Exams at Robert Hall





What to expect ...

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| Day | Topic |
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| Tuesday | Schedule/Day |
| Wednesday | What to expect |
| Thursday | Study Tips |
| Friday | Test Anxiety/Mental Health |



WHAT EXACTLY IS STUDYING?

You have been told to study, but what does that actually mean?

Studying is the way you <u>learn</u>, <u>practice</u> and <u>review</u> information for a quiz, test or exam.

So how do you prepare?

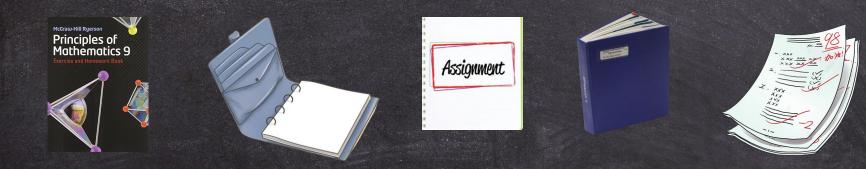


Step 1: Before You Begin

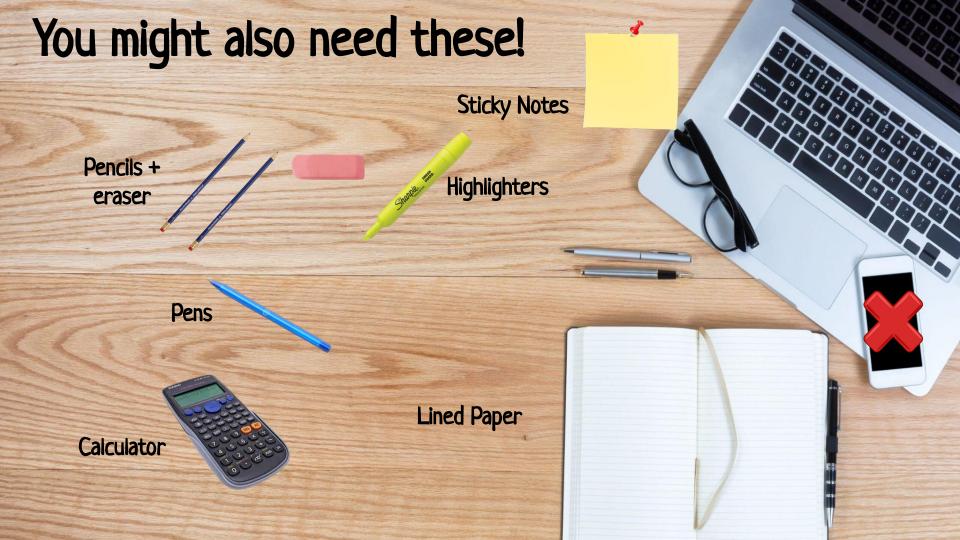
- . Make sure you know what to study!
 - Use your course materials, your teacher, and exam review to help guide your studying.
- Make sure you have the exam review (these will likely come to you next week).
 - --> Ask about the exam breakdown:
 - Will it consist of multiple choice? Short answer? Essay?

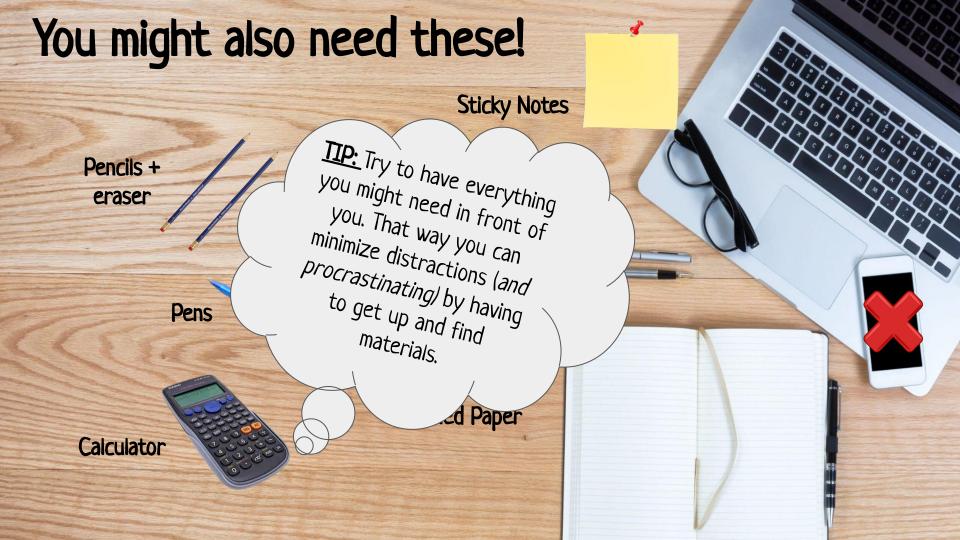
Step 2: Gather Your Materials

Gather together <u>all your course materials!</u> It's time to review what you covered.



These aren't simply your class notes. Use your textbook, old tests/quizzes, assignment and projects as well!

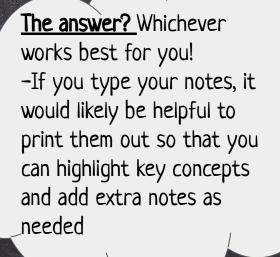






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Review Your Materials

Focus on the MAIN IDEAS.

Ask yourself: What were the most important concepts taught in each unit?

<u>Tip:</u> Start working 1 unit at a time, even 1 chapter at a time!

What Materials <u>Do</u>
<u>I Use</u> to Review?

Class Notes

Handouts

Your Textbook/Workbook

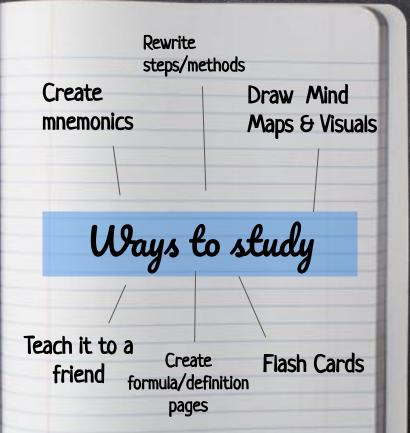
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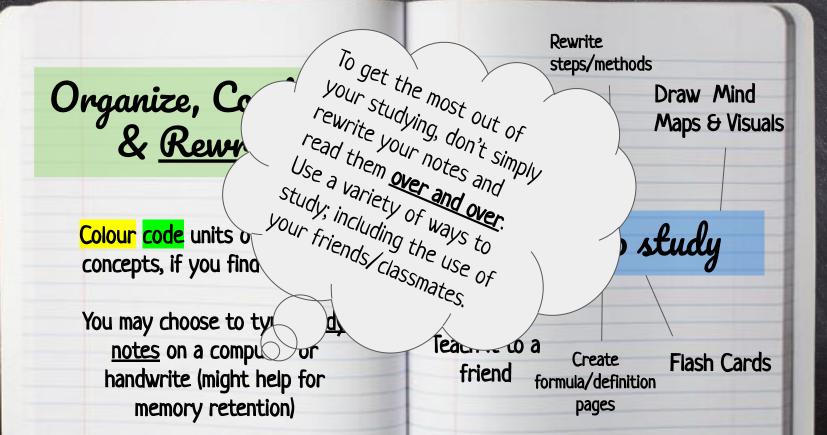
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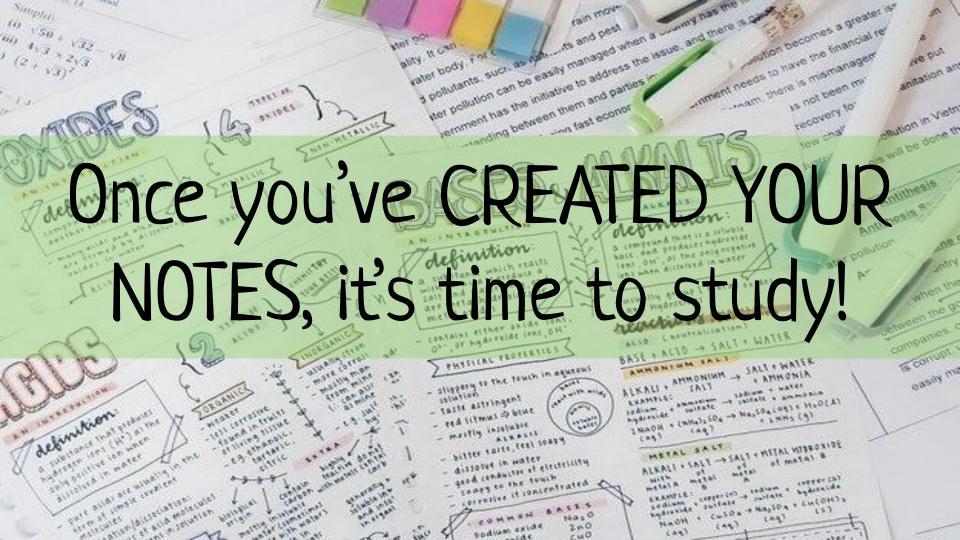
Organize, Condense & <u>Rewrite</u>

Colour code units of study and concepts, if you find it helpful.

You may choose to type <u>study</u>
<u>notes</u> on a computer or
handwrite (might help for
memory retention)









Tip #1 - Chunk your Time



- Study in small, short chunks
 - More frequent yet shorter sessions are more effective than 1 long study session (or cramming!).
 - Make sure you take breaks!

Tip #2 - Create a Study Schedule

- Create a time each day that is set aside for study
 - Write it down, put it in your phone and STICK TO IT!



Tip #3 - Create Study Tools

- Flash cards, mind maps, mnemonics etc.
 - These tools will be far more effective than simply re-reading your notes over and over.



Tip #4 - Set a GOAL every time you study

- What do you want to achieve?
 - Don't study aimlessly. Having a goal in mind and give your session a purpose. Check it off when complete!

Tip #5 - Study with a Friend!

- Study with a partner and pick tasks to actually "teach" to each other
 - You can take turns using the major concepts from your course/unit.



Tip #6 - Practice, Practice, Practice!

- Using your textbook, past quizzes and tests, labs, assignments etc.
 - This will help identify gaps in your knowledge

Tip #7 - Have a Designated Spot for Study

- Find a quiet place to study. Make sure it has all the materials you will need.
- A desk/table and straight-backed chair is usually best!
 - Don't get too comfortable a bed is a place to sleep, not study!

Tip #8 - Minimize Distracting Noise

- Minimize distracting noise
 - Some people need some sound while some prefer silence.
 Find what works best for you.
- Use proper lighting.
 - It's hard to feel motivated sitting in the dark!

Tip #9 - Turn Off Your Phone





Consider a "do not disturb sign" and turning your phone off



 Let voicemail take your calls. You can catch up with people later!



Studying requires a lot of hard work and determination!

Be calm and patient with yourself as you review the material.

You CAN DO THIS!!

