## Understanding adiabatic work



• Before watching the video explain what what it means when we state that a transition takes place adiabatically.

• Why does the piston head apply a force on the gas and how is this force connected to the pressure applied on the gas

• Write an expression for the work done when the piston head moves upwards by an amount  $\Delta x$  and hence derive an expression for the amount of work done when a gas expands by an amount  $\Delta V$ .

• Explain why the quantity that you arrived at in the previous question has a negative sign in front of it?



• Referring back to earlier answer to this comprehension answer the following question. When can this expression be used to calculate the work done when a gas expands? In other words, does this this equation give you the work done whenever a gas expands?