



St Thomas More Catholic School

How do we revise?

The basics



Limit all distractions



Find a nice space to revise



Put in the maximum effort



Create and use a plan



Set an alarm to start early



Revise, repeat, remember

Flashcards

Simply create with questions on one side and answers on the other side. These are great for knowledge questions that have clear answers.

You can colour code for specific topics and quiz yourself or others.

Recommended uses:

- **Key Terms** - create for key words and definitions
- **Case Studies** - causes, consequences and responses

Retrieval Practice

Testing what you know is a powerful tool in revision, the effort to remember something really strengthens your memory. You can create quizzes using the following types of questions.

- **Multiple choice questions**
- **True or False statements**
- **Short explanation questions**
- **Odd one out**
- **If this is the answer then what is the question?**

Transform it

Graphic organisers are a great way of 'transforming' your notes/ information into visual revision topics. They can be used to create links or identify the causes/consequences.

Recommended uses:

- **Sequence** - create a visual flow diagram of a series of events e.g. the water cycle
- **Cause and effect** - create a double-spray mind map showing the causes and consequences of an event.

Dual Coding

This is the method of combining visual diagrams with written words to increase your chance of remembering it.

Recommended uses:

1. **Use simple drawings with matching simple descriptions**
2. **The drawings should represent your understanding of the topic and make links between the images**

Deliberate Practice

Set aside to practice improving your knowledge or skills. Choose what you need to do, it must be tough enough to challenge you, and practice, practice, practice !

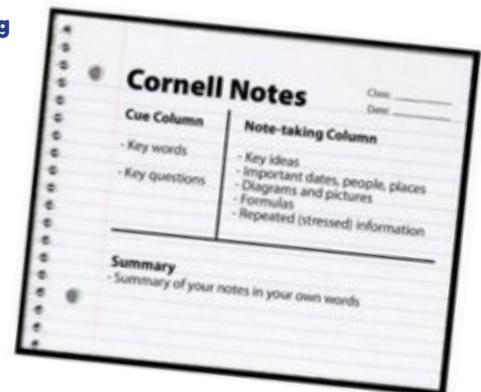
Recommended uses:

- **Use a model answer from the teacher, analyse it, then answer a similar question using a similar approach**
- **Study material, complete practice questions in timed conditions, then use your notes to make improvements. Repeat a similar question a week later.**

Cornell Notes

This method can be used in a revision book to get you to 'think' about your revision. Split your page into 3 sections:

- **Note taking**
- **Cues**
- **Summary**



Recommended uses:

- **Use it to summarise a theme or key idea**

The Big Picture

The best way to aid your understanding of a subject is to make sure you are confident with the big 'overview' of the subject.

Recommended uses:

- **Mapping out what you remember about a topic before you start revising individual topics.**
- **Create a mind map showing the connections in the between the topics you have studied.**