

Knowledge Organiser Guide

A helpful
guide for
parents/carers

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**Knowledge
is power.**

Sir Francis Bacon

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge Organisers have been created to increase communication between school life and home life. The content in these directly link to what is being learnt in school. Students are expected to complete their KO each night and parents must log this.

This is all surrounding the idea that 'Knowledge is power'.

Purpose

Knowledge Organisers are based on the information students will need across their 5 years at Delta Goole. In order to be successful in their GCSEs, students should use their organisers to keep building on their knowledge. Every student's book will look different as they record the information for recall in their own preferred way. It will not be 'marked' by teachers but recognised in tutor time. The success should be in their improved confidence in accessing the information needed to support learning.

Research shows that for students to succeed in a particular area, they must have a foundation of factual knowledge. Knowledge organisers are a way to enable this in a much more systematic way than traditional revision guides and textbooks.

Working memory capacity is limited, so by storing more in their long-term memory, students can free up working memory capacity. With careful design and use of knowledge organisers, they can access and retrieve the information they require from their long-term memory quickly. For a complex task such as writing an English literature essay, for example, students can reduce excess stress on their brain by accessing knowledge and quotations from their long-term memory.

For more information on the benefits of using Knowledge Organisers in schools, visit:

impact.chartered.college/article/organising-knowledge-purpose-pedagogy-knowledge-organisers/

How does it work?

Every school day your child should be studying at least 1 section of their Knowledge Organiser (KO) for their homework. The timetable in this booklet tells them which subjects they should be studying on which days (it doesn't matter if they have that subject on that day or not, they should follow the timetable). They should look to do around 15 minutes for each subject. That means some days they will do 15 minutes work, other days it may be 30 minutes. Working in this way helps them create good habits for learning.

Using the Knowledge Organiser

They are to use their exercise book to show the work they have done. Each evening they should start a new page and put the date clearly at the top. They will need to bring their KO and exercise book with them **EVERY DAY** to the academy.

How can you help?

You should tick off their homework every evening using the grid in the KO on page 4. Their KO and exercise book will be checked regularly in form time, they can pick up above and beyond stickers for their work. They will also be tested in their lessons on knowledge from the organisers.

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**A knowledge organiser
organises all the most
vital, useful and powerful
knowledge on a
single page.**

**Joe Kirby,
Teacher and Education Blogger**

How can they use their KO?

They can use their KOs and book in a number of different ways but they should not just copy from the Knowledge Organiser into their book. There are some more ideas and strategies listed below on how they can self test.

- Asking someone to write questions for them.
- Writing their own challenging questions and then leaving it overnight to answer them the next day.
- Creating mind maps.
- Creating flashcards.
- Putting key words into new sentences.
- Look, cover, write and check.
- Mnemonics.
- Drawing a comic strip of a timeline.



Mindmap



Flashcards

My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Naming Planets!

Mnemonics



Cartoon Strip

- Using the 'clock' template to divide the information into smaller sections. Then testing themselves on different sections.

- Spelling tests.

- Definition tests.

- Drawing diagrams of processes.

- Draw images and annotate/label them with extra information.

- Doing further research on the topic.

- Creating fact files.

- Creating flowcharts.

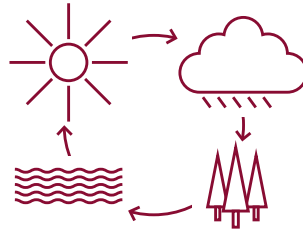
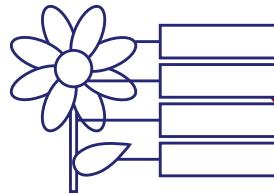
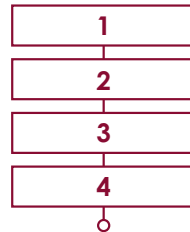


Diagram of Processes



Annotate an Image



Flow Chart

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**To know what
you know and
what you do not
know, that is
true knowledge.**

Confucius

Homework Timetable/Parent Checker

Each day your child must use a page of their exercise booklet to evidence their work. Once they have completed their 15 - 30 minutes of work the parent/carer must sign this off.

It will look something like below:

Week 1			
Day	Subject 1	Subject 2	Parent/Carer Sign Off
Monday	English		
Tuesday	Drama		
Wednesday	Maths	DT	
Thursday	MFL		
Friday	Science	Music	



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