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Dear Parent / Carer

We hope that this letter finds you well. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce **Study Practice**. Study Practice will replace the traditional setting of 'homework.' It *is* independent revision outside of the classroom involving **retrieval practice and self-quizzing** for all students across all of their subjects.

At Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School, we believe that all students are able to become **successful** citizens with **excellent academic success** and the ability to be **influential yet kind and compassionate** citizens; our saints of the 21st century, **dedicated** to and **called to a life of service to self, God and others**.

Our 'Knowledge Rich Curriculum' approach recognises that the acquisition of skills and knowledge go hand-in-hand and will ultimately prepare all students for their next steps through to Key Stage 4, Key Stage 5 and beyond. Our curriculum intent ensures that our curriculum framework is planned to enable students to think independently and contribute positively to society and the wider world. Our students will become:

- 'Knowledge rich' experts in their subjects of study
- Active - engage with the ever changing world around them
- Curious about the universe; its places, events, people, customs and cultures
- Responsible for their own learning

We believe that all students are able to become experts in the disciplines that they study. The knowledge rich approach has its foundation in meticulous detail; exact facts, dates, events, characters, concepts and precise definitions that all students are expected to master and commit to their long-term memory.

Expertise in an area relies on a person possessing a high level of knowledge. Consequently, students that 'know more' are able to understand more and thereby become more successful in their studies. In order for students to develop a deep understanding of the core knowledge within each subject, teachers use a variety of the following curriculum instruments in their teaching:

- Knowledge Booklets
- Retrieval Practice quizzes
- Active Reading using graphic organisers
- Probing questions
- Vocabulary glossaries
- Knowledge Organisers



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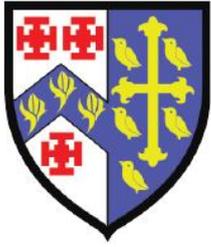


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Knowledge Organisers are very powerful tools in a students' learning journey. They organise all the most vital, useful and powerful knowledge on a single page. Teachers try hard to choose the most valuable content that they want all students to remember for that Semester and beyond. This knowledge will consistently revisited and built upon in order for students to develop a deep understanding of their subjects.

We expect all of our students in KS3 and 4 to complete Study Practice each evening. Study Practice is an extremely effective 'habit' of a successful learner and is beneficial for many reasons:

- To enable students to commit key facts to memory
- To enable students to develop connections between facts and thus a deeper understanding of a topic
- To teach students how to work independently
- To teach students 'how' to study/revise and develop an organised approach to learning or revising

Every student will be given a **Study Practice Workbook and PDF copies/booklets** containing every subject's core knowledge – a **Knowledge Organiser** for each subject. These are changed each semester to work alongside the topic of work in each subject that semester.

Students will self-quizz or create a mind map or another graphic organiser from their subject Knowledge Organisers, as guided by their teacher. Information regarding Graphic Organisers and Dual Coding can be found in the student diaries.

Students will have a **Study Practice timetable** to follow and they will be taught how to use their books and Knowledge Organisers effectively; teachers will explain and model Study Practice tasks. These tasks will then be revisited in the students' next lesson. In addition to Study Practice, 20 minutes of reading is required.

Study Practice will be set using ClassCharts. This will enable you as parents/carers to support both us and your child to complete their Study Practice and develop effective study habits.

All Study Practice timetables and guidance can be accessed on our school website. We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

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