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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about a strategy that we have recently relaunched to ensure that your child is as successful as possible in all of their subjects. Over the last week, your child will have received a Knowledge Organiser. They have also heard an assembly explaining what they are and how to use them. Knowledge Organisers contain critical, fundamental knowledge that students must know in order to be successful in their current year and in subsequent years. They will help students recap, revisit and revise what they have learnt in lessons in order to move the knowledge from their short-term memory to their long-term memory.

Students must bring their Knowledge Organiser to every lesson, so I would appreciate parental support in ensuring that this happens. Your child's teachers will direct the students as to how to use the Knowledge Organisers. There are a number of ways that they may be used, for example, to learn key content in a lesson. Students can also use them independently at home to recap what they have done in their lessons. If students do this they should follow this sequence:

- Copy out the key words / definitions / facts from the Knowledge Organiser.
- Cover the definitions that have been written down, apart from the first. **Read it, Cover it, Say it** in your head, **Check it.....REPEAT** until confident.
- Cover up ALL the definitions / facts and write them out from memory.
- Check your answers and correct where required.
- Repeat these steps until confident.

The Knowledge Organisers contain all of these instructions, so please do not worry about remembering them!

Year 7 students have also been given a United Learning Glossary. These contain key vocabulary that students will need to learn over the course of the next three years. As with the Knowledge Organisers, your child's teachers will refer to them in lessons and may ask students to learn certain words for homework.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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