

Dear Future CTA Student

**Re: Knowledge Organisers**

First of all congratulations on securing your place at Chase Terrace Academy we cannot wait to welcome you in September.

I am Mrs Baird and I am one of the Assistant Head teachers at Chase Terrace Academy. My main responsibility is Teaching and Learning and ensuring that you have access to quality lessons which enthuse you and ignite your ambition.

To support our Teaching and Learning Strategy, we have something called the "Know, Do, Review Cycle" which you will learn more about in your first few weeks.

A key part of that strategy, are our "Knowledge Organisers" which contain everything that you need to know about a particular topic to support you in getting a head start.

The knowledge organisers are to be used by you for your home learning and you will be expected to use them for a minimum of 15 minutes each evening to revise a topic or complete pre-reading ahead of starting a new topic.

I have included a selection of knowledge organisers that you will be given in your first week so that you can familiarise yourself with them and start sharing them with your parents/carers who will play a crucial role in supporting you with your learning at home.

Some ideas of how to use them are:

1. Turn each of the boxes into a revision card or section on a mindmap
2. Hand the sheet to someone else and get them to quiz you on a particular area – how much can you remember?
3. Use the bullet points to create a paragraph that explains the box in more detail
4. Turn the sentences into pictures to help you remember them
5. Use these basics to do some more research on the topic and then teach someone about what you have learnt.

For more information about the knowledge organisers and the CTA Way – the Know, Do, Review Cycle, then you can find short videos from our student leadership on our website.

<https://chaseterraceacademy.co.uk/our-school/information-for-parents-carers/>

If you or your parents have any questions or would like to get involved in our Parent Teaching and Learning Committee, where we meet once a half term to involve parents in the Teaching and Learning Strategies and offer useful hints and tips, then please contact me at [s.baird@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk](mailto:s.baird@chaseterraceacademy.co.uk)

Best wishes

Mrs Baird