



# Chesterton Community Sports College

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Re: Independent Learning & Crucial Knowledge Resources

Thank you very much to everyone who completed the recent parent surveys. Some parents and carers had questions about how to best support their child's learning at home. Please see below for some guidance on this but please feel free to contact the school if you have any further questions.

### Independent Learning

At Chesterton Community Sports College, traditional homework is not set as it has proven to have very little impact on pupils' learning and progress. Instead, pupils are asked to work outside of the classroom (at home and during Independent Learning sessions in school) to work towards remembering and understanding the crucial knowledge for each subject.

- Crucial knowledge resources are available on pupils' subject OneNotes (online exercise books on their iPads), or using the following link:  
<https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/2013-09-25-09-25-35/all-files/crucial-knowledge>
- Your child's subject teachers will set a range of crucial knowledge quizzes each week. The aim is to develop pupils' understanding and long-term memory of the crucial knowledge, supporting their learning and developing their overall progress. Quizzes are crucial knowledge-based and give pupils immediate feedback and corrections where required. Pupils are **expected to complete all set quizzes** (see quiz locations below)

Subject	Where are quizzes set?	Subject	Where are quizzes set?
<b>Maths</b>	Teams (Assignments) / Kahoot	<b>Computer Science</b>	Smart Revise
<b>English</b>	Educake / Teams (Assignments)	<b>RE</b>	Teams (Assignments)
<b>Science</b>	Educake / Kahoot / Teams	<b>PE</b>	Teams (Assignments)
<b>MFL</b>	Teams (Assignments) / Blooket	<b>Art</b>	Teams (Assignments)
<b>History</b>	Teams (Assignments) / Blooket	<b>Music / Drama</b>	Teams (Assignments)
<b>Geography</b>	Educake / Teams (Assignments)	<b>Business</b>	Teams (Assignments)
<b>Citizenship</b>	Teams (Assignments)	<b>Child Development</b>	Teams (Assignments)
<b>Technology</b>	Teams (Assignments)	<b>Health &amp; Social</b>	Teams (Assignments)





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- Each week, please spend time with your child looking at and discussing their work in OneNote, class Teams, crucial knowledge quizzes and crucial knowledge understanding for each subject (using the resources)
- During Independent Study sessions in school, pupils are asked to work through their crucial knowledge quizzes and focus on crucial knowledge learning. The following independent learning activities are also encouraged during these sessions:

### Independent Learning Sessions

## How should I use my time?

**Learn/test your Crucial Knowledge**

- Pick a subject, then use the Crucial Knowledge resources to test yourself and learn anything you don't know
- You can find all the resources here: <https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/2013-09-25-09-25-35/all-files/crucial-knowledge>

**Complete all your Crucial Knowledge quizzes**

- Work through all set Assignments in Teams
- Work through Educake, Kahoot, etc. quizzes set by your teachers

**Make a 'to-do list'**

- In OneNote (top of the page)
- Using 'Notes' on your iPad
- Or just on paper!

**Work through extra subject resources**

- Go to your Teams classes
- Work through the extra resources that your teacher has put in your class Teams
- These resources will help to **extend your subject knowledge**

**Organise/tidy your notes**

- Organise and tidy up work in your OneNote notebooks
- Group pages together so your notes are in order
- Turn pages into subgroups so that topics are together

**Read a book**

- Improving your reading skills will help you in all subjects
- Find lots of books on the **Sora** app

**Independent online revision**

- **All subjects:** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
- **All subjects:** <https://quizlet.com/en-gb>
- **All subjects:** [www.educake.co.uk](http://www.educake.co.uk)
- **All subjects:** Kahoot! (For Science, search keccscb1, keccscc1, etc.)
- **All subjects:** <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>
- **MFL:** <https://www.language-gym.com>
- **Maths:** <https://www.onmaths.com>

**Complete classwork & coursework**

- Complete any work in your OneNote notebooks, exercise books, folders, OneDrive, etc.

**Complete exam questions/papers**

- Check the exam board with each of your subjects, then search for past exam papers and mark schemes

**Make corrections and improvements**

- Look at teacher comments in your exercise books or Class Notebooks
- See how you can improve previous work and have another go at it
- Look at any quizzes that your teachers have returned. Make notes on anything you got wrong and learn

## Crucial Knowledge Learning

At Chesterton Community Sports College our focus across the curriculum continues to be **crucial knowledge** learning. We believe that each child's performance in lessons and exams will improve greatly when they learn more crucial knowledge, remember more crucial knowledge, understand it and then apply it.

**Crucial knowledge** is the key content that has to be taught, remembered and understood by all pupils. We believe that if your child learns and remembers this crucial knowledge, they will be able to access more learning in school, develop their confidence and importantly, make more progress.

Over time, pupils will **know more, remember more, understand it and apply it.**

Please use the following links to find the up-to-date curriculum documents and crucial knowledge resources for each of your child's school subjects (see links below). Please use these documents to support your child's learning at home:





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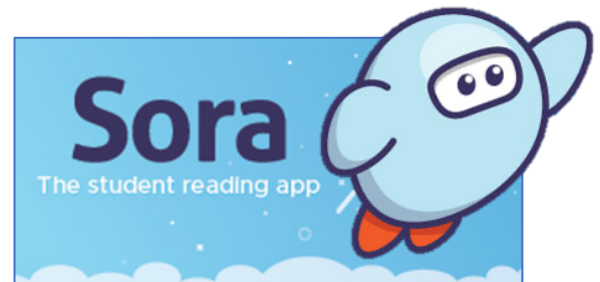
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- **Curriculum Intent Documents** – An overview of what your child will be learning in each subject and when: <https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/information/curriculum-and-qualifications>
- **Crucial Knowledge Resources** – The key knowledge that will be taught in lessons, alongside additional learning. Your child must work to remember and understand this crucial knowledge for each of their subjects. Please support their learning at home using the glossaries and resources attached, the crucial knowledge quizzes sent each week and any other resources that teaching staff send to pupils via Teams and OneNote: <https://www.ccsc.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/2013-09-25-09-25-35/all-files/crucial-knowledge>

## Reading & Sora

Reading continues to be a real focus at Chesterton Community Sports College and we aim to continue developing and promoting regular reading across the curriculum and reading for pleasure. Developing pupils' reading skills both in school and at home supports **learning and progress across all subjects**. ERIC reading continues to take place during form times and all pupils are asked to participate in these focused weekly reading sessions.

Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. The **Sora** app., our online library, is on all pupils' iPads and gives pupils access to a wide range of online books, audio books and graphic novels. **Sora** continues to be very well-used by pupils and is working hand-in-hand with the school's physical library. We also have access to the daily current affairs newspaper, **The Day** ([www.theday.co.uk](http://www.theday.co.uk) username: chestertoncommunitysportscollege1 / password: chesterton1).



If you have any questions or require any further information, please contact the school.

Additionally, please contact the school if you require a printed copy of the crucial knowledge documents.

Yours sincerely,

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