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Dear Parent/carers

KS4 Home Learning Requirement September 2026

Home Learning Systems at a glance:

- Students in Year 10 and 11 will continue to receive a Knowledge Organiser every half term to use to complete home learning in their workbooks.
- Workbooks will be checked by P&A Mentors every Monday.
- Students are expected to complete **4 boxes** per week.
- Subject specific Home Learning will also be set in preparation for GCSE examinations.

At Minsthorpe Community College, we have high expectations of our students including Home Learning completion. For the past three years, your child has followed the Knowledge Organiser programme. This programme will continue into the new academic year. As your child will now have decided upon their option subjects and be preparing for GCSE examinations, the subjects your child studies will set an additional Home Learning every two weeks.

These Home Learnings are designed to enhance their knowledge and/or skills and not be onerous. 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:

- Learn the weekly knowledge set in their Knowledge Organiser in every subject. This should amount to 30 minutes revision every night at home.
- Complete the subject specific Home Learning set by classroom teachers every two weeks.

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

Knowledge Organisers: Every Monday, your child will be set a Home Learning task on Arbor. 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:

Week A Day	Subject to Learn	Week B Day	Subject to Learn
Monday	English	Monday	Maths
Tuesday	Science	Tuesday	Science
Wednesday	Option Subject A	Wednesday	Option Subject B
Thursday	Option Subject C	Thursday	Option Subject E
Friday		Friday	

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Students will be provided with a workbook to complete Home Learning in. Students will then show their workbook to their P&A mentor in P&A time every Monday. P&A mentors will check that students have completed a **minimum of 4 subjects** each week.

Subject Specific Home Learning: Will be set every two weeks by classroom teachers/ curriculum areas on Arbor. Home Learnings will be bespoke to the subject in question and students should read Arbor tasks carefully as they will state what the Home Learning is, how it is to be submitted and on what date.

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

Knowledge Organisers: 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 Tuesday (Y10). This session is an extension of the school day and is 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. Students who forget their workbook will also be issued a Knowledge Commitment.

Subject Specific Home Learning: classroom teachers and curriculum areas will monitor subject specific Home Learning completion. They may send a text message/ email home, provide a phone call or ask students to attend subject specific commitments in Year 10 and 11 for non-completion.

Students' reports will contain an effort grade for both Knowledge Organiser and subject specific Home Learning.

Knowledge Assessments

Year 10 students will take a Knowledge Assessment based on the knowledge they have committed to memory **three times** this academic year. Students will continue to be rewarded in the same way as previous years.

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

- **Friday 18th December 2026 - Period 3**
- **Thursday 25th March 2027 - Period 1**
- **Thursday 8th July 2027 - Period 2**

Year 11 students will not sit Knowledge Assessments.

What happens if my child struggles in the Knowledge Assessment or to complete Home Learning?

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 be offered extended commitments to ensure they are assisted in learning the content in the Knowledge Organisers.

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Extended commitments for students will take place on Tuesday after school. These sessions are an extension of the college day therefore compulsory. The sessions are flexible and will continue until the student is ready to make progress independently. The sessions will ensure students have embedded the core knowledge in their Knowledge Organisers into their long-term memory and understand how to use the strategies at home.

The college will contact you in the future if your child needs to attend the extended commitments outlined above.

Minsthorpe Community College's Home Learning Club is available after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; your child can be added to the club via the Arbor App.

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: enquiries@minsthorpe.cc.

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