



St Cuthbert Mayne School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

At St Cuthbert Mayne, we believe that what happens outside the classroom is just as important as what happens inside it and so this September we have launched a new Home Learning policy designed to ensure consistency and transparency in the work your children are being set as well as to enable you to support your children effectively with their learning outside school.

At the beginning of each term, your child will be provided with a printed copy of the Home Learning Booklet which will contain the tasks for every subject. In addition he/she will receive an A4 lined exercise book.

The Home Learning will take the form of knowledge organisers. A knowledge organiser is a document containing all the key facts and information that students need to know to be able to succeed in each of their subjects. They will be expected to learn this information using a 'Read, Say, Cover, Write, Check and Repeat' approach, much like they may have learnt spellings at Primary School. As you are aware, there have been major changes to the school curriculum and exams and students are now required to memorise and recall large amounts of information in order to achieve the highest grades. This new Home Learning strategy supports the development of these skills and helps students to build the resilience they need to cope with the demands of the curriculum. Many schools across the country are now using knowledge organisers successfully and seeing improvements in students' outcomes.

Your child's tutor will explain the best way to use knowledge organisers and outline our expectations. Your son/daughter's teachers will also spend time in lessons explaining how the information contained in the knowledge organisers relates to the learning that is taking place in class.

To enable you to support your child with their Home Learning, a timetable will be issued, outlining which subjects he/she should be focusing on and how long to spend on them each night. In addition, an electronic copy of the booklets will be available on the school website.

We are very excited about this new initiative which is an integral part of our drive to continually improve standards and outcomes for our students. Once again, we thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss S Kingdon
Assistant Headteacher

Mrs H Gowers
Home Learning Co-ordinator



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