



Home Learning Guide to Using Knowledge Organisers

What are knowledge organisers?

Knowledge organisers contain essential, fundamental knowledge that you MUST know in order to be successful in Year 7 and subsequent years. They will help you to recap, revisit and revise what you have learnt in lessons, enabling you to move the knowledge from your short-term memory to your long-term memory. Knowledge organisers are designed to help you learn a wide range of knowledge which in turn will mean you are more prepared for your lessons as well as your GCSEs that you will sit in the future.

How can I access the knowledge organisers?

Each subject area has created a knowledge organiser for the topics you will cover over the year. They can be accessed on our school website [here](#). You may wish to print them out or you might prefer to save them in your documents and use them on screen. It is really important that you keep all of your knowledge organisers somewhere safe, because the knowledge required in Year 7 will also be needed in Years 8-11.

How will the knowledge organisers be used?

You will use your knowledge organisers at times in class, but you will mainly use them to assist with your homework tasks. Most of the time, your teachers will give you specific tasks focused around your knowledge organiser for your homework, but sometimes they may allow you to pick a way of using them to help revise for a topic. They will be very useful in developing your confidence at home with topics you have covered in class. On the next page there are some ways you could use your knowledge organisers independently.

You will continue to be set homework on Go4Schools in line with the school homework schedule:

Homework Schedule						
Key Stage	Weekly Homework Activities			Fortnightly Homework Activities		
Years 7-9 30 minutes per task	Maths	English	Science	All other subject areas		
Years 10-11 60 minutes per task	Maths	English	Science	Option A Subject	Option B Subject	Option C Subject


















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How to use a Knowledge Organiser – A step by step guide



'so that knowledge is stored and retrieved over a long period of time'

	Look, Cover, Write, Check	Definitions to Key Words	Flash Cards	Self Quizzing	Mind Maps	Paired Retrieval
Step 1	<p>Look at and study a specific area of your knowledge organiser.</p> 	<p>Write down the key words and definitions.</p> 	<p>Use your knowledge organiser to condense and write down key facts and or information on your flash cards.</p> 	<p>Use your knowledge organiser to create a mini quiz. Write down questions using your knowledge organiser.</p> 	<p>Create a mind map with all the information you can remember from your knowledge organiser.</p> 	<p>Ask a partner or family member to have the knowledge organiser or flash cards in their hands.</p> 
Step 2	<p>Cover or flip the knowledge organiser over and write down everything you remember.</p> 	<p>Try not to use your knowledge organiser to help you</p> 	<p>Add pictures to help support. Then self quiz yourself using the flash cards. You can write questions on one side and answers on the other.</p> 	<p>Answer the questions and remember to use full sentences.</p> 	<p>Check your knowledge organiser to see if there were any mistakes with the information you have made.</p> 	<p>They can test you by asking you questions on different sections of your knowledge organiser.</p> 
Step 3	<p>Check what you have written down. Correct any mistakes in green pen and add anything you missed. Repeat.</p> 	<p>Use your green pen to check your work.</p> 	<p>Use a parent/carer or friend to help quiz you on the knowledge.</p> 	<p>You can also use family to help quiz you. Keep self quizzing until you get all questions correct.</p> 	<p>Try to make connections that links information together.</p> 	<p>Write down your answers.</p> 