

Ref: HGR/ CLO

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Dear Parents and Carers,

KS3 Home Learning

I am writing to inform you of some changes that we have made to home learning at KS3. We have made these changes in response to pupil voice that has been undertaken. We have listened to our pupils to improve how we set, monitor, and reward completion. We also support our staff by ensuring we align with our trust vision for setting home learning across all curriculum areas. This ensures that when we track home learning completion, we can use data provided centrally by our trust to correlate pupil performance with those of similar starting points and link this to attainment data.

Our home learning continues to have a foundation in developing subject knowledge, supporting exam preparation, and accelerating classroom learning. Tasks will continue to have a retrieval focus. Our expectations of time spent on home learning remain the same; we set learning so that our pupils can complete an additional hour of learning at home, each weekday evening.

| KS3 | Learning Platform/Approach | Home learning expectation |
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| English | Reading Routes book | 20 minutes reading per evening. |
| Maths | SPARX | 30 minutes per week. New tasks are set each week. |
| Science | GCSEpod platform – access specific content | 3 pods to watch per week. Quiz to complete when/after watching the pods. |
| History | Knowledge Organiser | Knowledge Organiser. Pupils guided to focus on key areas of information in KO. |
| Geography | Knowledge Organiser | Knowledge Organiser. Pupils guided to focus on key areas of information in KO. |
| MFL | Language Nut | Pupils are asked to complete 30 minutes of retrieval tasks and grammar activities over a two-week deadline. |
| Art / Technology/RE/ Music/ PE | | Tasks set at teacher discretion – pupils are invited to attend extra-curricular enrichment. |

Further information about home learning at Darton Academy can be found here: [Home Learning - Darton Academy](#)

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hannah Gregory
Assistant Principal