



September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Home Learning Requirement September 2022

At Minsthorpe Community College, we deliver a knowledge rich curriculum in order to facilitate students to know more, remember more and do more. We have therefore designed strategies for students to remember what they have been taught. This letter outlines the expectations regarding Home Learning for this academic year. Home Learning has an invaluable impact on students' progress, and it is vital that Home Learning is supported by parents and carers at home.

What Home Learning will my child be expected to complete at Minsthorpe Community College?

Students are expected to:

- Read for 15 minutes a day at home
- Learn the weekly knowledge set in their Knowledge Organiser in every subject. This should amount to 30 minutes revision every night at home

What is a Knowledge Organiser?

Knowledge Organisers are designed to help your child learn a wide range of knowledge. Knowledge Organisers contain the core knowledge, in every subject area, your child needs to learn in order to achieve academic success.

Where can I find copies of Knowledge Organisers?

- Students will be issued a physical copy of their latest Knowledge Organiser at the beginning of every half term along with a workbook to complete Home Learning in
- Knowledge Organisers can be found on the school website
- A PDF of the Knowledge Organiser students will be learning will be attached to their Satchel: One Home Learning task every Monday

How will Home Learning be set and how should my child's Home Learning be submitted?

Every Monday, your child will be set a Home Learning task on Satchel One (Minsthorpe's Online Home Learning Platform). The task will direct your child to learn a section of the Knowledge Organiser. The sections will be categorised according to the two week timetable. We will provide a timetable which details which subject should be studied and on what day. You can find a copy of this timetable below:

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Day	Subject to Learn
Monday	English and L4L
Tuesday	Maths and CDM
Wednesday	Science
Thursday	French, History and Geography
Friday	Design Technology, PE and Creative

Students will be provided with an exercise book to complete their Home Learning in. Students will then be able to take a picture of their Home Learning and upload it to Satchel:One. Students will receive training on how to do this during their first week at college.

What support will students receive to support them in completing Home Learning?

- Students will receive training on how to use Satchel: One in their first week at Minsthorpe. This will enable them to access their weekly Home Learning message and submit their Home Learning.
- You will receive further guidance regarding Satchel:One at the start of the academic year.
- We have produced a Knowledge Organisers' guide for parents and students which contains 4 key strategies to help your child learn the knowledge in their Knowledge Organiser. There are also supporting videos that take your child through each strategy step by step.

When will Home Learning be set and when will it need to be submitted?

Home Learning will be set on Mondays every week. Home Learning must be submitted on Friday of the same week. Completion of Home Learning is compulsory.

What happens if my child does not complete their Home Learning?

Students who do not complete their Home Learning or students who require further assistance will be required to attend a 'Knowledge Commitment Session' after school on Tuesdays. This session is an extension of the school day and compulsory. If your child is required to attend the Knowledge Commitment session you will be alerted via text message. Home Learning is set weekly and must be completed weekly.

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Knowledge Assessments

Every half-term your child will take a Knowledge Assessment based on the knowledge they have committed to memory. At the end of the year, we will crown a Knowledge Champion. Your child will be rewarded for the number of questions they answer correctly. For example, your child will receive a certificate for getting 100% of the questions correct in one subject area and/or being placed within the top 50 students in the year group.

Knowledge Assessments will take place on the dates below; it is imperative your child attends college on these days to complete their assessments:

Tuesday 1st November 2022 Period 1

Wednesday 4th January 2023 Period 1

Tuesday 21st February 2023 Period 3

Wednesday 19th April 2023 Period 3

Wednesday 7th June 2023 Period 2

What happens if my child struggles in the Knowledge Assessment?

The Knowledge Assessments test students on the core knowledge of our curriculum. This core knowledge is fundamental to success in academic subjects. The Knowledge Assessments will identify gaps in your child's knowledge. Some of these gaps will be addressed in classroom teaching. Some students will require further support and will attend a tutoring programme to ensure they are assisted in learning the content in the Knowledge Organisers. Tutoring for students who require additional support will take place on either Wednesday or Thursday after school. These sessions are an extension of the college day therefore compulsory. The tutoring programme will last for four weeks. The first three weeks will be devoted to targeted academic intervention and in the fourth week students will be given the opportunity to retake the Knowledge Assessment. This will ensure students have embedded the knowledge in their Knowledge Organisers into their long-term memory. The college will contact you in the future if your child needs to attend the tutoring programme outlined above.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. Minsthorpe Community College is a school where everyone plays a part in ensuring every child reaches their full potential.

If you require any additional help, guidance or support please do not hesitate to contact Minsthorpe Community College via phone: 01977 657600 or via email:

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Yours sincerely,

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