

Ideas for teaching effective revision lessons

Ask pupils what they would like to cover in revision lessons and how they would like to revise the content.

Revision of content:

1. Glossaries.
2. Timelines.
3. Card sorts.
4. Acronyms and songs.
5. 'Just a minute'.
6. YouTube videos.
7. Kahoot.
8. Show list of content/exam specification points – pupils colour code this.
9. Reduce notes to symbols and/or images.
10. Carousel: groups produce a revision resource & teach this to other groups in a carousel format.
11. Pupils create a revision resource in the lesson.
12. Pupils revise content in a lesson or two & then test this revision.
13. Key words from a topic: individual selection and then work as a group.
14. 'Odd one out' activity using images, words or numbers.

Revision of exam skills:

1. Pupils try to predict the questions they could they be asked about a particular topic.
2. Highlight key words in exam questions.
3. Discuss the wording in the questions, e.g. 'Analyse' 'discuss' 'evaluate' 'explain'.
4. Pupils write exam answers in pairs.
5. Upper School group essays.
6. Pupils mark each other's work.
7. Produce two or more example answers to a question for pupils to mark.
8. Ask pupils to re-write a piece of exam work after they get it back.