageable yet useful amount of homework. It is important that all key stage 3 students read daily (and record this in the reading log) and complete all the maths work set on MyMaths. In addition to this it is recommended that students use the techniques outlined in the knowledge organiser booklet to practice their understanding of different subject areas for approximately; 30 minute per school night at year 7, 45 minutes per school night at year 8 and one hour per school night at year 9.

A suggested timetable for this could be:

|           | SUBJECT 1                     | SUBJECT 2            |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Monday    | Art                           | Biology or Chemistry |
| Tuesday   | Drama/PE                      | English/RE           |
| Wednesday | Computing, Food or Technology | French               |
| Thursday  | Geography                     | History              |
| Friday    | Maths                         | Music                |

There may be the occasional additional homework set to supplement learning. If at any point you are unsure about what your child should be doing or have any concerns regarding the amount of homework your child has please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs S Robinson**  
 Assistant Headteacher

