



**Lees Brook
Academy**

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Knowledge Organiser Homework

Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well, having enjoyed the summer break. As we begin the Autumn Term, it is worth explaining the expectations around the use of knowledge organisers for students in Years 7 to 11. This includes being clear about what knowledge organisers are, why we use them, and how your child is expected to engage with them.

What are knowledge organisers?

Knowledge organisers are a key part of your child's learning here at Lees Brook Academy. Each term our subject teachers, who are experts in their discipline, discuss and identify the most powerful knowledge your child needs to know within their subject. These are collated into a booklet, along with tasks set by teachers, for your child to complete each evening.

Within lessons, teachers will set tasks which require pupils to have completed their knowledge organiser homework each evening. The homework is clearly tied into your child's curricula experience and therefore an essential part of their learning week.

If you are particularly interested in what knowledge organisers are and why we use them, please do read this page of our website: <https://www.leesbrook.co.uk/learning/knowledge-organisers/>

How should your child use knowledge organisers?

Below are some essential pieces of information regarding how your child should engage with knowledge organisers.

- Each evening, Monday-Friday, your child will study two subjects for 30 minutes each. On some evenings, this includes Century Tech (CT) for English and Science, or Sparx Maths to support their learning.
- For Years 7, 8 and 9, this includes 30 minutes of Principal's Reading. Students read the

relevant extract and answer the questions in their homework book. This is to support the development of their reading and is linked to their curriculum experience.

- For Year 10 students, their booklet contains all subjects. **Your child should only complete the knowledge organiser work for subjects which are on their class timetable / that they are studying at GCSE.**
- They should follow the schedule in their booklet. The schedule uses a 'Week Starting' format, providing students with the date of the Monday of each week. Each student has already been provided with their booklet. It is also on our website on the page linked at the end of this letter.
- Students in Years 7 to 10 have been given an exercise book to complete their homework in.
- Their knowledge organiser work will be checked lessons and positive points awarded for completing the work, with an extra positive awarded for outstanding work.
- It is crucial that students **do not leave all of their work until the day before it will be checked in lesson** as they will not be able to complete all subjects to the highest standards expected and self-check their work all in one sitting.
- They should **bring their knowledge organiser and exercise book to school every day**. Their teachers, tutors, or any member of staff, could ask to see their work in lessons, form time, or at any other point.
- In the unexpected scenario that a student does not complete the homework, their knowledge organiser work is found not to be up to date or of the highest standards, a negative point will be issued and a 45 minute detention completed the same day after school for each subject they have not completed. This could be a maximum of 1.5 hour per evening in detention. However, we know that the majority if not all students, will be receiving positive points for excellent work.
- Year 11 students have been provided with knowledge organisers to support revision throughout the academic year. They are not expected to complete homework in a yellow book but will be set homework by their class teachers.

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How can you help support your child?

As parents of Lees Brook Academy students, we know you do an incredible amount to support your child. To ensure they are best placed to stay on top of their knowledge organiser homework, we ask that you check the homework of your child each evening in order to ensure they have completed it to a high standard. This involves signing off your child's work on the 'schedule' page.

Please do use our knowledge organiser page on the website linked above and do not hesitate to get in touch with myself, your child's Year Leader, or tutor.

Thank you in advance for your support in this aspect of your child's learning.

Yours faithfully,

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