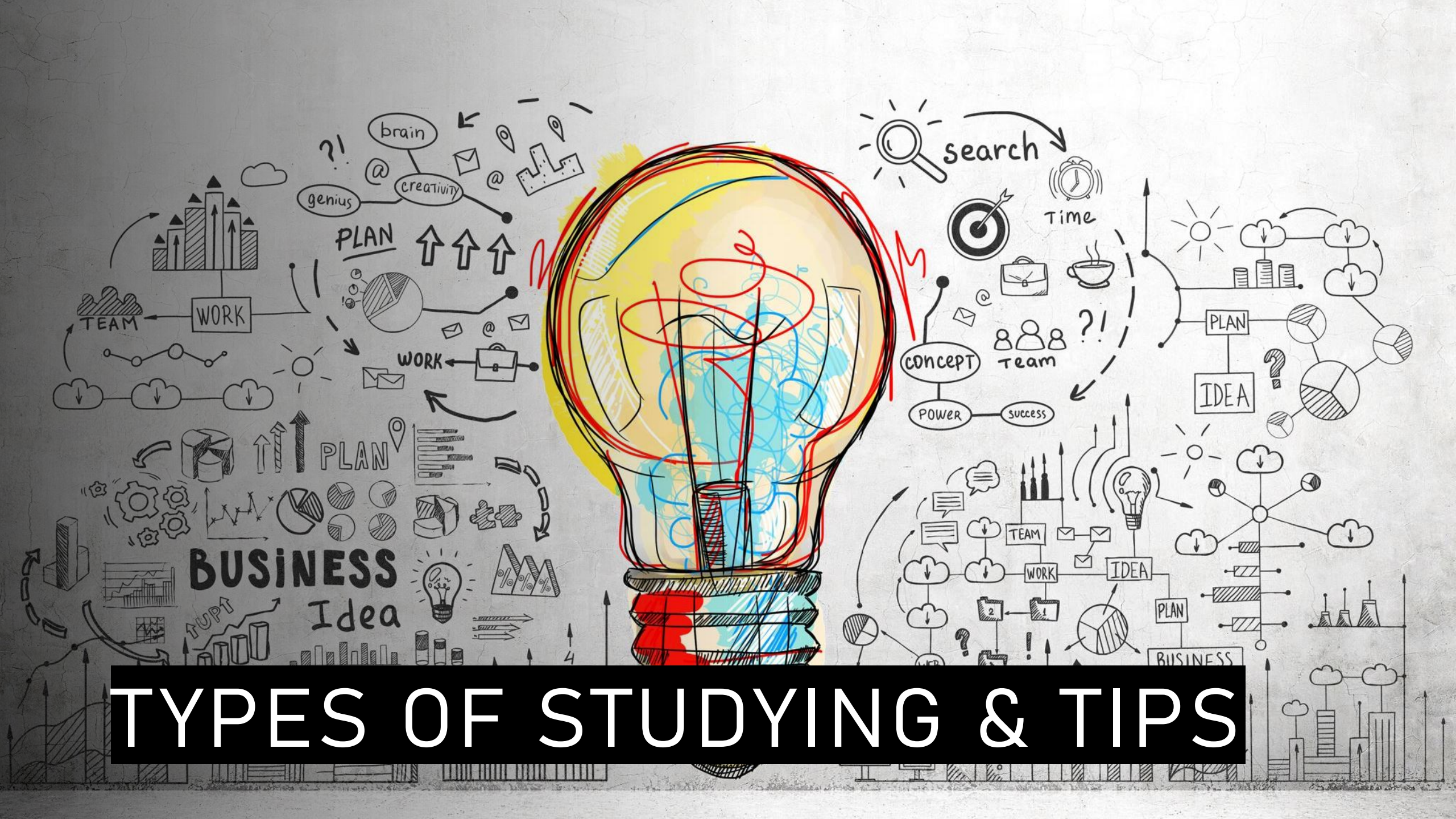


TYPES OF STUDYING & TIPS

WHAT WE WILL TALK ABOUT DURING THIS PRESENTATION

- ***Effective note taking (Mr Moncrieff)***
- ***Flash cards (Aiden, 6P)***
- ***Effective mind mapping (Chloe, 6L)***

EFFECTIVE NOTE TAKING

- What is the effective note taking method?
- **Effective note taking is the most common form of studying.**
- **It is an active way of revising as you are going beyond simply reading information**

- Why would you use Effective Note Taking?
- **Effective note taking is useful for creating concise revision aids from longer texts.**
- **Many like to colour-code notes, helping you remember information more**

EFFECTIVE NOTE TAKING

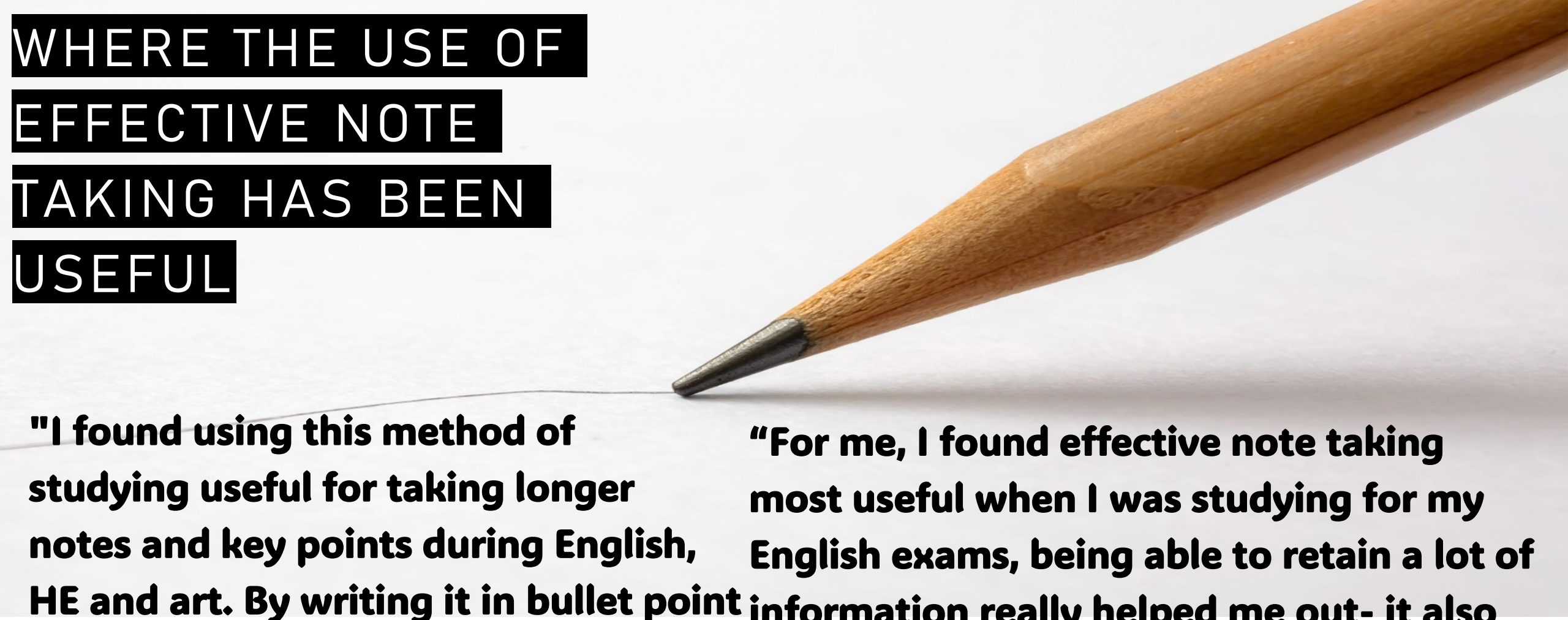
- <u>What should you be noting down?</u>
- **Highlighting key information is essential! - for example, if you take classes like modern studies/ history then dates, examples and Names or important words/phrases in Biology or Chemistry**

TASK:

Have a think about the subjects you are doing this year:

- What type of information do you think you could condense and summarise through <u>effective</u> note taking?

WHERE THE USE OF EFFECTIVE NOTE TAKING HAS BEEN USEFUL



"I found using this method of studying useful for taking longer notes and key points during English, HE and art. By writing it in bullet point form made it so much easier for me to understand and build up answers for essays and questions."

“For me, I found effective note taking most useful when I was studying for my English exams, being able to retain a lot of information really helped me out- it also helped that I was able to compare my notes with my friends and learn things I had actually missed."

TIPS FOR USING EFFECTIVE NOTE STUDYING

- **Don’t try and write down every single bit of information thrown at you, instead take your time and note key points.**

- **It helps to share your notes and compare your notes with friends/ classmates as you may learn something from them and vice versa**

Pupil tips:

- **Always ask for help if you feel you missed something, DON’T rush your notes because you feel you are behind, your notes aren't helpful if they're unreadable after all**

- **Everybody's way of taking notes looks different, don’t worry if you think someone's notes look different to yours- there's no one right way to take notes**

FLASH CARDS

- When are flash cards most suited for? Flash Cards are best used for writing key points, short Analysis and quotations.

- How to effectively use flash cards? To use flash cards, you Write a Question on one side of a card and put the answer on the opposite side. (This being the best way to study with someone else)

- How do I keep my flash cards separate? Using different colours cards for different subjects or techniques

- By using Flash Cards for key points and short note Analysis and questions, helps to build up better answer structures.

- Writing questions on flash cards with answers on the other side is a great way to work with someone else, as this could be a way of teaching each other and helping. (This has been pointed out from many people)

- By using different colours for different subjects/ meanings, will help to study better but also a way to remember answers or quotations by remembering the colouring.

WHERE THE USE OF FLASH CARDS HAS BEEN USEFUL!

"The use of flash cards were useful for me when I was studying for my Practical Cookery tests. The use of flash cards proved effective to me as using them to remind me of different types of cutting methods, such as dicing, cubing and slicing helped me to pass those tests and ultimately that class."

"Flash cards for me were useful during NAT5 English for remembering many different things, such as writing key points, quotations, techniques and analysis to start to build up better answer structures for during prelims/exams."

MIND MAPPING

What is Mind mapping?

- Mind mapping is used for taking longer notes and shortening them, making them more understandable/ breaking down larger more complicated notes

Why Mind Mapping is effective

- By focusing on key ideas written down in your own words and looking for connections between them, you can map knowledge in a way that will help you to better understand and retain information

TIPS FOR YOUR FLASH CARDS

- **Don’t Put too much information on your flash cards, they're called flash cards, not paragraph cards!**
- **Make sure you keep 1 topic per card, i.e., don’t put an English question and a math question on the same card, or even 2 math questions that have nothing to do with each other**
- **Make sure you study your cards in both directions, this means both asking the questions AND answering them.**
- **If you think something is over complicated, try and break it down into multiple questions. This helps simplify that**

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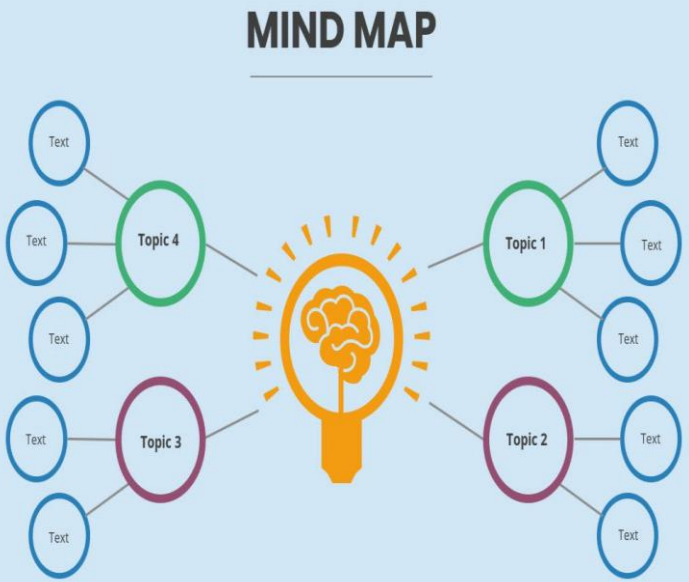
MIND MAPS

What can you use mind mapping for?

Mind Maps can be used to breakdown larger notes into smaller note forms.

What's different about mind maps?

Mind maps give more freedom for your notes. With mind maps you can simply write your theme, connect your key points too that theme and then branch even further from there, noting anything you need.



What do I get from mind mapping?

Mind mapping is by far the most creative way of studying, as such it brings and enjoyability to studying, which further boosts productivity with your notes

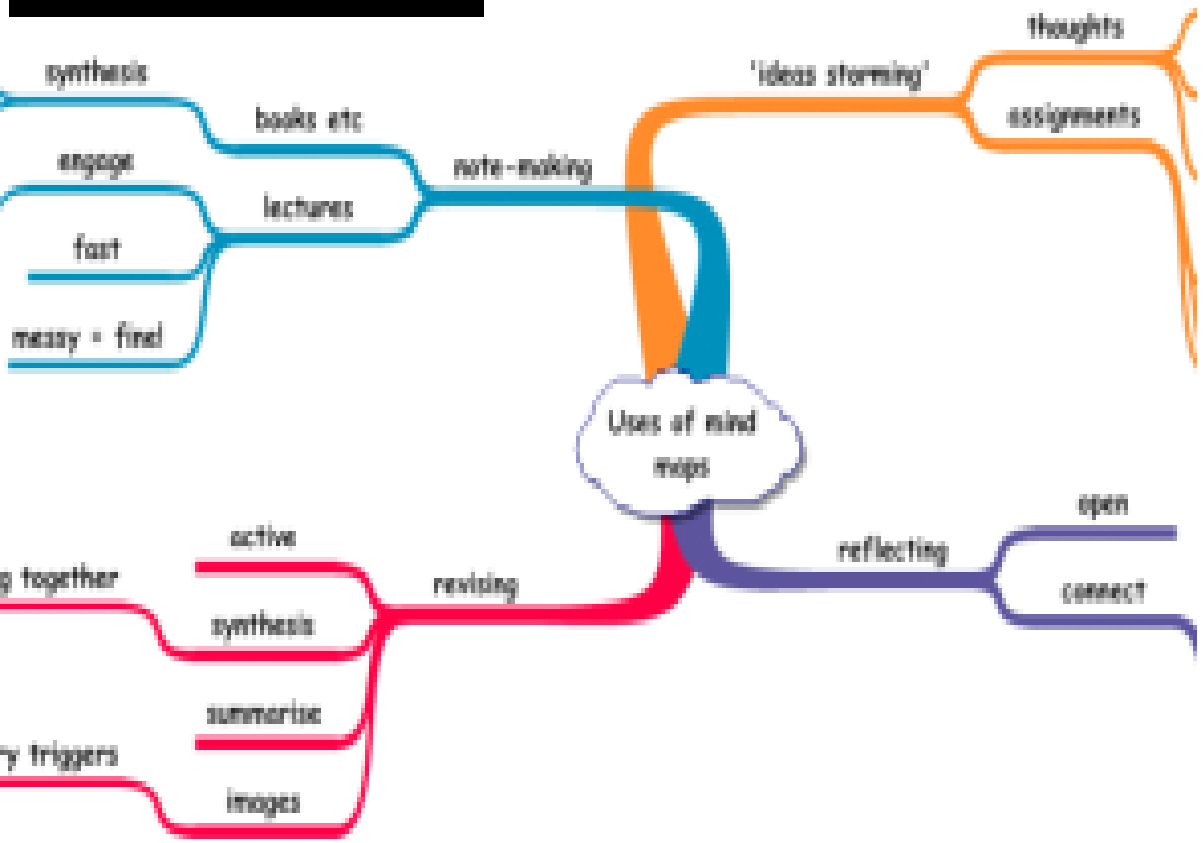
WHERE THIS HAS BEEN USEFUL

"By using mind maps I found it easier for me to break down a design peace/ artwork into its different sections (e.g., Colour, Inspiration Form) and start to work up answers for questions paper in art & design." – Chloe

"I used mind maps in subjects where there are lots of different topics to study such as Biology and Geography." - Sophie

"I found mind maps useful as I struggle to focus when studying and couldn't really get into flash cards or effective note taking, but mind maps offer much more creativeness, much more freedom for your notes- it really made it easy to focus on my notes"

TIPS FOR MIND MAPPING



- **A top tip is making your mind maps in advance and sticking them to your walls in your bedroom or study area so this way you can refer to them as you study!**
- **Add key ideas to your map by writing their headings on the page and drawing a connecting line between them and your main heading.**
- **Use key words or images to represent each piece of information.**
- **Use colour to make things stand out, mind mapping is creative, so add a little colour on your mind maps to help keep it clear.**