



# Supporting your child with their learning at home

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A Parents' Guide to Assessment and Knowledge Organisers

St Monica's RC High School

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## Homework

At St Monica's all pupils are set homework in line with our school homework timetable.

Homework tasks will vary – pupils might be asked to answer questions on a worksheet, complete a practical activity or revise key knowledge from the lesson using their knowledge organiser.

Homework Timetable 2023- 2024		
Day	Subjects	
Monday	English	Geography
Tuesday	Science	Art / DT / Food
Wednesday	Maths	History
Thursday	RE	Computer Science
Friday	MFL	Music / Drama

Homework is set via **Satchel One**.

Pupils should spend approximately 30 minutes on each subject.



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## Assessments

The purpose of assessments at St Monica's is to enable us to understand how much of the curriculum has been understood by our pupils.

We use different methods in the classroom to assess what pupils know. This then helps us to adapt teaching to make sure that any misconceptions are addressed and any gaps in knowledge are secured.

Assessments take place at key points. Our Assessment Overviews provide a clear outline of what will be assessed in each subject and at what point.

Each assessment overview can be found in the subject area for each department follow the link below:

<https://www.stmonicas.stoccat.org.uk/curriculum/subjects/>



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## Assessment Preparation

Before assessments take place, encourage your child to spend time reading through their Knowledge Organiser to revise the key topics.

Their class teacher will have explained to them what is the key knowledge they are expected to know. They will have been directed to their Knowledge Organiser or additional notes on Satchel One. Knowledge Organisers can be found in each curriculum subject area on our website.

We encourage pupils to learn and revise knowledge by using the Look / Cover / Write strategy.

<https://www.stmonicas.stoccat.org.uk/curriculum/curriculum-home/>



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# Using the Knowledge Organisers at home

All children in Year 7 - 9 are given a printed Knowledge Organiser for each term. It contains all the knowledge covered in each subject area each term. These can also be found in the curriculum / subject area of the school website. The purpose of the Knowledge Organiser is to consolidate or summarise all the knowledge that pupils need to recall from their lessons. Please encourage your child to review this knowledge at home by self-testing or self-quizzing.

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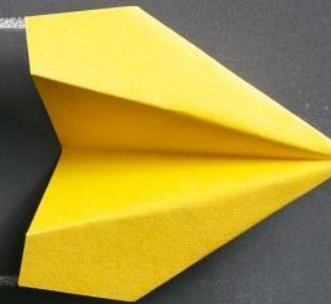
# Self-quizzing or (Self-Testing)

We encourage our pupils to develop the habit of self-quizzing by following FIVE simple steps:

1. Look
2. Cover
3. Write
4. Correct
5. Repeat



Find a quiet place to work before you start and remove all distractions!



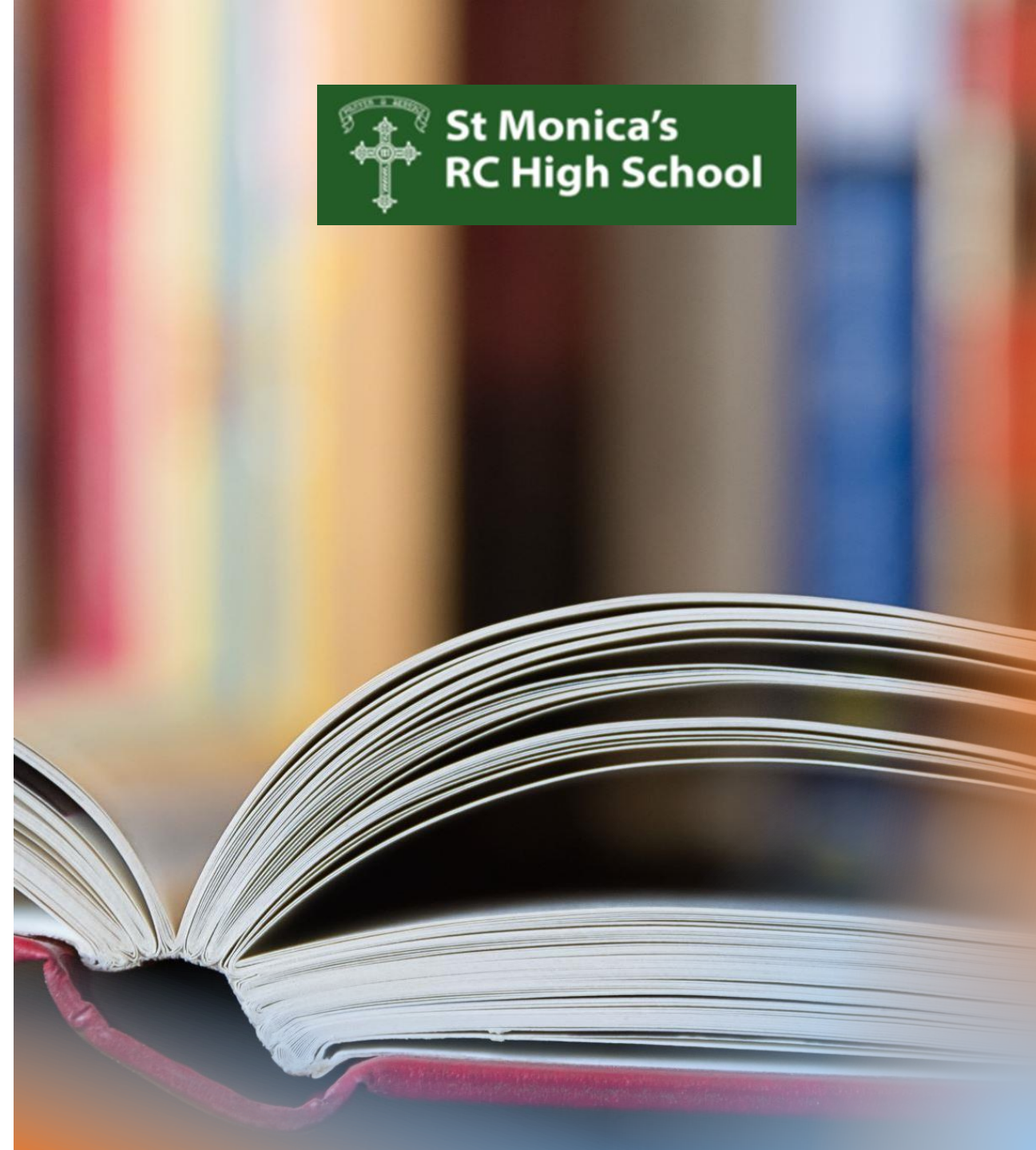
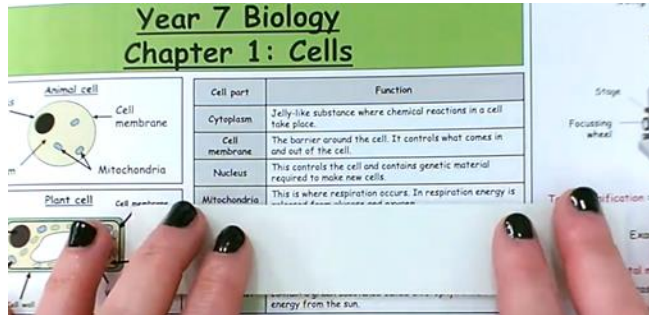
# 1.Look

Read over the information or knowledge that you wish to learn.

Spend about 20 minutes looking at the material.

Look at small sections at a time and highlight key ideas.

Use a ruler as you read or read it out loud!





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## 2.Cover

Now cover over the material that you have been reading. Turn the Knowledge Organiser over.

Can you recall it all?



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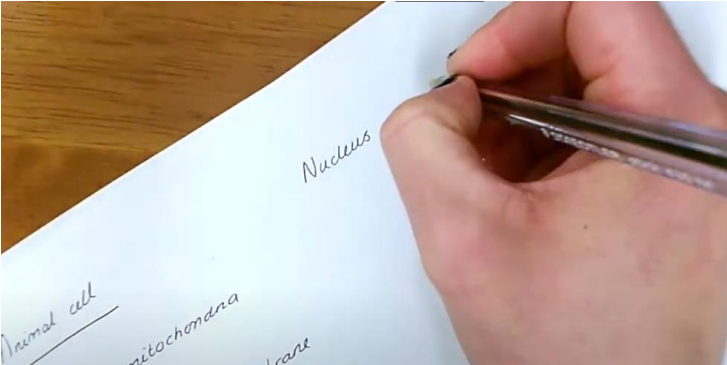


### 3. Write



Write down on a scrap piece of paper as much as you can remember.

Practise writing out keywords and key pieces of information that you are trying to remember or retrieve.



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## 4. Correct

Check what you have written against your Knowledge Organiser.

Where you have made any mistakes?

Spend a few minutes checking over and correcting them. Make sure that any misconceptions are amended.

Make sure that revision next time focuses on the areas that were most difficult.



# Teacher feedback

After assessments have taken place in class, your child will be provided with some feedback in their exercise book. This may be personal feedback or whole class feedback but it will give all students a clear picture of what they need to do to improve.

The purpose of assessment at St Monica's is to ensure that all pupils understand what are the next steps in the learning journey. Effective feedback will enable this to happen.

Finally, look at the curriculum section of our website which contains lots of information about students are learning in their lessons at St Monica's.

If you have any further questions about your child's learning at St Monica's please contact: [sleyssens@stmonicas.stoccat.org.uk](mailto:sleyssens@stmonicas.stoccat.org.uk)

