



# Note-Taking: Tips & Skills



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WATCH THE VIDEO ON NOTE-TAKING.

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# NOTE-TAKING: TIPS & SKILLS

## KEY POINTS:

Ensure your notes are good enough for Year 13 revision

Try different styles of note-taking e.g. Cornell method

Make notes on all of the specification points

Improve your notes after the lesson (add info/diagrams/colour)

Check your notes are good enough to answer exam questions

Transform your notes into different formats

Re-read and genuinely understand your notes

WEEK 1

This is task

PASSPORT TO  
SIXTH FORM



NOTE-TAKING



# Watch – learn the Cornell note-taking style

- Nearly ALL subjects at A-Level will need you to use a method of note-taking.



<https://youtu.be/WtW9IyE04OQ>

Or click on image

Biology teacher explains **how** to make Cornell notes

- Cornell is a key style that many teachers will expect you to know



<https://youtu.be/19E01YLaalg>

Or click on image

University of Warwick explains how and **why** to make Cornell Notes



Let's get ready  
for sixth form

- COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASK TO GET READY FOR SIXTH FORM
- YOU WILL NEED TO SHOW EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION AS PART OF YOUR 'PASSPORT TO YEAR 12'

# READ the source below and CREATE Cornell notes

- Biology – [‘What is life?’](#)
- You are practicing the skill of taking notes from a written source.



- Remember – it is the **SKILL** of making Cornell notes that you are developing.
- The subject **isn't important** at this stage, so stick with the biology example...the source is designed to be a bit challenging but not too much.



# NOTE-TAKING TIPS

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**Big picture:** establish what the whole source of writing is about (so look at the title and the first paragraph). This helps your understanding.

**Key points:** scan the headings and sub-headings before you read in detail.

This helps identify what might be important as key points to go in the left hand-side of your Cornell notes.

**Be creative:** use diagrams and underlining, colours, arrows and links

**Be individual:** do what works for you

**Be selective:** avoid copying out chunks of writing.

**Skill:** making selective notes isn't easy: you need to keep doing it until you get better.

It will be hard at first and you will be tempted to simply copy out chunks, as you normally do: that isn't helpful at all! Get out of that habit!



# PASSPORT TO SIXTH FORM



GET A FOLDER (ONE FROM A GCSE  
SUBJECT WILL DO)



THIS FOLDER IS TO KEEP THE  
WORK YOU NEED AS PART OF  
YOUR PASSPORT TO SIXTH FORM



KEEP YOUR NOTES ON 'WHAT IS  
LIFE?' AND PUT THEM IN THE  
FOLDER READY TO SUBMIT WHEN  
ASKED

In the sixth form and university, you need to be able to make notes from three main sources of information – **reading** (books and articles), just **listening** (podcasts), as well as **watching and listening** (videos and lectures).

ARE YOU READY?



WHAT'S NEXT?



The next step is to make Cornell notes from listening and watching. **So you will be sent a video and a podcast to make notes on.** Crack note-taking and it's a major step forward!