



News for the year ahead 2019 -2020

Homework at The Holgate Academy is changing!

The main objective of any homework task is to ensure students can continue their journey of progress beyond the classroom. The most effective homework is organised, monitored and helps students deepen their understanding and consolidate their learning. With this in mind, we are improving and extending our knowledge organisers across all year groups to help students in this journey to success and support the knowledge needed for the new GCSE courses. A knowledge organiser is an information page containing key information, concepts and subject specific terminology/information related to the units currently being studied. Students will have their own ring binder folder to keep knowledge organisers and learning evidence in.

How to Use the Knowledge Organisers

Students will memorise the information provided by subjects using the strategies explained in their booklet and taught by their teacher. They will be assessed weekly with quick, focussed retrieval activities. The aim being that by the end of the unit they will be able to completely reproduce the knowledge organiser.

All year groups will follow a timetable with tasks each day for the core subjects: English, maths, science, history, geography and French.

Students should spend the following amount of time on each subject:

- Year 7-8: 20-30 minutes
- Year 9-11: 30-45 minutes

What will happen if students are not completing the knowledge organiser tasks?

Ultimately, students who do not complete the memorising tasks are in danger of being left behind in class. This will be monitored through their folders, the regular retrieval mini-tests and their ability to recall the information needed in class.

All students must:

- Use the folder provided to show the work completed daily for each subject directed on their timetable.
- Bring their knowledge organiser folder with them **EVERY DAY** to school.

Just a reminder:

We have study club four every night after school and the library is open most lunch times so there is no reason for home learning not to be completed.

Finally, while learning key knowledge will be the MAIN homework every week, additional tasks may be set and posted on the homework hub.