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Dear Parent/Carer

To supplement our new curriculum in Key Stage Three we have made positive changes to our Key Stage Three Homework policy. Whilst structured homework will be set occasionally by subject teachers, students will be required to complete weekly tasks set by their maths teacher on Hegarty Maths, record their independent reading and develop their study skills using our new termly Knowledge Organiser booklets.

The booklets contain the core knowledge of everything your child will be learning at school each 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.

We expect students to spend at least an hour every school day studying one to two subjects. In the booklet they bring home, you will find a homework log on pages 6 and 7. Students are required to record the subject they have studied each day and we request that you counter sign the record. This should help students study a balance of subjects.

The introduction of our Knowledge Organisers will be supplemented in school by a focus on different study and recall methods. These are shown on pages 3-5 of the booklet, please have a look through with your child and see which methods you can use together. Subject teachers will conduct regular low-level testing with students to aid their recall and assess understanding of subject knowledge.

A new booklet will be issued to your child at the beginning of each term up to the end of Year 9. As they are issued, all the booklets will be published on Show My Homework by tutors, please refer to this if you need an additional copy as you will be able to print out from here. Students will be required to refer to these booklets in lessons, therefore after using each night for Homework should return them to their school bag.

Please feel free to contact me (e.towle@stclementshigh.org.uk), should you have any comments or queries.

Yours sincerely



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