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Dear Parent/Carer,

During the weeks beginning **Monday 13th and the Friday 24th June** your son/daughter will be sitting their end of year examinations. These assessments are important as they will indicate how well your son/daughter is doing in their subjects this academic year and will also help to prepare them for the GCSE examinations they will take in Year 11. To prepare for these important assessments your child's teachers will be revising key topics with them ahead of the assessments and providing revision materials to ensure that they are prepared as possible. Please discuss these upcoming examinations at home and support your son/daughter with their revision. Below is a handout of some strategies that might be useful.

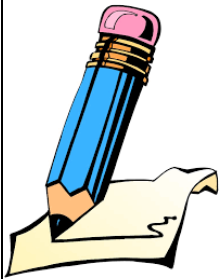
The English, mathematics and science examinations will be sat in the sports hall on the following dates:

| Date | Timings | Examination |
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| Thursday 23rd June | Afternoon | English |
| Friday 24th June | Afternoon | Mathematics |
| Monday 27th June | Afternoon | Science |

The remaining examinations will take place during your son/daughter's normal lesson time. Their teachers will let them know which lesson this will be in the coming weeks.

The results of these assessments will be shared with pupils in lessons. They will have time to go through the answers and reflect on what has gone well and how to improve next time.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs C. Harley
Assistant Principal



Self-Quizzing

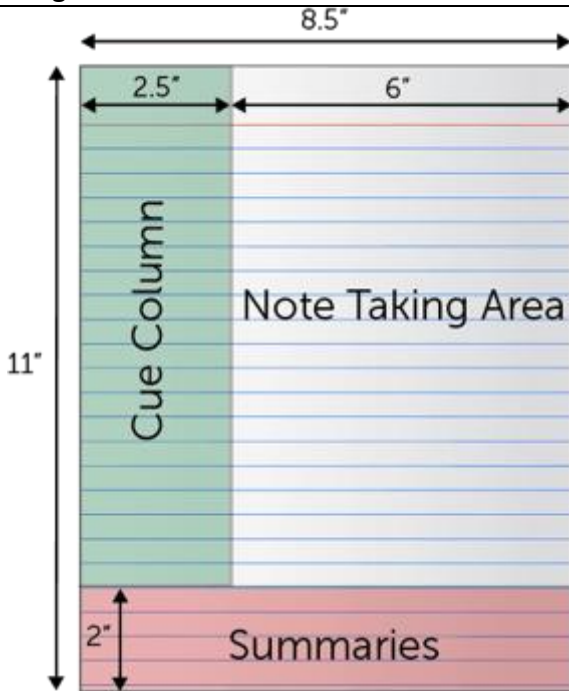
This technique is something you may remember from your own school days. This is essentially looking at the information, covering it up and then writing down what you can remember with it in

front of you. This is great for key words and diagrams



Practice Questions

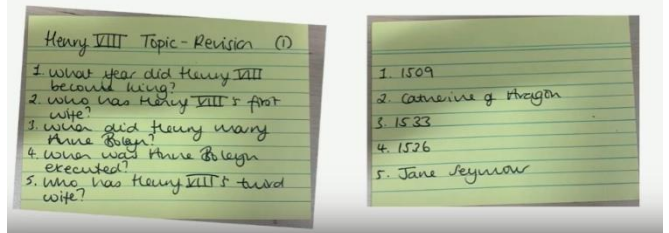
Using class books, online resources or BBC Bitesize look at the types of questions your son/daughter could be asked in the exam and time them answering their questions.



Cornell Notes

You can check that your son/daughter is writing their revision notes effectively by working with them to use the Cornell Notes method. Your son/daughter will be much more likely to retain the information when its set out like this.

Flash Cards - Shorter answers such as dates or elements



Flash Card Quizzes

Making flashcards helps your son/daughter to process the information they need to revise. You can then test them on their knowledge; revisiting questions they get wrong more regularly to help them improve.

Post Its – Matching Q and As



1. Look at the pages of notes or find the topic on BBC Bitesize. Write down or all highlight the facts your child needs to learn
2. Get some post-it notes and write out lots of questions, with the answers on another post it
3. Time your child- how long does it take them to match up all the questions with the correct answers?