



# Understanding Harder Topics

Year 11 Transition material  
Passport to Sixth Form

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VIMEO CHANNEL CAN ALSO BE FOUND HERE

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# KEY POINTS:

Just keeping up with homework is not enough

Spend additional time getting a proper understanding of the content

Prepare for lessons by reading ahead as this will improve your understanding

After the lesson review your notes - even just for ten minutes

Allocate time for using websites, Youtube, reading a range of books



# KEY POINTS:

Collate hand-outs, powerpoints, extra reading and identify gaps

Test your understanding on more challenging questions

Use the specification throughout the whole year, not just towards the exams

Listen to lectures on podcasts to clarify and broaden your understanding

Talking and explaining concepts to other students deepens your understanding





# The aim of week 5

To learn how to approach topics that you find challenging

## TIPS

Get the BIG picture - read headings and sub-headings

Read SIMPLE explanations first (the more simple, the better)

Use MARK SCHEMES to help you simplify information

Slow down and RE-READ information

FIND other sources if the first doesn't make sense when you re-read it

Accept that 80% understanding on your own is sometimes GOOD ENOUGH

SPEND TIME on areas you don't understand: it will take a while to tackle it

Be willing to get HELP from peers or teachers, if you still don't understand something.

# Task 1

Choose ONE area of the specification (go the exam board web site and download it) from a subject you would like to study in the sixth form.

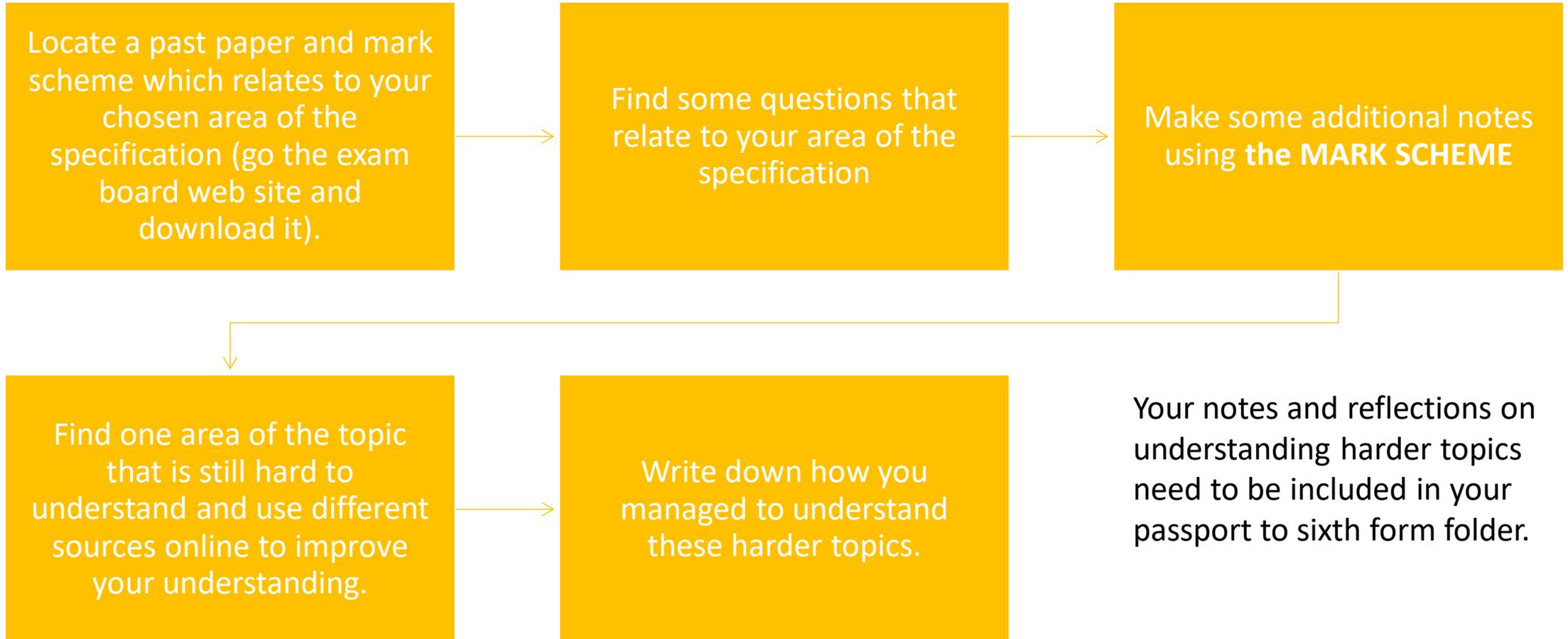
Make CORNELL notes from various sources you can find online:

Use at least ONE Podcast

At least ONE Video

At least THREE written sources of text either online or a textbook

# Task 2





# WHAT'S NEXT?

Week 6 is all about ORGANISATION