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Dear Parents/Carers,

Students have all been given their Autumn term Knowledge Organiser booklet. After the success of the first year we are excited to share this updated resource.

The booklets contain the core knowledge of everything your child will be learning this term. Independently studying this content will help them to learn and understand what is being taught in their lessons. This works on the principle of 'sticky' knowledge; the more students know and can recall, the better the new knowledge will 'stick'. These booklets will also develop good study habits for a lifetime of learning.

The core knowledge in the booklet will help support learning and provide the students an overview of each topic taught this term. At the front of the booklet, on pages 3-5, you will find lots of ideas about how to study and how to test their recall of this knowledge. We encourage you to look through these with your child and see which methods you can use together. During form time students will spend time focusing on each study method and evaluating each one throughout the term.

Knowledge Organisers are the predominant homework for Key Stage Three, we expect students to spend five hours a week studying one to two subjects or completing assigned tasks from their subject teachers. Students are required to record the subject they have studied each day and we request that parents/carers counter sign the record. This should help students study a balance of subjects and provide an opportunity to discuss knowledge gained.

If a subject teacher feels it appropriate to set homework additional to the Knowledge Organiser, it will be relevant to the curriculum and a suitable task with a clear outcome. The time allocated to the students for this will be instead of their Knowledge Organiser. The suggested time will be clearly shown on Satchel:One and be in line with the timing allocated on the Knowledge Organiser for each subject over a fortnightly period. Low-level testing may also be set as homework using a range of homework platforms such as, but not limited to: Satchel:One, Seneca and Educake.

Teachers enter all homework on the site Satchel:One so that students and parents can see what work has been set and when it needs to be submitted. If these details are lost please email satchelone@stclementshigh.org.uk.

Google Classroom maybe used as a platform to collect electronic homework (but all assigned tasks will be published on Satchel:One). All students have joined new Google Classrooms for the academic year and if they need to isolate will find the appropriate work and instructions on here.

Homework provides valuable opportunities for extension, reinforcement or preparation work and also encourages independent learning. The consequence for missing a deadline is shown in the School's Behaviour Policy. To support in the completing of Homework our newly refurbished school library is open until 4pm each evening.

Yours sincerely

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