

# Preparation for KS3:

Welcome to the wonderful world of secondary school where YOU are the most important factor to learning. Your time, your passion and your energy are what count. It will be challenging and it will take time, it will be fun. Let's dig in.



## Top Tips:

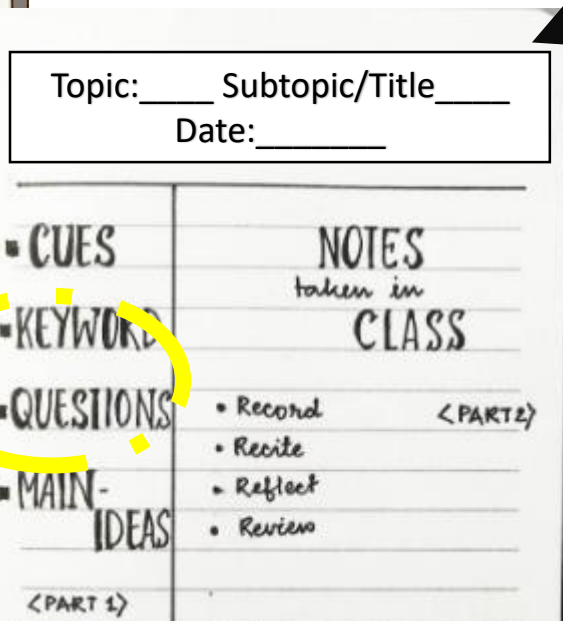
- 1) Prepare before class.
  - A) *Academically*- have you done your homework? Check your Diary. Check with your mates. E-mail your teacher. Make time to do it in advance. Remember- Practice makes perfect.
  - B) *Mentally*- Get in the game. Put the right mind-set on. 'I can do this'; 'Today's going to be great'; 'I'm going to learn something new'.
  - C) *Physically*- Bring the right equipment for **every** subject and WATER.
- 2) Have a practical bag. Make sure you keep it tidy like you do your own space where you are living. At the end of the week. Pause. Clean it out. Tidy it up.
- 3) Practice your handwriting. If you can't read it- neither can your teacher. [see below].
- 4) Take good notes[see image below]. Follow a particular method of note taking. They're tried and tested and STICK to it. [See below].
- 5) Write **YOUR** homework in your diary. It will be up to you. YOU are held responsible for your organisation and memory.
- 6) Go over your notes after a lesson- sharpen them up with any details you can remember and/or add questions you have.
- 7) Continue to discuss difficult concepts and topics outside of lessons.
- 8) Use effective Study Tools- Images/Symbols to trigger key concepts; colourful mind maps, etc.
- 9) Revise regularly. Make a study group. Keep a tidy study space. Find a routine and stick to it.
- 10) Take care of your mind, body and soul. Reflect on what you need. Stay hydrated. Exercise. Eat right. Take time for mindfulness-meditate and pray.



## General good note taking tips:



Always organise the note with a clear start. Use EVERYPAGE FULLY before starting new one.



Keep this section as simple as possible. 1-2 words.

Highlighter is ONLY used for REVISION. Where you go back to make things stand out.

Write the bulk of your notes here. Any key activities. Things discussed. Any practice paragraphs.

## Next Steps:

- Practice using the method of note taking whilst trying out a KS3 taster session.
- Practice keeping your workspace and backpack tidy.
- Continue to take care of yourself- mind, body and soul.
- Try out our vocabulary tips!

# Preparation KS3: Learn the vocab

Every subject has its own specialist language and required vocabulary to learn. The sooner you introduce those words into your general everyday speech the more successful you will feel.

*"The doer alone learneth."* — Friedrich Nietzsche

**Practice** your hand writing skills. Make sure that you feel confident and that you can write clearly.

## WorksheetWorks.com Pre-Cursive Handwriting Practice

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice writing in full sentences. Neatly and clearly.

In the drawer were

blue and yellow

striped socks.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Martha filled her

boots with lumpy

golf balls and quickly

jogged away.

## WorksheetWorks.com Cursive Handwriting Practice

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Write out these sentences to practice.

The fox quickly

jumped over the

heavy sized

fence.

\_\_\_\_\_

Maybe next time

Wendy won't

peel all the

grapes.

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Why not make one of your own?

<https://www.worksheetworks.com/english/writing/handwriting.html>

### Top Tips:

- 1) Prepare before class.  
A) throw in some of the key vocab you know you need into your before class prep routine. Add them to the Cue section of your notes .
- 2) Read daily- nothing better for forming and supporting new literacy like reading. Why not read out loud? Make a funny voice and entertain yourself too.
- 3) With new vocabulary- use them in a sentence. Write that sentence down. Practice using it in conversation. The more- the better.
- 4) Do a word puzzle or a game- making using language fun.

### Below are some KS3 words and phrases to build into your vocabulary:

- 1) In Conclusion/Ultimately/ Therefore
- 2) Relative/ Relevant/ Accurate
- 3) Important to consider/ to examine

### Notice Similarities and differences in vocab between subjects:

#### Religious Education:

Moral  
Theology  
Justify  
validity

#### Maths:

Calculate  
Constant  
Estimate  
Justify

#### Science:

Accuracy  
Precision  
Range  
Validity

### Next Steps:

- Practice doing some fun literacy tasks now. Get them into your weekly routine. Make it fun.
- Practice your handwriting. Do the above examples and make one of your own.
- Practice using some of the common vocabulary in your daily conversations and in written responses. Consequently, you shall sound and feel far more ready in advance.