



Year 11 Examinations Information Evening

Agenda for this evening

- Where to find essential information
- Information on how your child is progressing
- What support is available in the school
- How students can work best at home

We will post this presentation on the school website



- Outline of teaching schedule
- Details of exam specification
- Titles of exam papers
- Links to exam board website



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GCSE Courses

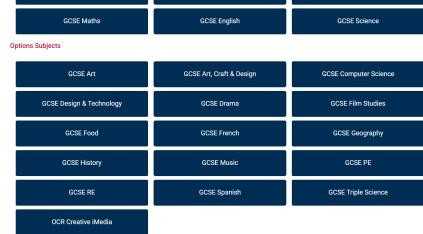
Year 10 students choose four option subjects in line with the E

These are taken alongside the core subjects - English Langua

The majority of students will take the Double Science GCSE, w and Biology, which is available in the options process.

All pupils continue to study RE, PE and RSHE.

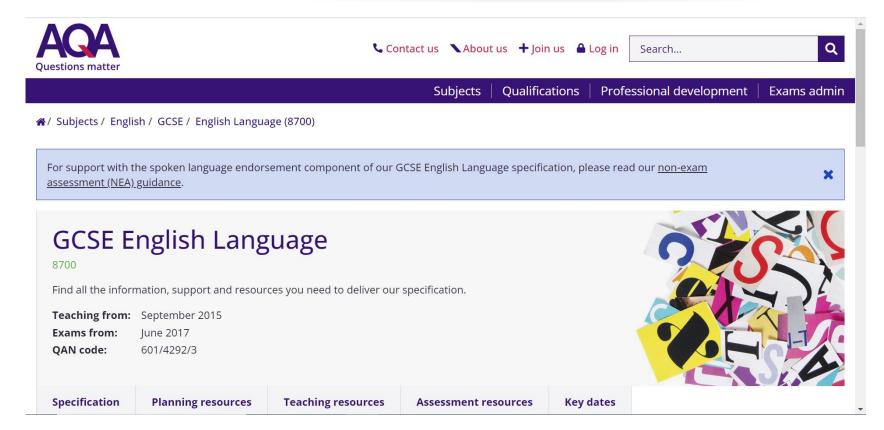
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For further information on the Year 10 and 11 curriculum, please email admin@bridgnorthendowed.co.uk.

Academic> GCSE Courses> By Subject

GCSE English



https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700

GCSE English

- **Know your set texts** this will help you with English Language as well. Even though it is an extract the rules of narrative structure and language are still very relevant. The writing section will also require a knowledge of what constitutes good writing.
- Plan responses to past paper questions use you notes and revision guides to map out the scenes you would cover, the quotes you would use, the 'big ideas' that the text is exploring.
- **Read widely** the more you read the more you will be confident in dealing with whatever sort of narrative they give you. You will also have some more ideas for the writing section.
- Read widely around the texts reading articles about the texts not only provide valuable wider context to fill out your answer but also help prepare for English Language paper 2.
- **REVISION GUIDES/RESOURCES** if students have ordered them, they are to be used and shown to teachers if guidance is needed.
- **FRIDAY REVISION** after school session all are welcome.
- **TEACHERS** use us, show us revision notes, work in revision guides, past paper attempts etc.

GCSE English

- Two GCSEs: English Language and English Literature
- No tiers, either should count as your English grade but some colleges expect Language at a 4 or 5.

BUT YOU CAN'T REVISE ENGLISH I HEAR YOU CRY? Yes, you can.

AQA - use the website, although the exam is made up of unseen extracts – the AQA website contains past papers, mark schemes, and examiner reports.

- 1. Look at a past paper.
- 2. Make notes on how you would answer key points, key ideas you will write.
- 3. Check the mark scheme (there are exemplar responses at all the different levels)
- 4. Read the examiner's report they have plenty of tips on what makes a successful response.

Resources – All students have been provided with various resources, made detailed notes in their book, and many will have revision guides. Students need to use them and constantly revisit them.

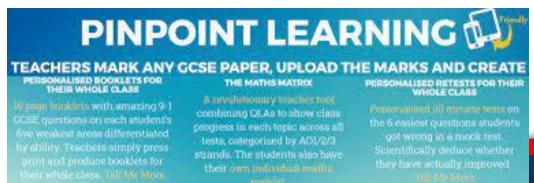


How do I revise for Maths?

The simple answer is to do lots and lots of maths questions.

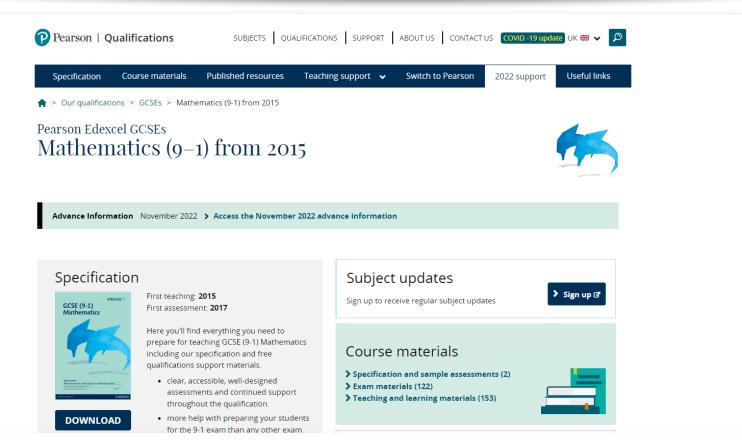
In order to do this there are lots of resources to use

- MathsWatch each pupil has a login and they can attempt the online tasks or the graded worksheets.
- CorbettMaths an excellent free website with lots of worksheets and exam practice materials
- 3. Pinpoint Learning each pupil has a login with targeted revision based on the easiest topics they have found difficult in previous mock exams.



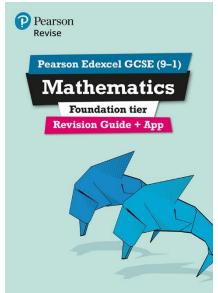


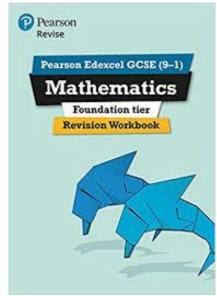
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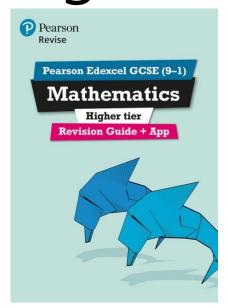


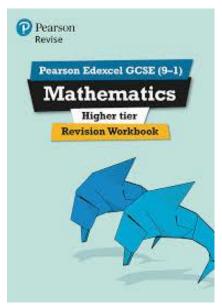
https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics-2015.html

What students might need

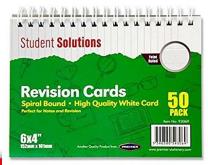














So where do I start?

NAME		Grade		5Score	83	
Topic	RAG	Topic	Topic RAG		RAG	
Solving inequalities		Index laws		Pythagoras		
Product of Primes		Expand and Simplify		Substitution		
Ratio problem solving - fractions and %		Factorise		Changing the subject		
Standard Form - small numbers		Single Transformation		Forming equations		
Standard Form - from ordinary form		Error intervals		Best buy		
Standard Form - Calculations		Comparing areas		Frequency polygon		
Angles in Polygons		Area - misconception		Speed, distance, time		
Table of Values		Coordinates - ratio		Algebraic area - problem		
Plot Quadratics		Depreciation		Conversion graph - gradient		
Roots/Solutions		Currency Conversion		Conversion graph - interpretation		
Mass, Density, Volume		Using a calculator		Index laws		
Mean Grouped Data		Force, pressure, area		Index laws - misconceptions		
Surface Area - Prism		Box plots - misconceptions		Reverse depreciation		
Cumulative Frequency - Table		Box Plots - drawing		Combinations		
Cumulative Frequency - Graph		Box Plots - Comparisons		Trigonometry		
Cumulative Frequency - Using the graph		Inverse Proportion - worker problem		Column vectors		
Cumulative Frequency - IQR		Equation of straight line		Factorise - quadratics		
Ratio - missing values		Negative enlargement		Expand polynomials		
Recurring decimals		Capture-recapture		Circle theorems - proof		
Shape - Problem solving		Ratio		Upper and lower bounds - calculations		
Gradient of a curve		Venn diagram - completing		Histograms - drawing		
Area under the curve		Venn diagram - probability		Histograms - interpretation		
Vectors - Co-linear		Missing lengths - 3D solids		3D Trigonometry		
Vectors - ratio		Missing lengths - applications		Algebraic Fractions		
Probability - tree diagrams		Advanced Trigonometry		Iteration		
Proportion - combined		Functions		Probability		
Index Laws - complex		Inverse/composite functions		Equation of a circle		
Algebraic Fractions		Circle Theorems				
Equation of a tangent		Trig Graphs - transformations				
Area Problem Solving		Trig Graphs - coordinates				
		Quadratic inequalities				
Meaning	Key	·				
Little or no understanding			•		•	
Some understanding of question		Mathematics Department				
Good understanding of question						
Complete understanding						

GCSE Subjects

Subject	Level	Exam Board
Biology	GCSE	AQA
Chemistry	GCSE	AQA
Combined Science	GCSE	AQA
Computer Science	GCSE	AQA
Design and Technology	GCSE	AQA
English Language	GCSE	AQA
English Literature	GCSE	AQA
Food Preparation and Nutrition	GCSE	AQA
French	GCSE	AQA

GCSE Subjects

Subject	Level	Exam Board
Geography	GCSE	AQA
Physical Education (PE)	GCSE	AQA
Physics	GCSE	AQA
Religious Education	GCSE	AQA
Spanish	GCSE	AQA
Film Studies	GCSE	Eduqas
Music	GCSE	Eduqas
Art	GCSE	OCR
Drama	GCSE	Pearson
History	GCSE	Pearson
Mathematics	GCSE	Pearson

Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
Biology	CGP GCSE Biology AQA Revision Guide Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Biology Revision and Exam Practice Clear Revise AQA GCSE Biology 8461 / 8464 Illustrated revision and practice	ISBN: 9781782945567 ISBN: 978-1382004848 ISBN: 978-1-910523-31-5
Chemistry	CGP GCSE Chemistry AQA Revision Guide Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Chemistry Revision and Exam Practice Clear Revise AQA GCSE Chemistry 8462 / 8464 Illustrated revision and practice	ISBN: 9781782945574 ISBN: 978-1382004855 ISBN: 978-1-910523-32-2
Combined Science	CGP GCSE Combined Science AQA Revision Guide – Higher Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Combined Science Higher Revision and Exam Practice CGP GCSE Combined Science AQA Revision Guide – Foundation Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Combined Science Foundation Revision and Exam Practice Clear Revise AQA GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy 8464 Illustrated revision and practice	ISBN: 9781782945598 ISBN: 978-1382004879 ISBN: 9781782945604 ISBN: 978-1382004862 ISBN: 978-1-910523-34-6
Computer Science	CGP GCSE AQA Computer Science Revision guide. Price: £5.95 https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/	ISBN: 978 1 78908 609 6

Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
EUBIIZU FAUBAASE	Macbeth revision guide ETM45 £3.15 OR	
English Literature	Macbeth play with annotations/revision material + revision guide ETPMB41 £5.00 Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde revision guide EPJH42 £3.15 OR Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde text with annotations + revision guide EPJHB41 £5.00 Lord of the Flies revision guide ETL45 £3.15 Power and Conflict poetry revision guide ACHR44 £3.15 Unseen Poetry revision guide EUAR43 £3.15 English Language revision guide ENAR42 £3.15 English Language exam workbook with answers and videos ENAW42 £3.15	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Collins AQA GCSE 9-1 Food Preparation and Nutrition (Complete Revision and Practice)	ISBN - 978-0-00-816634-2

Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
French	French -Collins AQA GCSE French with audio all in one revision and practice. https://www.amazon.co.uk/GCSE-French-Revision-Practice-Collins/dp/0008166307	ISBN: 978-0-00-816630-4
Geography	Cool Geography revision zone - file:///C:/Users/DPope/OneDrive%20- %20Telford%20and%20Wrekin%20Council/Desk top/2.%20GCSE/4.%20%20Revision/Coolgeogra phy%20-%20GCSE%20- %20Revision%20Zone.html Revision guide = CGP GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Revision Guide.	ISBN: 9781782946106

Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
Physical Education (PE)	AQA GCSE (9-1) PE SECOND EDITION Kirk Bizley, Hodder Education REVISE AQA GCSE PE (9-1), PEARSON, Jan Simister, PEARSON GCSE AQA PHYSICAL EDUCATION REVISION GUIDE (9-1), By CGP books GCSE PHYSICAL EDUCATION: The pocket sized revision guide. Day dream education BBC BITESIZE (CHOOSE AQA OPTION): https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/e xamspecs/zp49cwx	ISBN: 978-1-5104-0523-3

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Physics	CGP GCSE Physics AQA Revision Guide Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Physics Revision and Exam Practice Clear Revise AQA GCSE Physics 8463 / 8464 Illustrated revision and practice	ISBN: 9781782945581 ISBN: 978-1382004886 ISBN: 978-1-910523-33-9
Spanish	Collins AQA GCSE 9-1 Revision Quizlet.com (Available online or as an app. Students need to create an account. They can request to join school Quizlet Y10 & 11 groups and access vocabulary sets to learn on the topics studied as well as GCSE vocabulary sets). Blooket.com (Available online or as an app. Vocabulary learning games, students can create an account and access vocabulary learning games) Memrise.com (Available online or as an app. Students need to create an account. Access to GCSE vocabulary sets and sets connected to text books) languagesonline.org.uk (Spanish and French language practise, no account needed) Apps: Duolingo (app to learn languages) Chatterbug (language videos) Conjugato	ISBN: 978-0-00-816631-1

Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
Film Studies	Will be provided with text books in lesson and booklets.	
Music	Eduqas Revision Book: https://www.bc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbm https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbm https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbm https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbm https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbm https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbm	ISBN: 9781912820696
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Drama	CGP- grade 9-1 GCSE Drama revision guide CGP- grade 9-1 GCSE Drama play guide DNA	ISBN: 9781782949626 ISBN: 9781782949633

Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
History	CGP Exexcel GCSE History The American West c1835-c1895 CGP Exexcel GCSE History Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939 CGP Exexcel GCSE History Medicine in Britain c1250-present Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1 History Henry VIII and his Ministers, 1509-40	ISBN 9781789082913 ISBN 9781789082876 ISBN 9781789082890 ISBN 9781292176390
Mathematics	REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation Revision Guide (with online edition) REVISE Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Higher tier Revision Guide + App	ISBN 9781447988045 ISBN 9781447988090

Preparation for GCSEs

Targeted Intervention Sessions*

• 3:15pm-4:15pm

December Mocks (GCSE)

• 1st Dec to 8th Dec

February mocks (GCSE)

5th Feb to 23rd February

Easter revision

• Format to be confirmed depending on student progress

GCSE examinations begin

• 9th May 2024

Support / Intervention

Three-tiered approach:



In the classroom



Via homework and guided independent learning



Via small group intervention at the end of the school day

Mock Weeks

- ✓ Model the formal exam experience
- ✓ Enable us to measure progress and informs targeted intervention, support and revision
- Planned over a two week period
- **Students should attend BES as normal.** Normal lessons will not be suspended between exams
- Students will be issued with a mock exam timetable, and this will be emailed to parents and is already available on the website.

Understanding how your child is progressing

Course	Target	Summer Grade	Average Mark of Cohort	Top 5% of Cohort
Biology / Botany / Zoology / Ecology: Assessment Mark		72%	46%	67%
Biology / Botany / Zoology / Ecology: Attitude to Learning		Blue		
Biology / Botany / Zoology / Ecology: Expected Final Grad	8	8		
Chemistry: Assessment Mark		64%	41%	68%
Chemistry: Attitude to Learning (ATL)		Blue		
Chemistry: Expected Final Grade	8	8		
English: Attitude to Learning (ATL)		Blue	47%	76%
English: KS4 English Lan		78%		
English: Language Expected Final Grade	8	9		
English: KS4 English Lit		73%		
English: Literature Expected Final Grade	8	8		

What is a good pass?

The Department for Education defines a good pass as a Grade 5 or above

Colleges, training providers, universities and many employers regard a Grade 4 as a standard (acceptable) pass

Looking at their achievement at primary school and in our baseline tests the average BES student should be aspiring for at least a grade 5 in the majority of their subjects

Ultimately, we expect students to be aiming to beat their targets

Exam entries

- Exam entries will be made in the Spring Term
- Students will be issued with an individual timetable for their examinations
- A general timetable with dates of all exams is on the school's website
- Access arrangements will be made in the Spring Term and confirmation is sent home along with the examination entries slip (exam timetable). Please contact us if you believe your child is eligible



USE FLASHCARDS

Write down the key points from a topic on a flashcard. You should put the topics you find easiest at the back of the cards and the harder ones at the front. This means you can focus more on the more challenging topics and less on the ones you already know.

USE MIND MAPS

Create mind maps on flashcards or plain A4 paper. Then revise from them periodically. Creating mind maps on a unit or topic helps you link concepts with one another and you can easily see which topics you need to spend more time on.

WRITE YOUR OWN QUESTIONS

This is a way to actively engage in your learning. At school, or when you are reading your textbook, create at least one question that relates to your learning outcome. Then in your next revision session, try to answer the question.

TEACH SOMEONE ELSE

Teaching forces you to actively understand and recall what has been learnt. So how do you get an opportunity to teach? Well, you can get a study partner or take advantage of homework or classwork where the task involves presenting a topic.

PRACTISE PAST PAPERS

Practising exam papers ranks highest amongst effective learning techniques. They help you develop your subject knowledge and identify gaps in your knowledge. You'll also be able to spot recurring topics and use the mark scheme to learn how to best answer questions to get full marks.





Online Revision Resources

As well as using exercise books and revision guides to revise, the following free online resources are available:

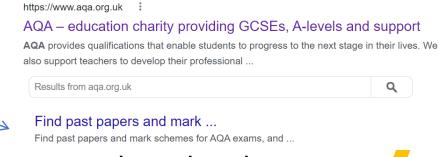
 GCSE Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z98jmp3

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Seneca Learning - https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/



AQA – past papers



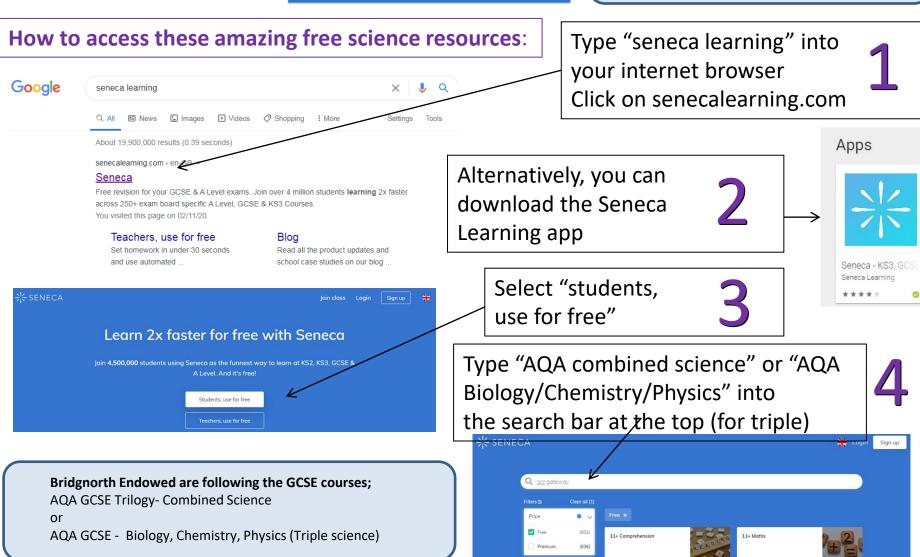
Be sure to select the correct exam board and course

AQA GCSE Trilogy- Combined Science or AQA GCSE - Biology, Chemistry, Physics (Separate sciences)



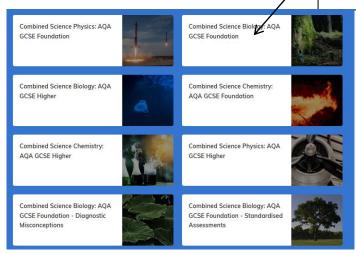


"Seneca Learning is the U.K.'s most popular revision app for middle and high school students"



Select the subject that you want to revise Eg. Combined Science Biology/Chemistry/Physics AQA GCSE Foundation

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There are options for Biology, Chemistry and Physics AND you can select Foundation or Higher

Note: If you are doing Separate Sciences, select Biology/Chemistry/Physics AQA GCSE



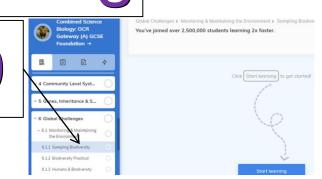


The menu on the left will give you options for the modules. These should match your revision guide.

(You may need to click on the 3 lines to access the menu)

Select the module you want to revise, eg. B6

Select the topic you want to revise and click on "Start Learning"



Please speak to your Science Teacher if you need any support with your revision

Top Tips for Revision

The right environment

- Good environment
- What do you need around you?
 - Desk/table
 - Light
 - Equipment
 - Music
 - ▶ Works for some, not all.
 - ► Instrumental music is less distracting than lyrics

How can we help ourselves to learn?

- Turn off
 - ► Email
 - ► Facebook
 - Snapchat
 - ► Tiktok
 - Instagram
 - ▶ Mobile (on silent, out of reach, can be a reward at the end after work is done)
- Make learning as active as possible
- Focused chunks of time
- Avoid
 - Self-doubt
 - Day dreaming
 - ► Feeling overwhelmed

























Time planner

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4.00 4.30	Travel Home	Travel Home	Travel Home	Travel Home	Travel Home
5.00	Read today Opt A	Read today Opt B	Read Eng/Mats/Sci	Read today Opt B	Core H/W
5.30	Read Eng/Mats/Sci	Evening meal		Read Eng/Mats/Sci	
6.00	Evening meal	Drama/Football	Core H/W	Evening meal	Drama/Football
7.00	Read today			Opt B homework	
7.30	Core H/W	Eastenders	Evening meal	Eastenders	Evening meal
8.00	Eastenders	Read today	Core H/W	Read today	
8.30	Opt A homework	Opt B homework			
9.00					
9.30					
10.00					

How to motivate yourself to study

- "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step"
- Laozi, ancient Chinese philosopher

Making a start

The hardest part about revising, is to start revising. So how do you get past that roadblock?

Active revision is best

Highly useful

Practice testing

Self testing or practice tests

Distributed ('spaced') practice

Practice that spreads out study over time

Elaborative interrogation

Explaining why a fact or concept is true

Self explanation

Explaining how new information is related to other known information

Interleaved practice

A study session that will cover different subject areas

Summarisation

Writing summaries of required texts

Highlighting

Mnemonics

Imagery

Re-reading

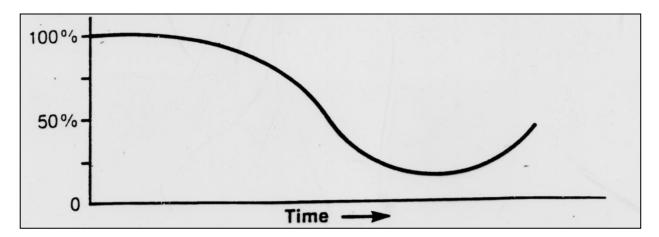
Less useful

12 Revision Techniques

- 1. Make effective notes
- 2. Write down a summary of a topic
- 3. Create flashcards (Quizlet)
- 4. Draw mind maps
- 5. Practice along with educational videos
- 6. Discuss your ideas
- 7. Try teaching
- 8. Draw diagrams and tables
- 9. Create a slideshow presentation
- 10.Test your friends
- 11. Answer practice questions
- 12.Do past papers

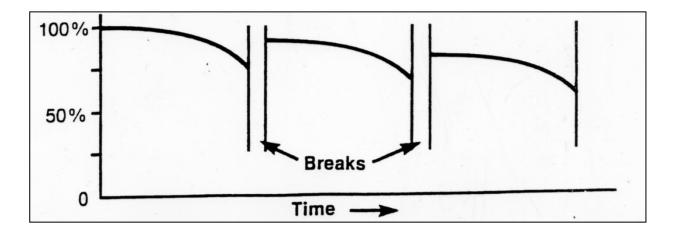
Concentration curve - The Pomodoro technique

- When you begin to work the level of concentration is high
- ► After a while your concentration beings to reduce
- ▶ It improves a little when you think the end is near



Chunk learning

- Break work into chunks of time
- ► How long? 25 mins



- ▶ 5 10 min breaks between 25 min study periods keeps your concentration at a higher level throughout
- We need to change our focus to remain interested

Chunk learning

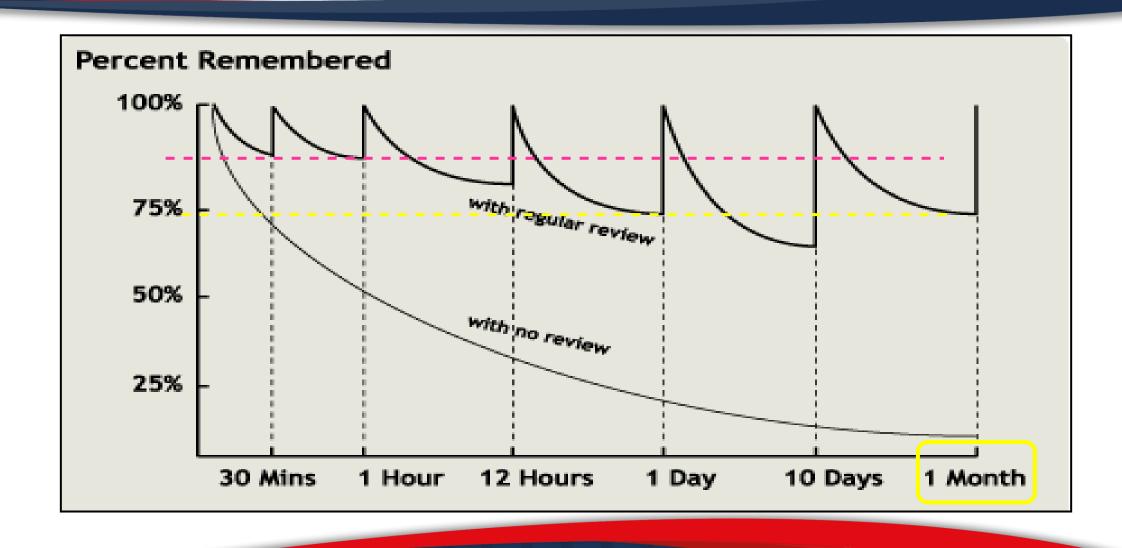
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Regular review (revision)

- ► Take three minutes to review something you've learned recently.
- review after one hour,
- then that evening,
- then after one day,
- then one week,
- then one month.
- ► That's only 15 minutes in a month
- you'll end up remembering much more than if you dedicated 15 minutes to a single block of review.

Here it is diagramatically



Why do you need study breaks?

Short breaks between study sessions are <u>scientifically</u> <u>proven</u> to improve our levels of focus. "The brain is built to detect and respond to change." When we change task, we re-engage our brain. When we return to the same task again, we have improved levels of concentration.

Don't Panic!

7 Tips

- 1. Recognise stress symptoms
- 2. Watch what you eat
- 3. Stay physically active
- 4. Get enough sleep
- 5. Talk to someone
- 6. Organise your study environment
- 7. Be your own person



Parental revision kit

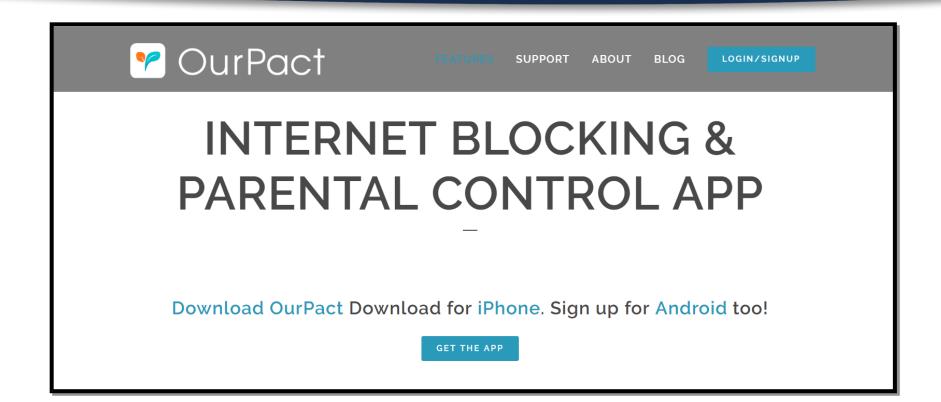




Make it active and interesting when possible

- ► Test them on their home-made postcards
- ▶ Get them to explain their posters to you
- Let them teach you what they are trying to learn

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Thank you

- ► We will stay to answer individual questions
- > Presentation will be available on the school website