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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Home Learning

We have recently completed a review of our Home Learning/Homework policy to ensure that our current practice prepares our students to succeed against a revised knowledge-based curriculum.

To ensure that students are acquiring the knowledge required to succeed, we will be supplying students in Years 7, 8 and 9 with *Knowledge Organisers*, which will contain all the necessary knowledge-rich material for each subject area. It is expected that students will **learn the contents of this organiser at home** and will be tested regularly (following a set frequency table for Home Learning) to give us an understanding of how well they have done and the gaps that exist in their knowledge. It will be clear on the Knowledge Organiser when the student will be tested on the knowledge. In addition, all parents/carers will receive a Home Learning report at the end of each half term.

Research shows that **Home Learning** enables students to embed crucial knowledge in to their long-term memory. With this comes a greater knowledge base to which new learning can be anchored. Regular retrieval of this knowledge will help new knowledge to 'stick'. This can support learning in lesson and performance in exams.

Students will be given their *Knowledge Organisers* at the start of Half Term 2. This document will contain all the essential knowledge that they need to learn over the half term. Students should keep their *Knowledge Organiser* at home in a safe place and keep it in good condition. You can see from the frequency table overleaf how often Home Learning will be set in each department.

Parents and carers can support students by viewing our new Home Learning practice as an important part of their child's learning, by discussing Home Learning with them and encouraging them to be organised in completing it. It is also imperative that students are regularly quizzing themselves on their Knowledge Organisers as this practice leads to improved retention.

If you have any questions or require further clarification then please contact me by emailing admin@manchesterhealthacademy.org.uk or go to our website for further information.

Yours faithfully

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Assistant Principal: Curriculum



	Year 7 Curriculum Hours per fortnight	Home Learning per half term	Year 8 Curriculum hours per fortnight	Home Learning per half term	Year 9 Curriculum hours per fortnight	Home Learning per half term
Maths	8	7	8	7	8	7
English	8	7	8	7	8	7
Science	8	7	8	7	8	7
Spanish	4	5*	4	5*	4	5*
History	3	2	3	2	3	2
Geography	3	2	3	2	3	2
Art	2	2	2	2	2	2
Food	2	2	2	2	2	2
Design Technology	2	2	2	2	2	2
ICT	1	1	1	1	1	1
Drama	1	1	1	1	1	1
Music	1	1	1	1	1	1

*little and often

