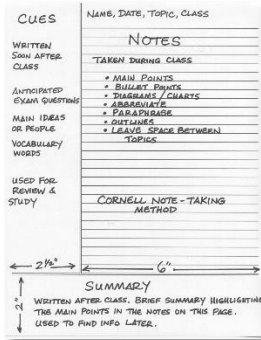


Northumbria Uni – Revision Skills

Cornell Method – Note Taking

1. Make your main notes, bullet points, graphs and outlines
2. Write key words, figures, themes, questions and topics
3. Summarise within 24 hours, and use this section to find information when revising



Flow Charts

- Useful tool to structure exam answers
- Especially useful to answer problem questions
- Colour code the different parts to make different sections clear. This will also help visual learners
- The structure is useful for logical learners.

Flash Cards

- Quiz yourself – write questions on the front and answers on the back
- Summarise topics – the process of condensing information will help you remember it
- Stick them around the house to associate movement with memory

Mind Maps

- Use different colours for different topics
- Only write down the key information
- Good way to organise topics and ideas
- Use doodles and drawings to add meaning to words

Pomodoro Technique

- Studies show that frequent breaks can improve mental agility
- Decide what you want to revise
- Break them into tasks

- Each task should take 25 minutes : 1 pomodori
- Between tasks, spend 5 minutes doing what you normally consider a distraction
- After 4 pomodori, have a longer break

Exam Tips

- Past papers tell you what questions regularly appear
- Read examiners' reports and mark schemes
- Answer questions and see how your responses match to the mark scheme
- Test how long it takes you to answer each one
- Do the easiest questions first
- Never leave a question blank
- Structure answers clearly and write legibly
- Make sure you answer the question you're asked, not the one you **think** you are answering!
- Stick to your timings!

Useful Apps

- Offtime
- Maths Alarm Clock
- Forest

Importance of GCSE's

- GCSEs can determine the sixth form you go to
- GCSEs grades will impact the qualifications you take next
- GCSEs can effect what uni and/or course you get into
- GCSEs can affect what career you have
- Employers will always look back on your GCSE's – especially English and Maths