St Bede's Year 11 Parent Workshop: How to use effective revision strategies to <u>help learning stick</u>

This booklet includes a three-step, easy to follow process for 6 effective revision strategies:

- 1. Flash-cards
- 2. Cornell notes
- 3. Knowledge dumps
- 4. Self-quizzing
- 5. Using exam questions
- 6. Look-cover-write-check



How to make flash-cards to help learning stick...



Step 1:

Pick a topic and find a poster/knowledge organiser/revision material on that topic

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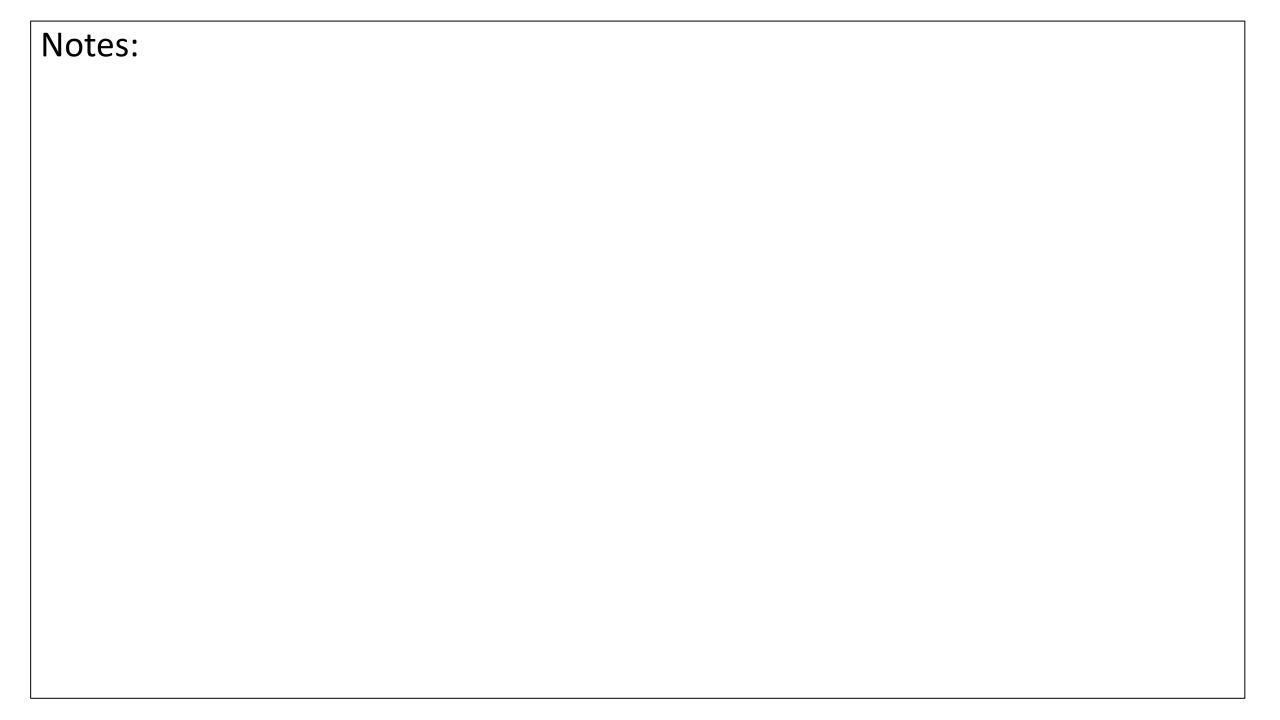
Step 2:

Break it into smaller pieces of information and write the key information/formula/vocabulary etc on one side of a blank flash card

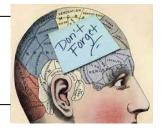
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Step 3:

Write quiz questions on the back of the card (3 to 5 questions) based on the information on the front. Use these questions for self or peer quizzing



How to use Cornell Notes to help learning stick...



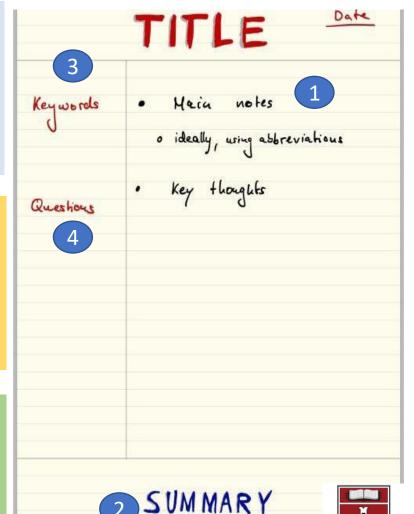
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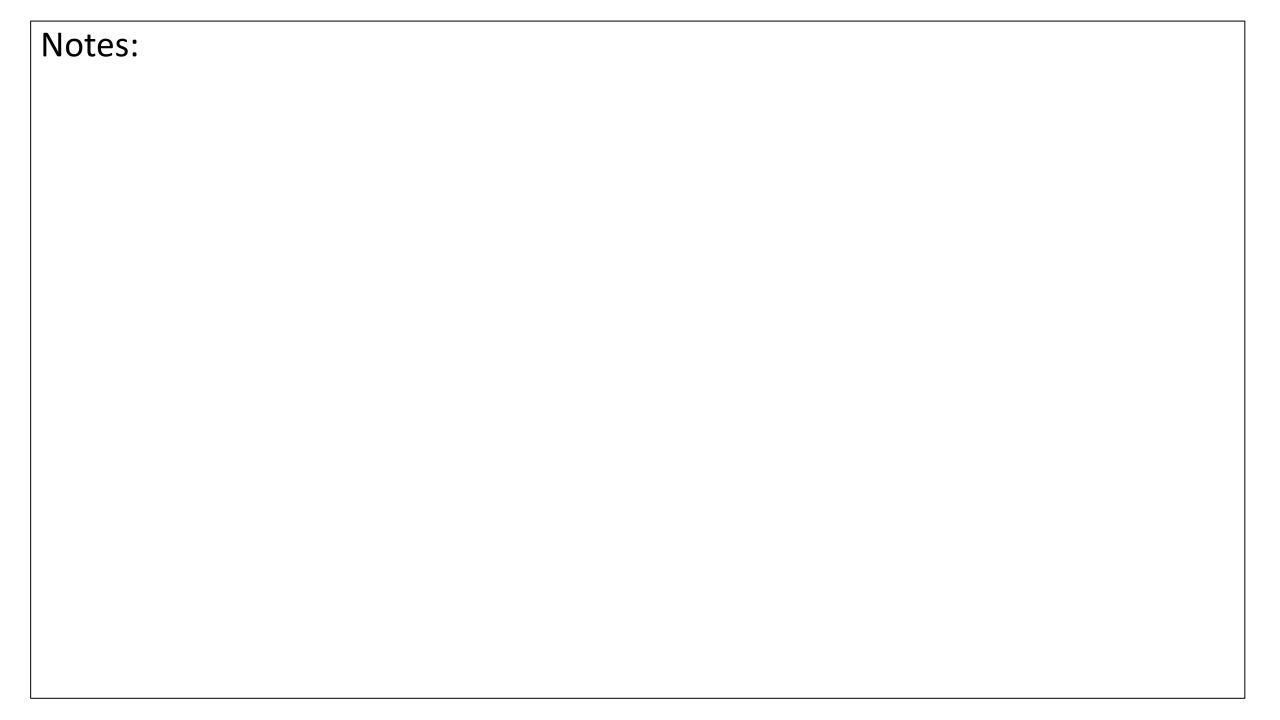
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Step 2: Select your revision resource, e.g. a revision book or video, and add your notes and key thoughts, using abbreviations and bullet points.

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Step 3: Summarise your notes and bring together all of your information, writing in full sentences. Write down any key words and create quiz questions. At the end, cover your notes and use your questions to test yourself!





How to use knowledge dumps to help learning stick...



Step 1:

Choose a topic that you'd like to revise – for example, the character of Tybalt in *Romeo* and *Juliet*, or the structure of a plant cell.

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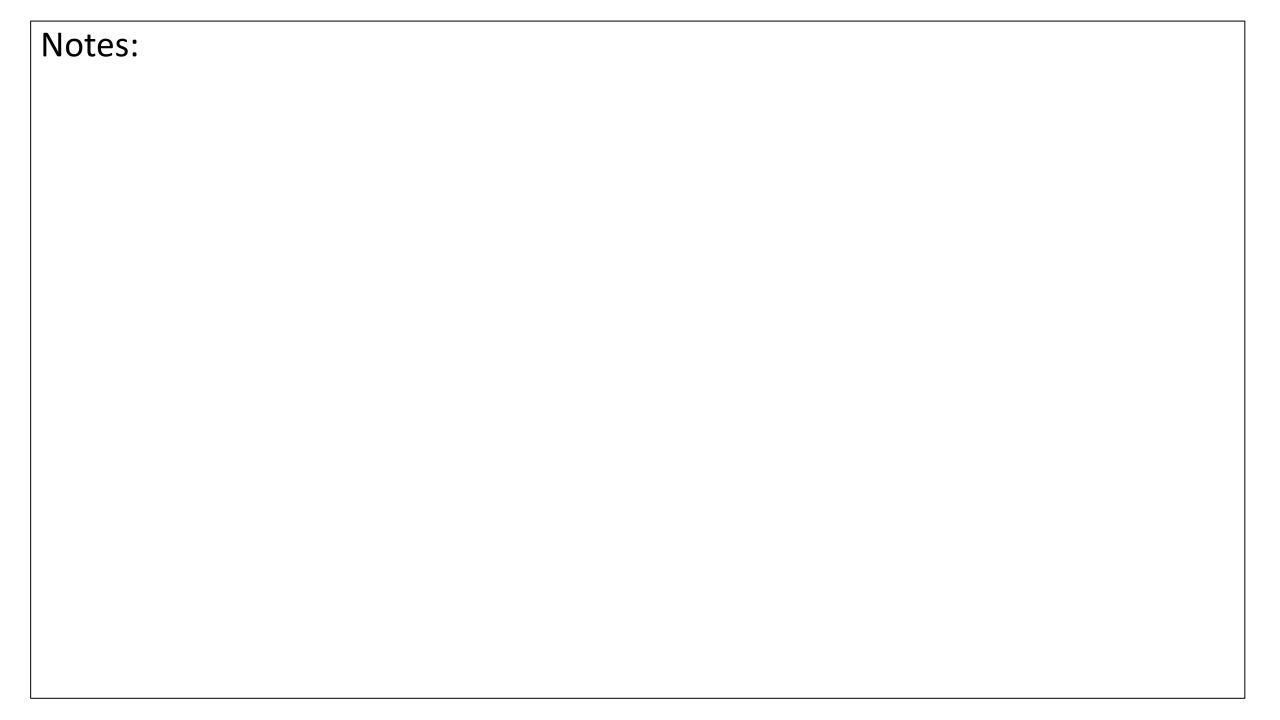
Step 2:

On a blank piece of paper, write down as much as you can remember about the topic. It can be set out however you like.

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Step 3:

Check your knowledge dump against your class notes, or a revision guide on the topic, and then correct it and add to it in a different coloured pen.



How to use self-quizzing to help learning stick...



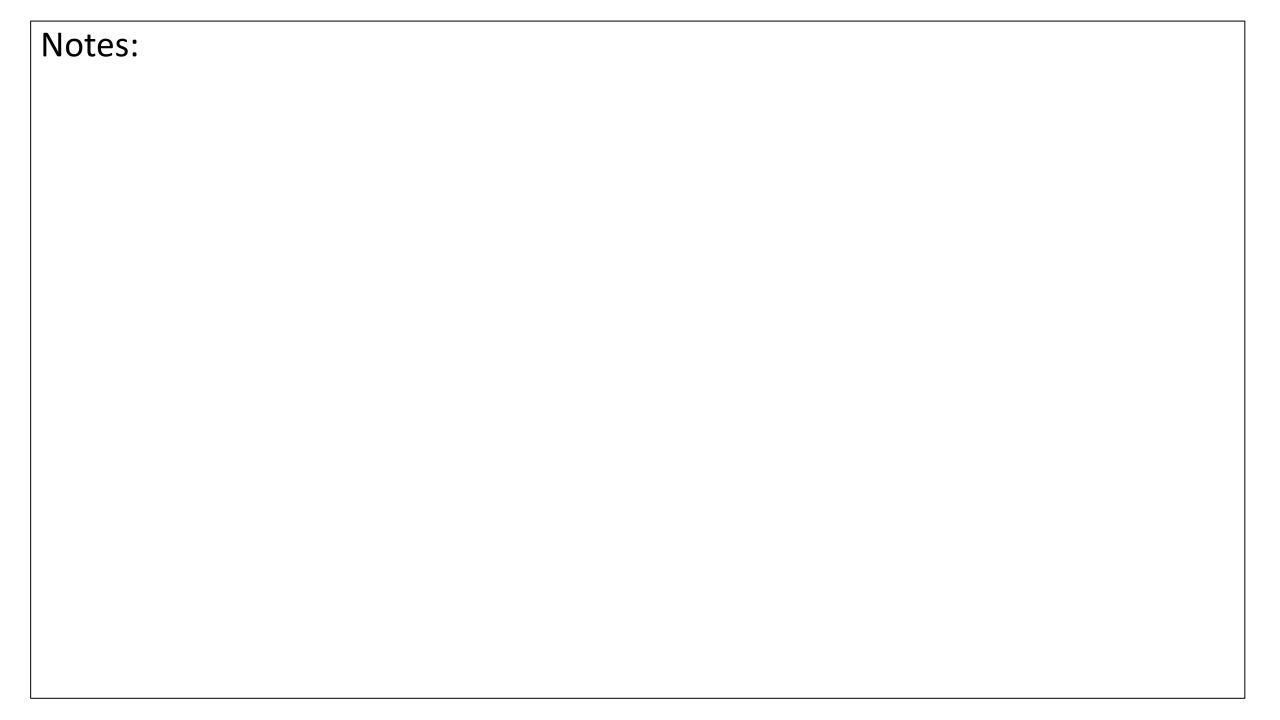
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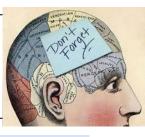
Step 2: Select your revision resource, such as a knowledge organiser or revision guide, and select the topic area on which you would like to focus your revision.

FINALLY...

Step 3: Write quiz questions on the left-hand side of the paper and the answers on the right based on the topic you have revised. Once you have prepared your questions and answers, you can fold the answers back so you can test yourself. Alternatively, you can give the sheet of paper to someone else who can quiz you. They should hold it flat so they are able to see both the questions and the answers.



How to use exam questions to help learning stick...



Step 1:

Select a past exam question, or an example exam question, on a topic that you want to revise and practice. These can easily be found online if you know the paper and exam board. It may be better to choose a question or section, rather than a full paper, as that could be overwhelming!

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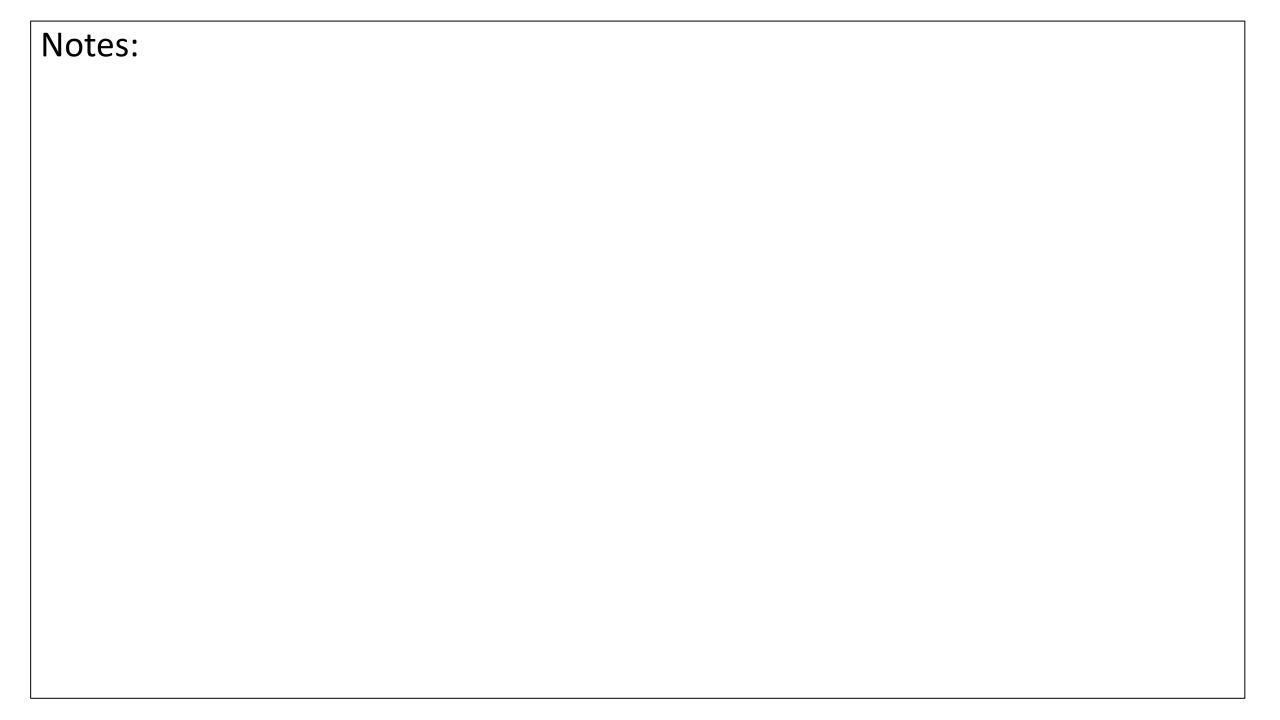
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Review your notes on the topic, or previous work you've done on the question.

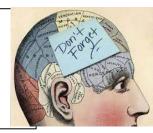
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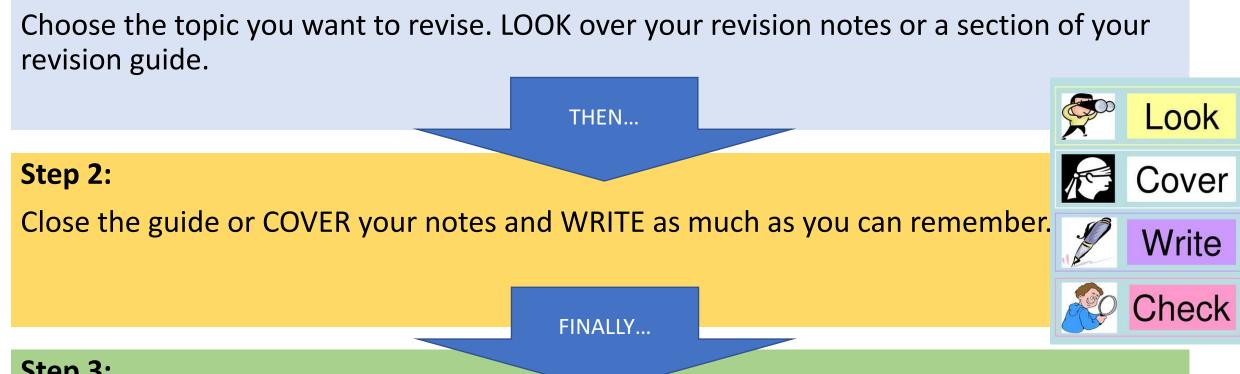
Write your answer. Time yourself when you complete the question, using the amount of time that is recommended. Timing helps you to replicate what the exam will feel like.



How to use look-cover-write-check to help learning stick...



Step 1:



Step 3:

CHECK your notes against the original, and then correct it and add to it in a different coloured pen.



