



Revision @ Neatherd



MYTHS **BUSTED**

Three revision techniques that research has proven do not work;

- Just **highlighting information**
- **Copying** information out
- Simply **reading information**

} **Avoid doing these in isolation, they are not the most effective**

Evidence show Active Recall works best!



Flash Cards

Great for: Key words, quotes and specific facts

How: 1. On the front of the card, write a key term or question. 2. On the back of the card, answer that question or define the term. 3. Try to answer the front of the card before checking the back. Use different colour cards for topics/subjects.

Top Tip: Sort and remove the ones you know, keep doing them until you know them all. When you're done go back and check your recall on the whole pile.

Great for: Subjects where dates, chronological order or process order are important.
How: Draw a line and add the important dates/stages in one colour. Then add what happened, where, who etc in another colour.
When: Revisit the finished timeline often, ask people to question you, see if you can recall the dates/stages in order then add the facts. Eventually you will be able to recall all of what happened when.

Time Lines



Mind Maps

Great for: Recalling huge amounts of information, linking new knowledge to old.

How: Choose a word/topic, around that word add everything you recall about it or is linked to it. Keep going until you have exhausted your recall knowledge of that topic. Then in another colour (very important) add everything extra from your text/exercise books etc.

Top Tip: Best mind maps are those that use a mixture of recall and colour coded new knowledge.

Great for: All subjects where knowledge of different topics/words is needed!
How: Read a section of the information/knowledge you need to learn. Cover up the information you were reading. Write out the information you had read, as much as you can. Check your work, and made additions/corrections in a different coloured pen.
Top: After you have read the information, get someone else to ask you questions from that information

Read Cover Write Check



Top Tip #1

Find a **quiet place**, away from distractions. Put your phone to one side. Keep your school books in one place information in the long-term memory!

Top Tip #2

Revising for 20-30mins chunks of time is vital for you to retain information. **Hours of sustained study does not work and will not allow you to retain everything you are trying to learn.** Take a break for 5-10mins every half hour, walk away from your desk, get some fresh air and drink.

Top Tip #3

Be smart, make the most of the time you revise, **use the revision techniques we know to work best** and do not use the strategies that we know do not work as well as those green ticks above!