

## Diamond 9: Guidance

Creating a Diamond 9 is an approach to sorting a range of ideas into a hierarchical or priority order and is an ideal activity to establish critical thinking skills. A Diamond 9 activity can be employed in a wide range of situations and be undertaken individually or as a group. Where it is used with a group, collaborative team working skills also come into play.

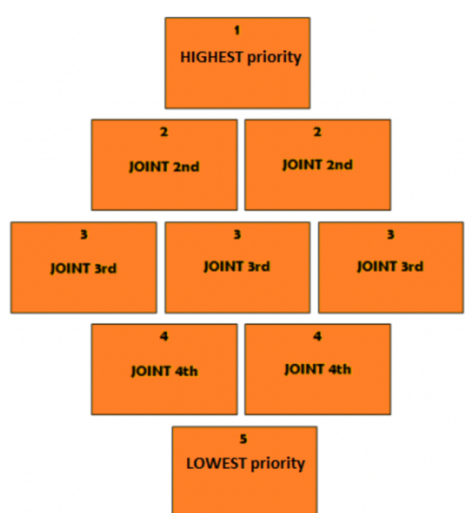
### How does it work?

You have a set of cards. This may be 9 or more cards.

Each card has a question or statement to respond to. Having read/considered/discussed the questions/statements, the idea is to rank the cards in priority order with the most important at the top.

Where there are more than 9 cards, you need to decide to leave some of these out of the Diamond 9 i.e. they are not in the top 9.

Lay the cards out in the Diamond 9 format:



Once you have decided upon your Diamond 9 – capture this or leave it on the table (if in a classroom setting).

The final step is to discuss/explain/justify the chosen order and the rationale behind these choices.