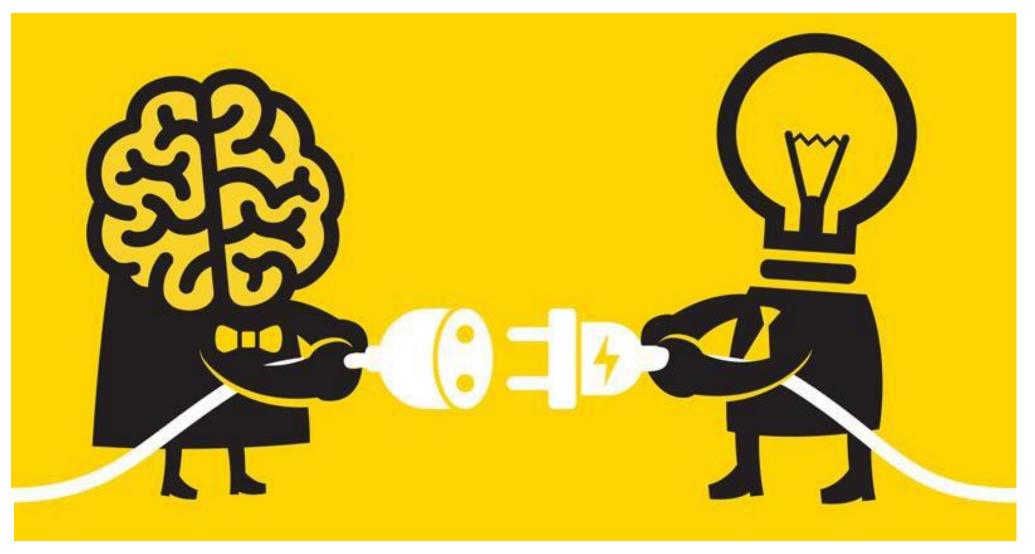
How to: Use a knowledge organiser





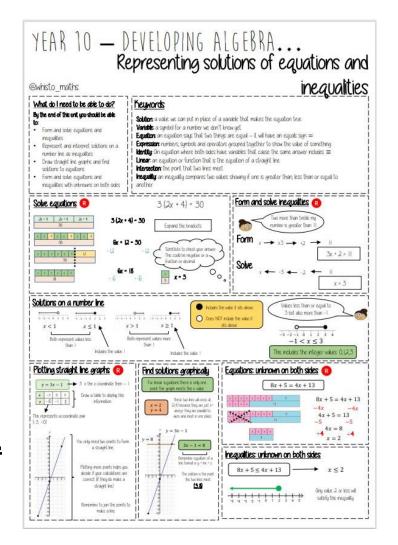
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What is a knowledge organiser?

- A knowledge organiser is a document, usually no more than two sides of A4, that contains key facts and
- information that you need to have a basic knowledge and understanding of a topic.
- Most knowledge organisers will include:
 - essential facts about the topic, laid out in easily digestible chunks
 - key vocabulary or technical terms and their meanings
 - images such as maps or diagrams
 - famous quotations, if relevant.
 - Homework
 - Read, Watch, Listen lists



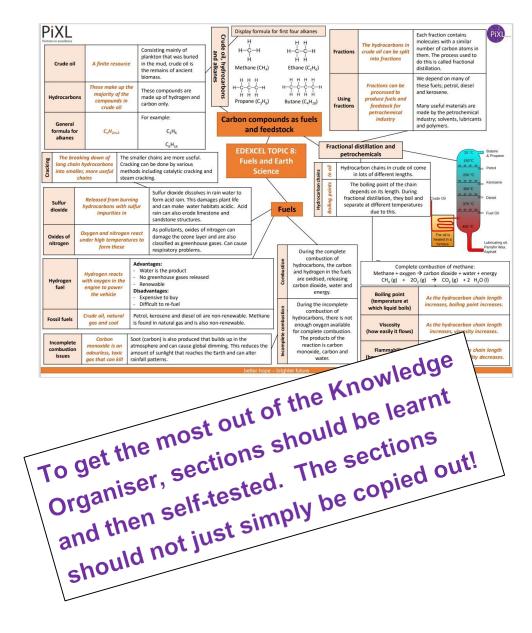
What a knowledge organiser includes will depend on the subject.



How are knowledge organisers used?

- At St Cuthbert's, every subject has designed a knowledge organiser (or equivalent) for each term or unit of work.
- They are used in lessons for retrieval quizzes / self testing.

- They are used in your homework and retrieval practice for assessments.
- They are used at home for remote learning tasks



Why are knowledge organisers important?

- In order to flourish, you need to build your knowledge carefully and systematically.
- Think of learning like building a wall: every new thing you learn build on something you already know.
- If the knowledge isn't secure before you move on, it is really hard to build that stable knowledge and understanding that ultimately leads to success.

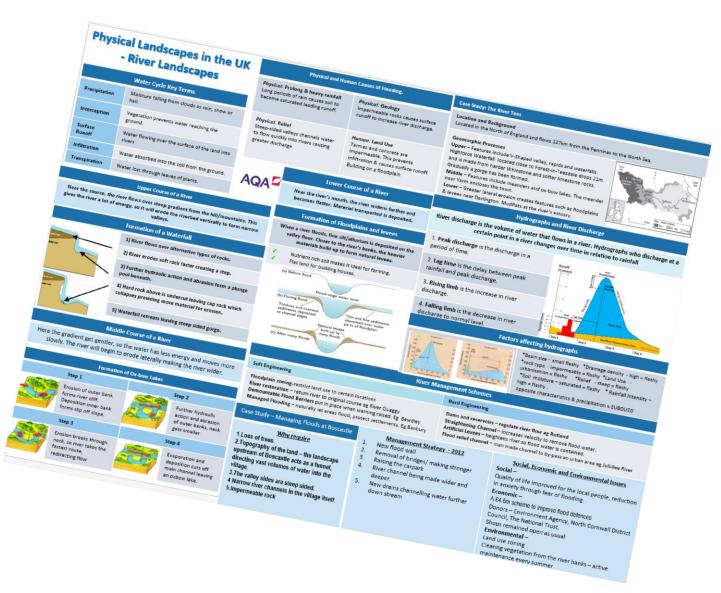




Knowledge organisers help to ensure that the bottom row – the knowledge that we need to have a good, basic understanding of each subject – is solid.

Why are knowledge organisers important?

- To quiz yourself in lessons and at home
- To practise spelling key vocabulary
- To further research people, events and processes most relevant to the unit
- As a way to trigger memories from lessons about key information





How can I use my knowledge organiser?

1. Look, Cover, Write, Repeat

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CHyUYx_2v84

2. Word up

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HqlS4irrD7k

3. Flashcards

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VKnDZmj8js

4. Mind Maps

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBuo6RFtPvc



What can you do?

- Make sure you have a knowledge organiser for every subject for each term.
- ✓ Keep them safe
- ✓ Use them regularly at home using the four methods suggested
- ✓ Ask your teachers to regularly test your knowledge.

