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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Re: Home Learning/Knowledge Organisers**

We are running a home learning trial with Year 10 in the second half of the Summer Term. This will entail all of Year 10 having a Knowledge Organiser. Students will also have a home learning exercise book, where all their home learning will be recorded. Both books must be with them at all times.

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The purpose of a Knowledge Organiser is to help students build up their knowledge of key vocabulary and concepts by revising them at home. Students will be tested on their home learning for each subject in their lessons the following week. All students will need to show evidence in their home learning exercise books that they have spent time revising. The evidence can be in the form of students writing down the key words with their meanings and then testing themselves, using mind maps or any other way they can evidence their learning. This process will also help develop their revision skills in preparation for their GCSE exams. The Knowledge Organisers themselves will also be excellent revision tools in the future with all subjects' key knowledge in one place.

Students will be rewarded for excellent home learning work, but there will also be a detention for students who cannot evidence their home learning for that week. Tutors will be checking every Monday that there is evidence of home learning for each of their subjects recorded in their home learning exercise books. If there is no evidence of home learning that week, this will be recorded on Class Charts which you will be able to see as parents.

The Knowledge Organiser for the Summer Term will be on the Academy website, as well as useful tips on how best to use them. Staff will enter which section of the Knowledge Organiser needs to be learnt on Class Charts as normal. Year 10 do have exams in the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> June, so it might be that some home learning in the lead up to the exams will be revision; however, evidence of revision will need to be recorded in their home learning books.

The new GCSEs are more demanding than ever and students need to acquire a huge amount of knowledge. The Knowledge Organisers focus on learning, revising and revisiting this key knowledge so it can embed in their long term memory, which will enable them to be more successful in their GCSEs, as well as to become more independent learners.

If you have any questions at all regarding the Knowledge Organisers, please do not hesitate to contact me on [progress@paigntonacademy.org](mailto:progress@paigntonacademy.org).

Yours faithfully

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