Diamond 9

Creating a Diamond 9 is an approach to sorting a range of ideas into a hierarchical or priority order and can be used in a wide range of situations and is an ideal activity to establish critical thinking skills. A Diamond 9 activity can be undertaken individually or as a group. Where this is undertaken as a group collaborative team working skills are also used.
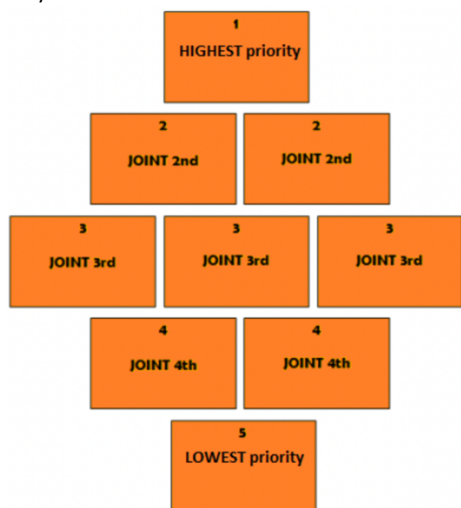
How does it work?
You have a set of cards. This may be 9 or more cards.

You have a question or statement to respond to. Based upon this 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 next step is to discuss these and the rationale behind your Diamond 9.