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Dear parents and carers,

Over the next two weeks, your child will be issued with a folder that will comprise all of their Knowledge Organisers. Knowledge Organisers are documents that contain the key information, or “threshold concepts” that your child needs to know for that particular subject.

Your child will receive a Knowledge Organiser (or KO) for most of the subjects they study, and in some instances, they will be given the requisite KOs for the entire year. While we would not expect students to be looking at material months ahead of time, many students *do* like to pre-read as a way of preparing themselves for subsequent topics, and we appreciate that receiving a full complement of KOs can support this excellent academic practice.

A common misconception is that Knowledge Organisers contain “all the information” needed for a subject. Sadly, this is not the case – if only it were that easy!

Knowledge Organisers only contain foundation knowledge from which students can build further knowledge and understanding. They function as a kind of skeleton comprising the key details that form the structure of a topic. Subsequent learning in the classroom will allow the student to build the layers of detail on top of this skeletal framework, and this highlights how helpful it is for children to use their Knowledge Organiser *before* classroom study, and not just as a revision tool.

Once your child has their folder, it becomes a part of their expected daily equipment. It goes without saying that it is vital that they look after it and take great care not to lose it. If, however, they do damage or misplace it, folders will be available for purchase in the school shop.

If you would like to look at the content of folders, or read more about Knowledge Organisers as a learning tool, information can be found on our website: <http://www.lymmhigh.org.uk/knowledge-organisers-2/>

Year 7:

Year 7 students will receive their folders slightly later than other year groups; once all Halls have returned from their residential visits to Ty'n-y-Felin, they will be taken off timetable to be given their folders and receive training on how to use them.

Many thanks for your support, and as ever, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,



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