Notre Dame High School
Y11 Parents' Information Evening
Tuesday 10th October 2023

How to support your child revise

Getting ahead

- Revise what they need to revise not what they want to revise – get comfortable with the uncomfortable!
- Make a realistic timetable that has breaks, and set targets of subject, topic and revision strategy.
- Ensure that revision is varied between topics (e.g. not Biology every night for 3 weeks, then another subject). This aids knowledge retention and recall.
- A little and often is the best way.

How to support at home

- Ensuring regular opportunities for revision are created throughout the week
- Ensuring your child has the correct equipment needed to complete revision.
- Check your child's Satchel One for homework deadlines
- Encourage your child to develop good study habits
- Check the quality and presentation of all revision /homework being returned to school.
- Liaise with school should concerns arise.

A productive revision space

- A quiet, tidy room
- Revision and exam timetable to be visible
- Phone in another room
- Avoid loud music/ TV as distractions
- Keep hydrated
- Ensure stationery and revision materials are ready to go

Key strategies to revise to promote 'hard thinking'

- Flashcards
- Mindmapping
- Look, Cover, Write, Check
- Just a minute

Extra resources

- Example videos filmed by teachers (Flashcards, Mindmap, Science specific)
- Learning Journeys – School website
- Hand out summary of how to do the techniques
- Exam question practice
- Online resources (Seneca, Padlet, Quizlet)

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1. Flashcards

#1 Read section of the knowledge you need to revise.

#2 Create a set of questions. One question for each card.

#3 Answer the questions without looking at the section to be revised.

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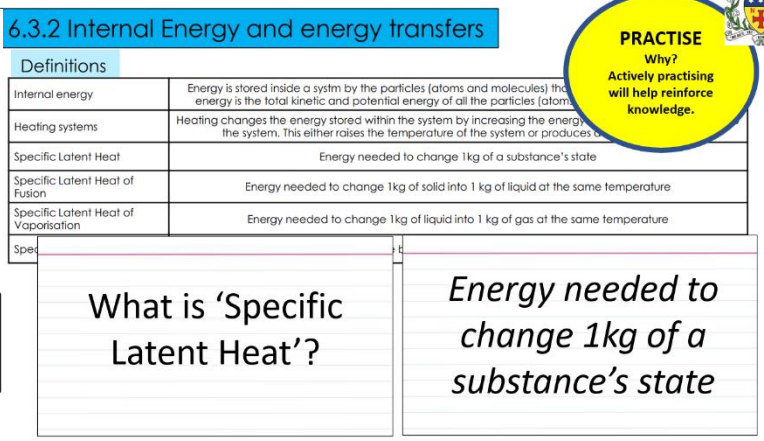
Actively practising will help reinforce knowledge.



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2. Mindmapping

#1 Pick a topic/ case study / set text and put in the centre of your page.

#2 Using your notes, add branches with key themes/ sub topics.

#3 Keep adding smaller sub branches to add detail.

#4 Come back to it after some time. Read. Cover and recreate.

#5 Refer back to your original, add on the missing details using a different colour so you know what you didn't know.

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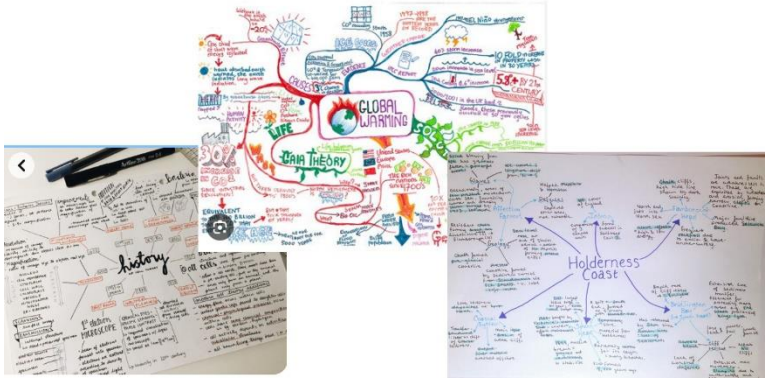
Top tip: Use pictures and imagery to help you remember key themes



3. Look, Cover, Write, Check

#1 Break the information down into key statements/facts

#2 Try to recall from memory.

#3 Re-write the key statements and check against the original. Repeat

Top tip:
Saying it aloud as well as thinking it helps your brain retain the information

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4. Just a minute

#1 To consolidate a topic, write out 5 key points that you'd need to discuss in an extended piece of writing.

#2 Time yourself / others talking about that topic for a minute.

#3 If with another person, ask them questions using flashcards to prompt them to keep going for a full minute!

No repetition!

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