

How to prepare for the end of year assessments – for parents and students

KS3 (Y7 Y8 Y9)



Why do we have end of year assessments?

After a full academic year of learning we have assessments in each subject to see how much progress you have made throughout the year.

These exams are important as they:

1. Help you understand how what assessments will be like in the later years of your education.
2. Help your teachers to see if there are gaps in your knowledge.
3. Contribute to setting students in appropriate groups.

**Exam dates:
17th June – 28th
June**

The three aspects of being prepared:

- 1. Mindset**
- 2. Revision**
- 3. Equipment**



1. Creating the right mindset

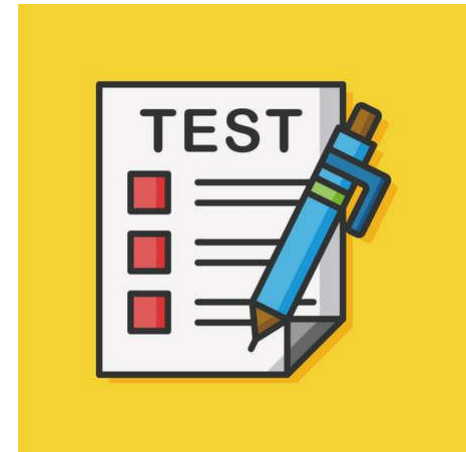
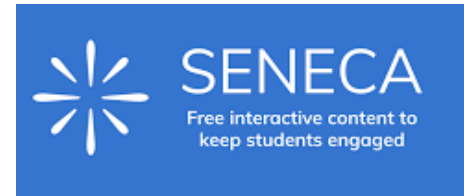
- A. **Consider your environment.** Find a quiet place to revise.
- B. **Organise yourself** so you have what you need.
- C. **Avoid distractions.** Put away your phone and other devices that might distract you.
- D. **Plan revision sessions.** Include revision breaks. Make sure you spend time on all your subjects, not just those that you enjoy most.



2. Revision: The three key revision strategies

There are three key revision methods that are scientifically proven to be most effective for revision:

1. Quizzing (self or partnered)
2. Flashcards
3. Past questions

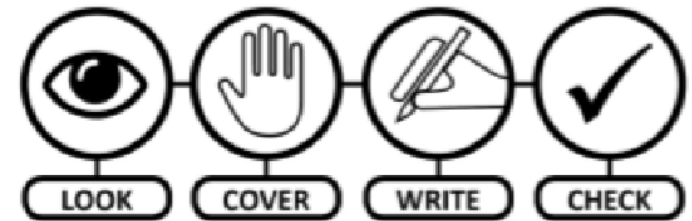


The three key revision strategies: Quizzing

1. Quizzing

Quizzing is a great way to train your brain to retain facts.

You can use online platforms such as Seneca, or paper quizzing booklets. The best method for using paper booklets is 'look-cover-write-check'.



Action: Ask your teacher which online site is best for your subject, or if there is a paper quiz booklet.



The three key revision strategies: Flash cards

2. Flash cards

Flash cards are an effective way to retain facts and larger chunks of information.



Using small cards, write a question, event, person or method on one side; and then an answer or key details about the topic on the other.

Action: Ask your teacher for suggestions for your flashcards. Consider making 5-10 per subject.

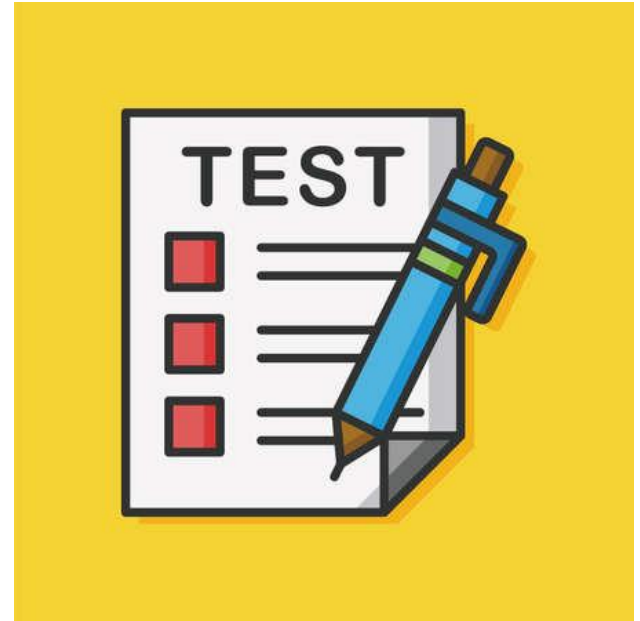


The three key revision strategies: Past Questions

3. Past questions

Your teacher will be able to tell you what questions have appeared on previous tests.

Similar content is tested each year so by attempting to answer these past questions in test conditions at home you will be preparing yourself well.



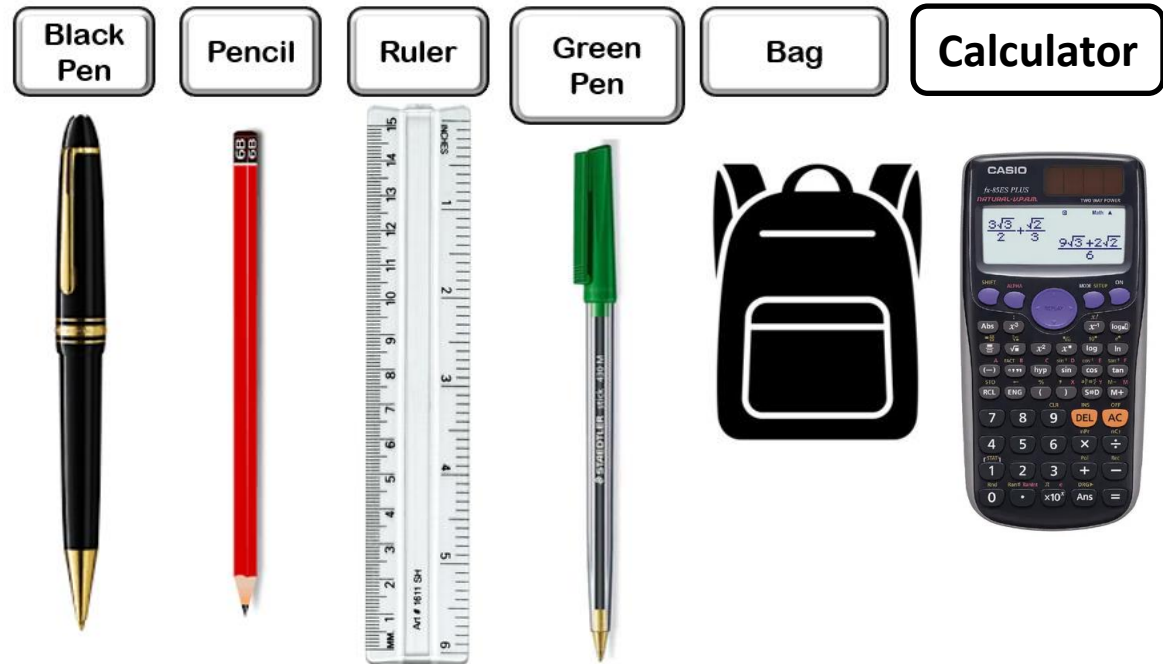
Action: Ask your teacher what past questions, or past test papers, would be best to use.



3. Equipment

It is important that you have all your equipment every school day, but it is crucial that you have what you need for your assessments.

You are responsible for bringing the following:




4. Feedback

When you have done your assessment, and your teacher has marked it, you will receive feedback.

Celebrate your success! Every mark you gained reflects something you learned.

But remember, the best way to make significant progress is to get better at the things you found challenging.



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| P Positives | What has gone well? |
| I Improvements | How can we make it better? |
| N Next Steps | Students shown how to improve their work |
| S Student response | Independent Practice |

