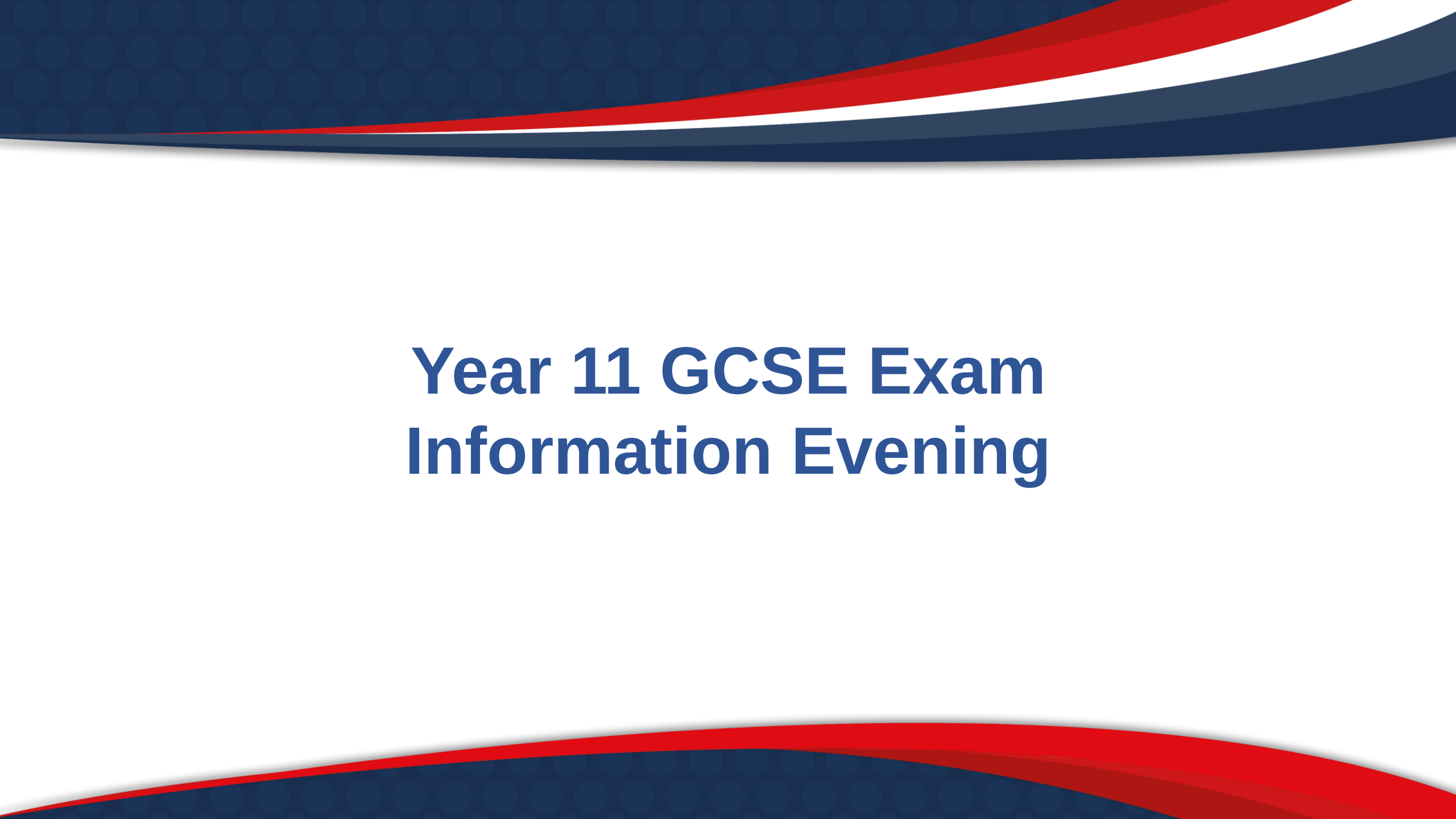




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Year 11 GCSE Exam Information Evening

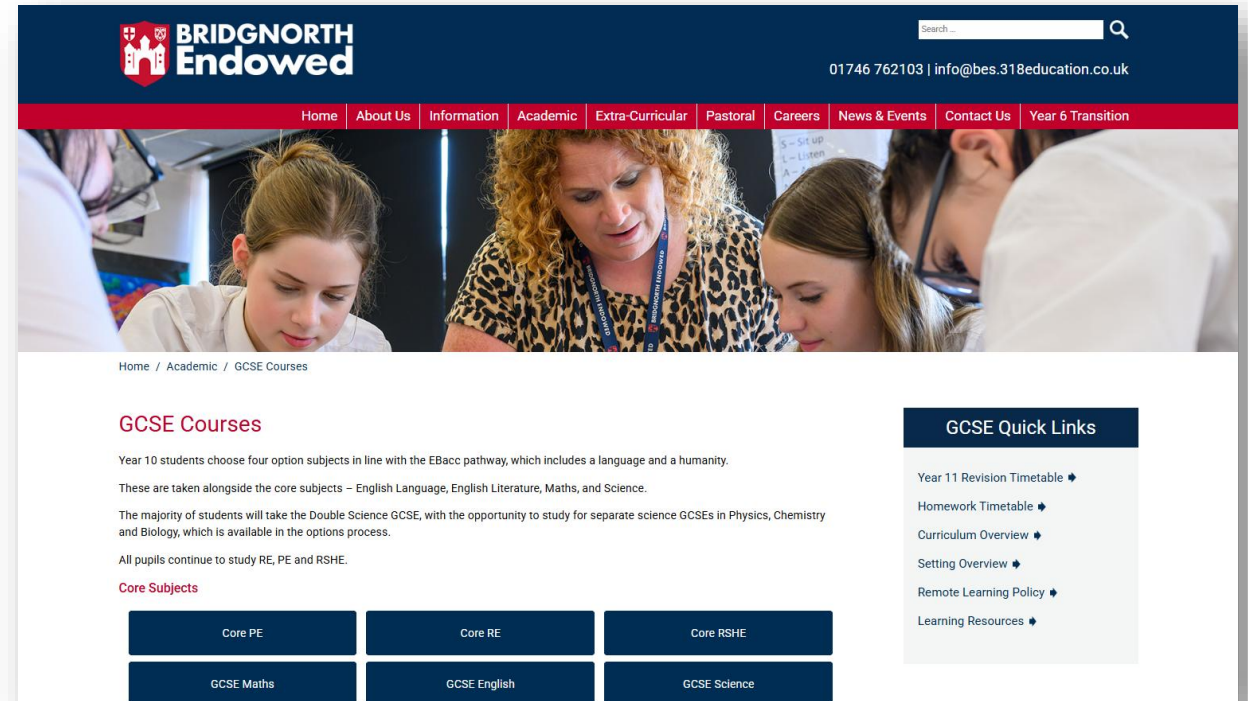
Agenda for this evening

- 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

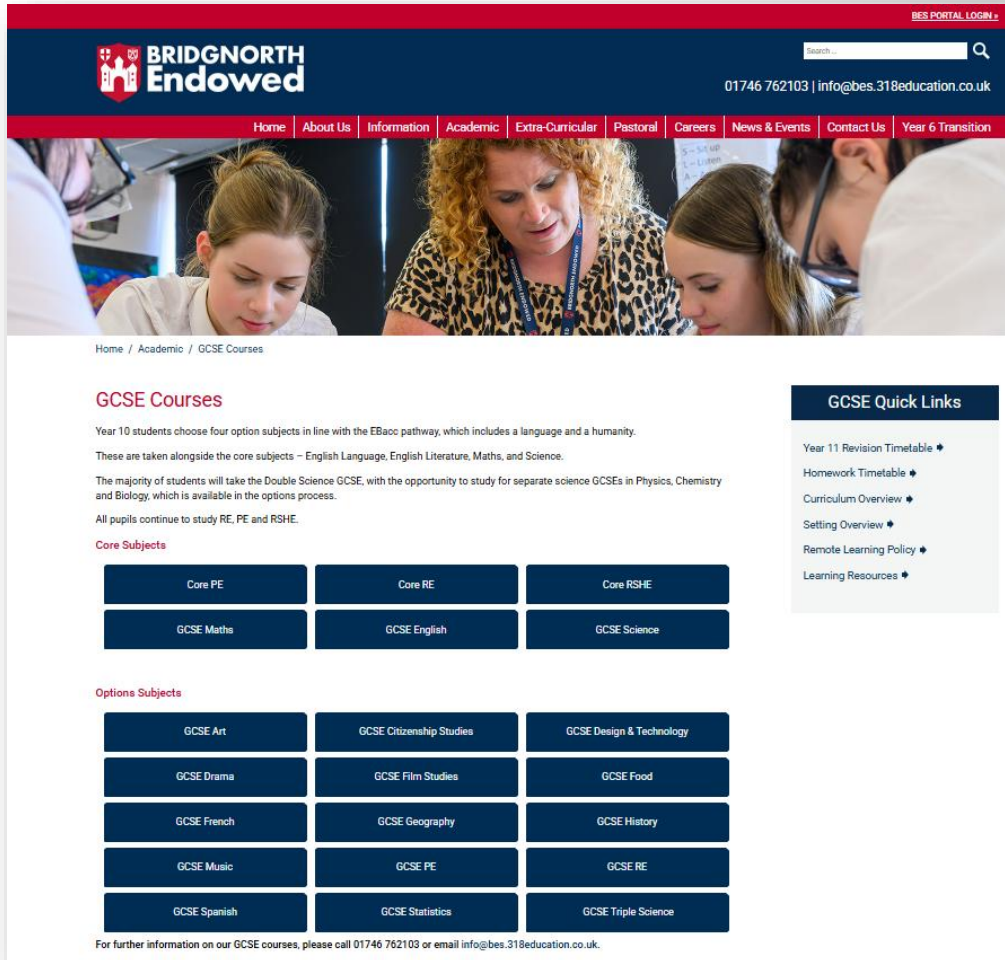
Curriculum

On the website you will find:

- An outline of the teaching schedule
- Details of exam specification
- Titles of exam papers
- Links to exam board website



Curriculum



The screenshot shows the website for Bridgnorth Endowed. The header includes the school's logo, a search bar, and contact information (01746 762103 | info@bes.318education.co.uk). A navigation menu lists various sections: Home, About Us, Information, Academic, Extra-Curricular, Pastoral, Careers, News & Events, Contact Us, and Year 6 Transition. The main content area is titled 'GCSE Courses' and provides information about the Year 10 options process. It lists core subjects (PE, RE, RSHE, Maths, English, Science) and options subjects (Art, Citizenship Studies, Design & Technology, Drama, Film Studies, Food, French, Geography, History, Music, PE, RE, Spanish, Statistics, Triple Science). A sidebar on the right contains 'GCSE Quick Links' such as the Year 11 Revision Timetable, Homework Timetable, Curriculum Overview, Setting Overview, Remote Learning Policy, and Learning Resources. A footer note provides contact details for further information.

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GCSE Courses

Year 10 students choose four option subjects in line with the EBacc pathway, which includes a language and a humanity. These are taken alongside the core subjects – English Language, English Literature, Maths, and Science.

The majority of students will take the Double Science GCSE, with the opportunity to study for separate science GCSEs in Physics, Chemistry and Biology, which is available in the options process.

All pupils continue to study RE, PE and RSHE.

Core Subjects

Core PE	Core RE	Core RSHE
GCSE Maths	GCSE English	GCSE Science

Options Subjects

GCSE Art	GCSE Citizenship Studies	GCSE Design & Technology
GCSE Drama	GCSE Film Studies	GCSE Food
GCSE French	GCSE Geography	GCSE History
GCSE Music	GCSE PE	GCSE RE
GCSE Spanish	GCSE Statistics	GCSE Triple Science

For further information on our GCSE courses, please call 01746 762103 or email info@bes.318education.co.uk.

GCSE Quick Links

- Year 11 Revision Timetable
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- Learning Resources

Please visit 

www.bridgnorthendowed.co.uk/academic/gcse-courses

GCSE Mathematics

GCSE Mathematics

Maths is a tiered paper.

Entries will be confirmed based on progress over the academic year and mock exam results.

These are reviewed after each set of mocks within Y11.

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Mathematics (9-1) from 2015

Advance Information November 2022 Access the November 2022 advance information

Specification

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Subject updates

Sign up to receive regular subject updates **Sign up**

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

How do I revise for Maths?

Maths revision is about 2 key factors – exposure and volume.

Students need to be exposed to a range of different exam style questions, including ones that combine more than one skill.

They also need to complete a large volume of these questions in order to develop their recognition of when to use certain skills within their toolkit.

To support their revision in mathematics we recommend making use of free online resources which can be an excellent source of exam practice and key content revision.

1. **CorbettMaths** – an excellent free resource with videos attached to every topic area and sample questions to test yourself on.
2. **MathsGenie** – a collection of exam-style questions, videos and past papers to support effective revision.



CorbettMaths

Maths Genie

Curriculum

How do I revise for Maths?

At Foundation level, students need to know a lot of mathematical facts.

They will be expected to know things like:

- The properties of 2D shapes, specifically special triangles and quadrilaterals;
- Square, cube, triangular and prime numbers;
- Basic algebraic notation;
- How to perform calculations, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division;
- How to read coordinate grids;
- And many more.

For all of these key topics we encourage students to make use of flashcards to record key facts and test themselves at home and with their friends. If these key facts can be committed to memory it allows the students to focus on the more difficult aspects of each question.

Curriculum

How do I revise for Maths?

At Higher level, students need to be able to apply their mathematical knowledge to a range of different contexts.

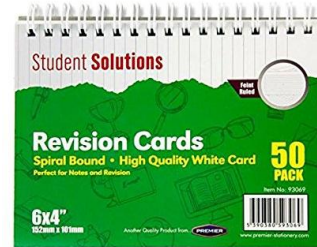
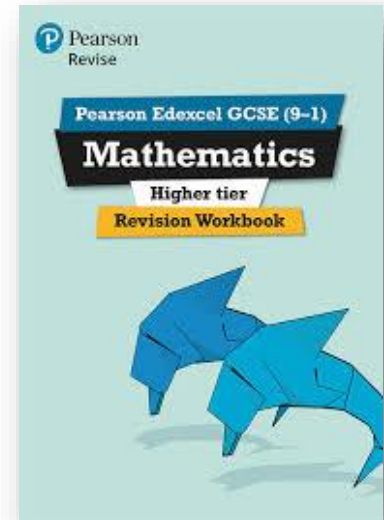
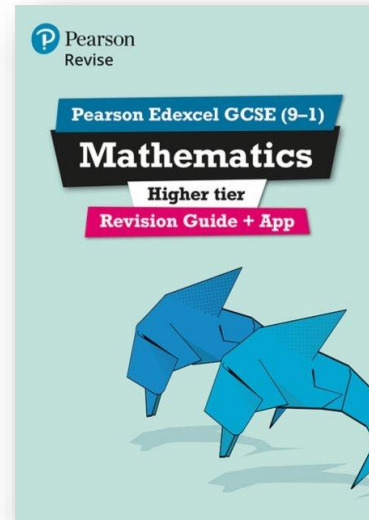
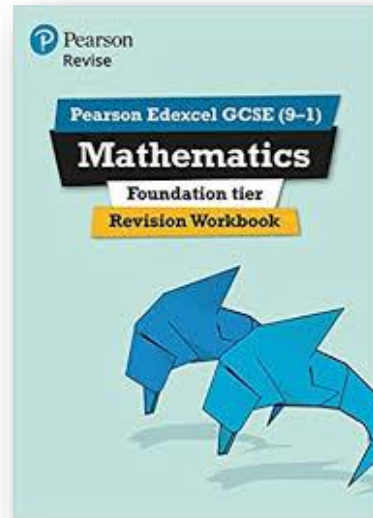
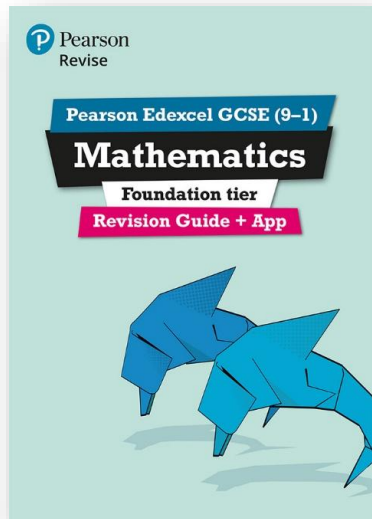
They still need to know the same facts as at foundation level but they would also benefit from knowing additional facts such as:

- Trigonometric ratios;
- Pythagorean Triples;
- Area and Volume formulae;
- Circle Theorems;
- Laws of indices;
- Quadratic equations and their graphs;
- And many more.

The flash cards are again a fantastic way for students to embed their understand of these concepts to allow them more time to focus on more intricate questions.

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What students might need



GCSE Mathematics

Where do I start? Areas to focus on will be in red

NAME	Jimmy Coleshaw	Grade	Score		83
Topic	RAG	Topic	RAG	Topic	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		Mathematics Department			
Some understanding of question					
Good understanding of question					
Complete understanding					

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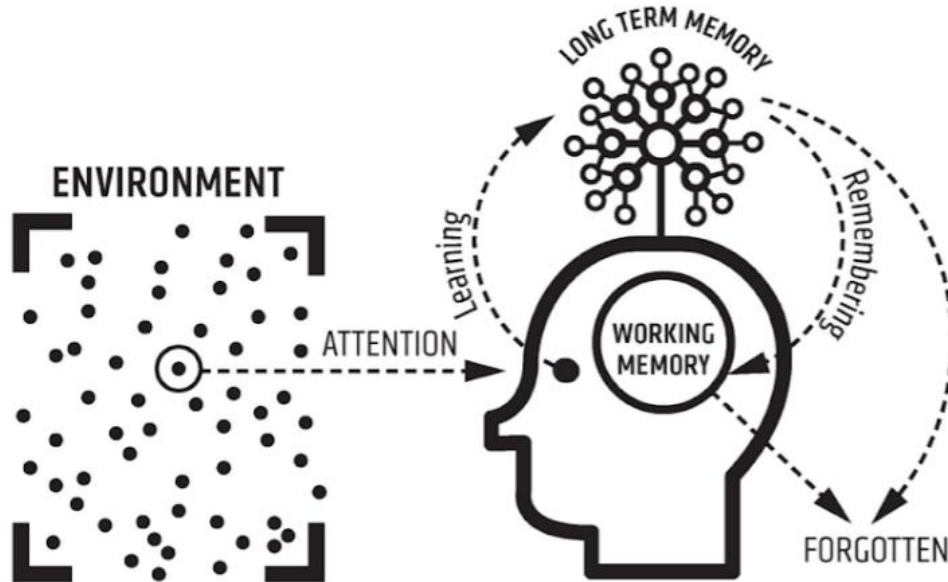
- Two GCSEs: English Language and English Literature
- No tiers, either should count as your English grade but some colleges expect Language at a Grade 4 or 5.
- BUT YOU CAN'T REVISE ENGLISH I HEAR YOU CRY? **Yes, you can.**



<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8700/specification>

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Memory: The Science of Learning



- Working memory is finite.
- Long term memory is unlimited.
- Long term memory is interconnected and linked with prior knowledge.
- If students undertake regular retrieval practice it will generate information into the long-term memory.

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How to Help Your Memory Work Better

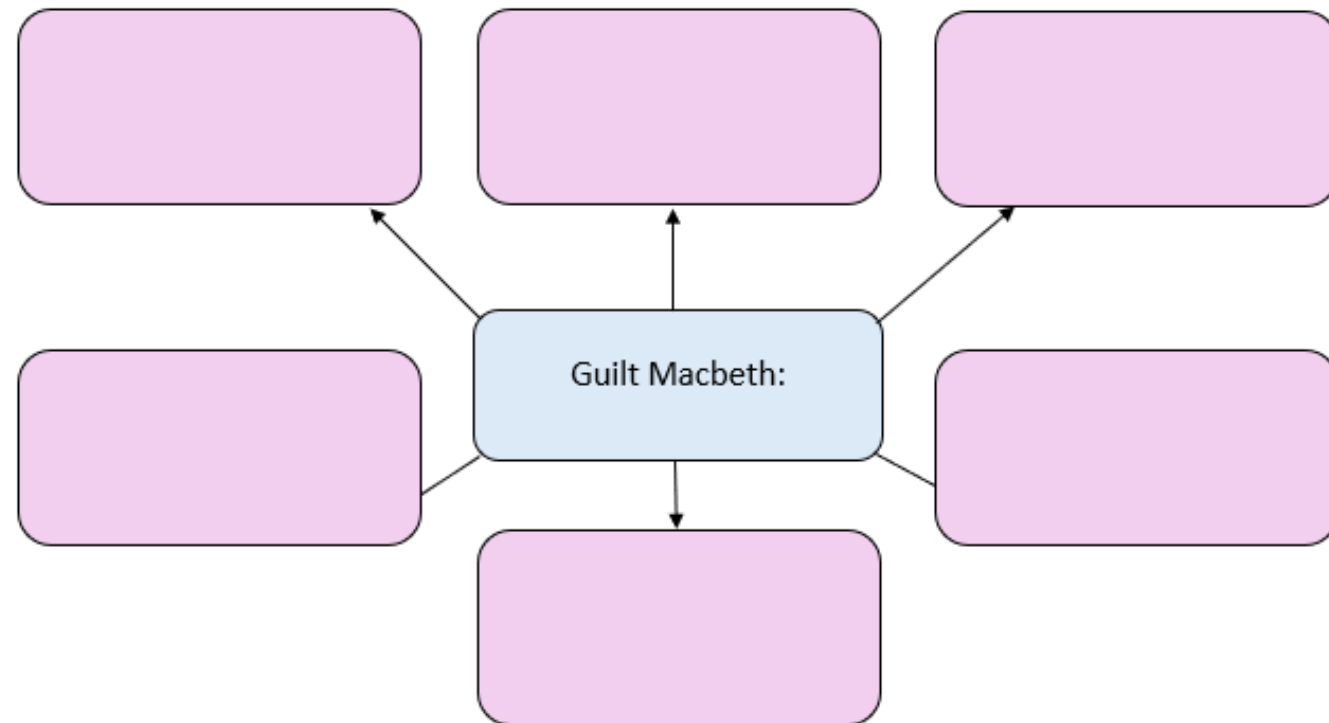
Research shows that we remember things more effectively when we use specific strategies that help encode and retrieve information. These include:

- **Connecting new ideas to what you already know.**
If you're learning about ecosystems and you've visited a forest before, link what you're learning to your own experience.
- **Spacing out your study over time instead of cramming.**
For example, recalling material in small chunks over several days is far more effective than rereading everything the night before a test.
- **Retrieving information repeatedly.**
This could mean using flashcards, self-quizzing, or simply trying to write down what you remember before checking your notes.
- **Explaining it to someone else.**
Teaching forces you to organize and clarify your thinking, which strengthens your memory.
- **Using visuals**
For example, using a drawing to remember the process of photosynthesis, or a diagram to understand the water cycle, helps anchor the ideas in your brain.

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Method One: Link it!



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Example Two: Retrieval Grids/Pyramids

Answer the questions from a key area or a topic, without using notes. You can make your own retrieval grids or ask your teacher for some!

Example of a Retrieval Grid

Poppies is written by Jane Weir	It explores a mother's perspective on war	The title alludes to a remembrance poppy
The poem is written in free verse	It uses images of textiles and sewing to show memory	A key theme is loss and remembrance
The poem links personal grief with wider conflict	The language is tender and domestic	"Spasms of paper red disrupting a blockade of yellow bias binding"
"Released a song bird from its cage"	"The world overflowing like a treasure chest"	"I was brave as I walked with you"

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Example Three: Low Stake Quizzes

Question	Final answer	Confidence	Marking
1. What do the witches mean when they say, "Fair is foul, and foul is fair"?			
2. How does Lady Macbeth persuade Macbeth to kill Duncan?			
3. What vision does Macbeth see before murdering Duncan?			
4. How does Banquo react to the witches' prophecies compared to Macbeth?			
5. What does Lady Macbeth mean when she says, "Out, damned spot"?			
6. How is Macbeth described by Malcolm at the end of the play?			

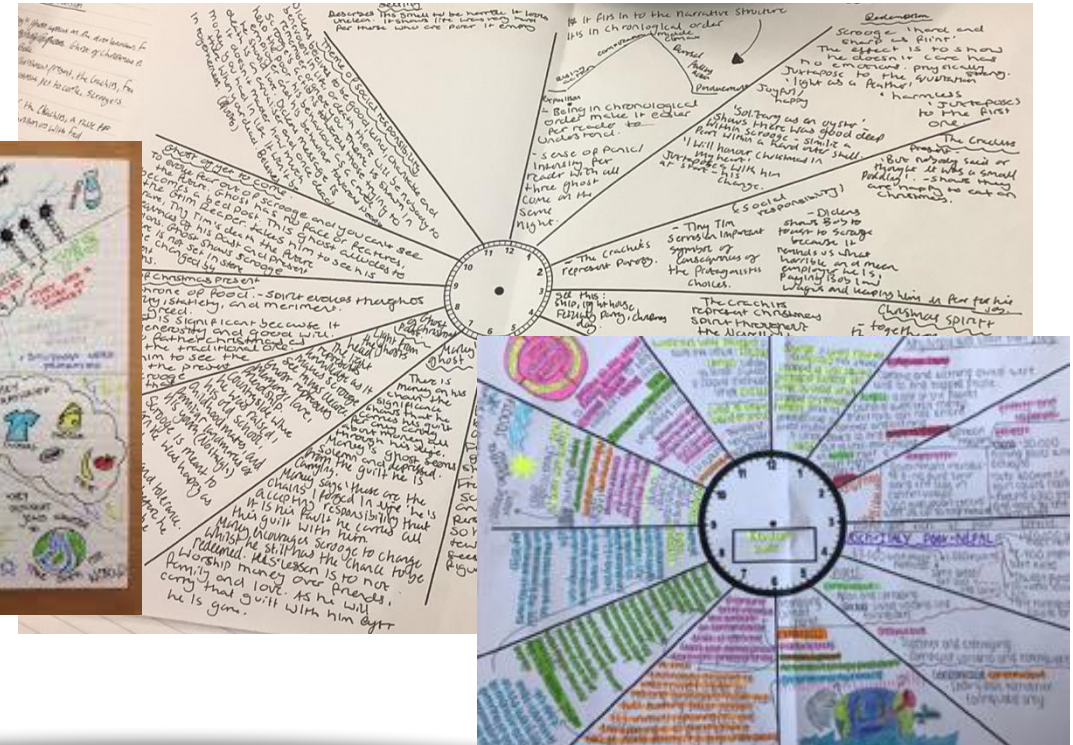
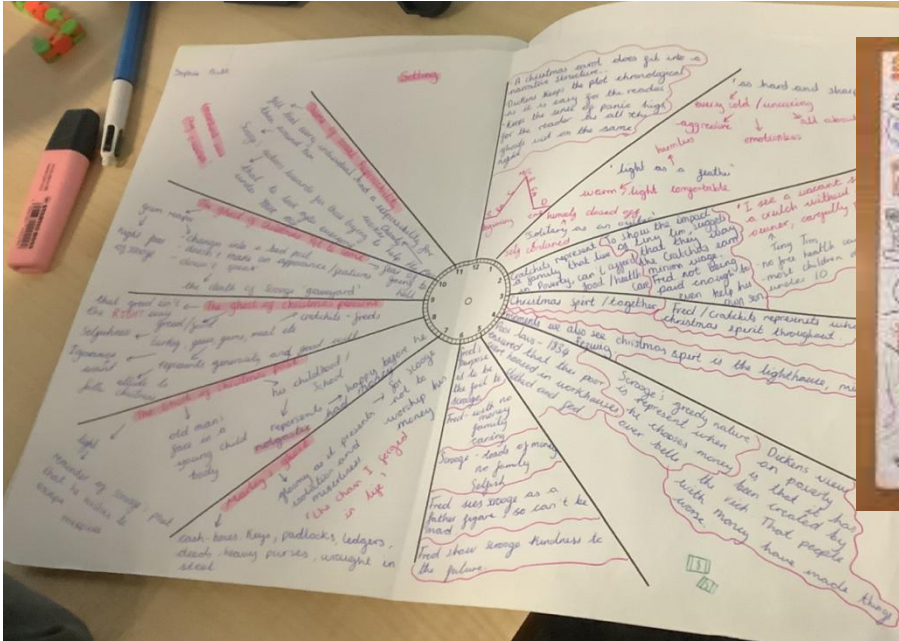
Low stake quizzes are beneficial for strengthening memory through repeated retrieval, reducing test anxiety, promoting regular revision habits and getting quick feedback.

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Example Four: Retrieval Clocks

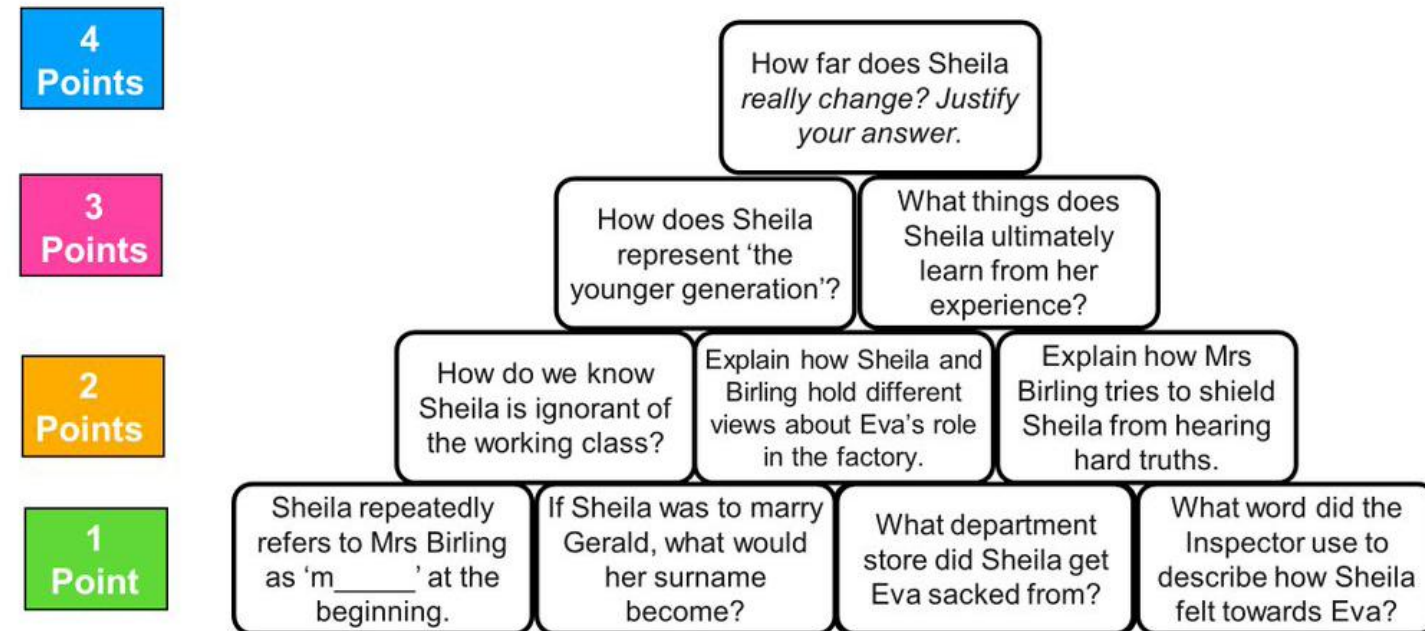
Retrieval clocks are an effective way of organising a brain dump. You can assign a topic to each section or use it as a timeframe (i.e. one week ago, two weeks ago).



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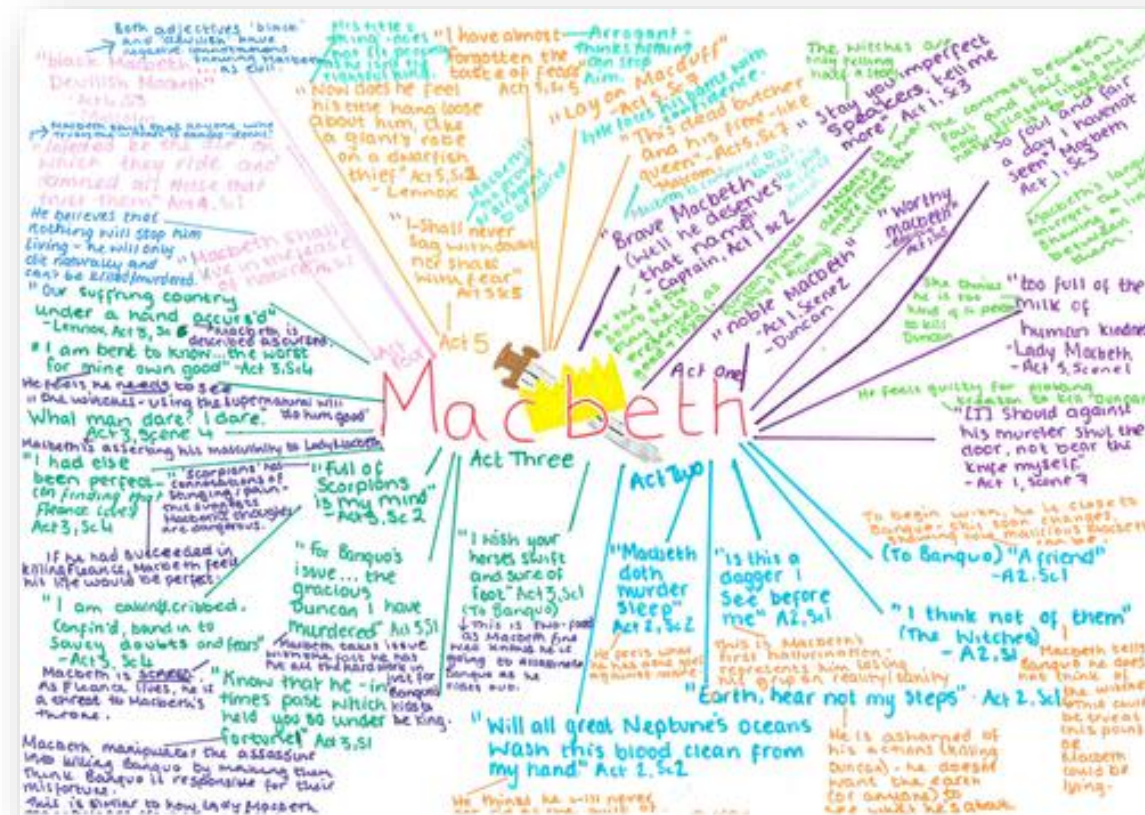
Retrieval Pyramid Example



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Example Five: Brain Dumps



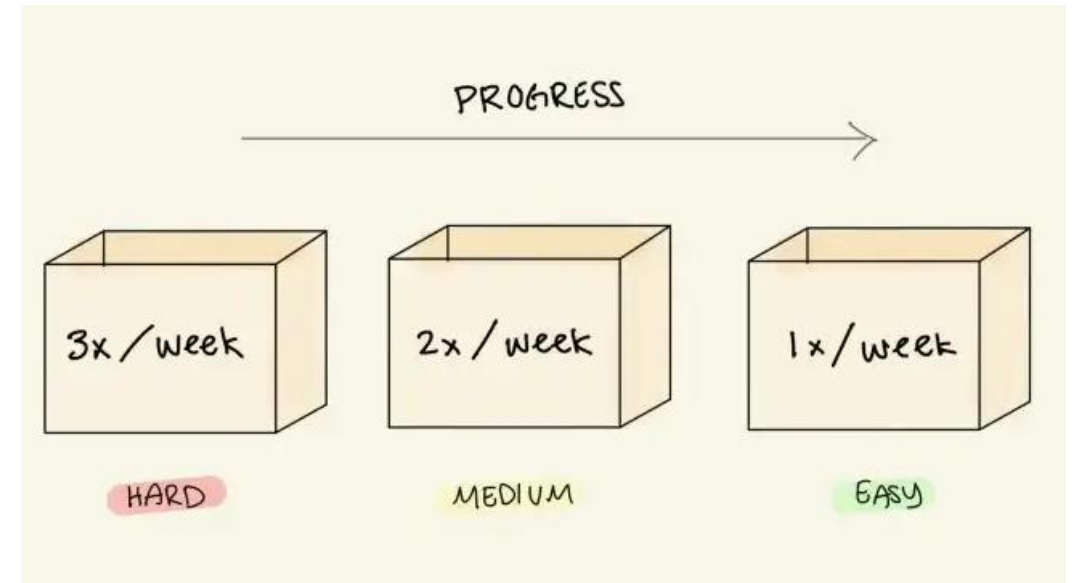
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Example Six: Flashcards

The Leitner System:

1. Take 3 boxes and label them: Easy, Medium, Hard
2. Every card starts in the Hard box
3. As cards become easier to answer, “promote” them into the Medium or Easy boxes. If you find cards are still challenging, move them back one difficulty level.
4. Review the cards **in the Hard box 3 times a week, Medium box 2 times a week, and Easy box once a week**



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Method: Using Visuals and Dual Codes

	"But these girls aren't cheap labour - they're people".
	"As if we were all mixed up like bees in a hive"
	"The Titanic...unsinkable, absolutely unsinkable"
	"Hard-headed practical man of business"
	"Is it the one you wanted me to have?"
	"He creates at once an impression of massiveness, solidity and purposefulness"
	"alone, friendless, almost penniless, desperate"
	"Public men, Mr Birling, have responsibilities as well as privileges"

YOUR TASK: PRIESTLEY'S IDEAS

With your partner, discuss how each of these ideas relate to 'An Inspector Calls':

 Capitalism	 Socialism	 Social responsibility	 Morality vs Legality
 Younger generation vs Older generation	 Class	 Cause and effect	 Time
 Guilt	 The Supernatural	 Power	 Dual self

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- **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 your 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.
- **MONDAY, TUESDAY and Thursday REVISION** – after school session all are welcome.
- **TEACHERS** – use us, show us revision notes, work in revision guides, past paper attempts etc.

GCSE English

Spacing and Interleaving

Instead of huge blocks of practise, spacing out your revision into smaller chunks over a period of time helps you to remember the material better and ensures you are less stressed with your revision.

Interleaving involves switching between ideas and topics during revision, mixing up your revision and chunking it supports learning and strengthens your memory. Here is an example of a poor English revision timetable, and a highly effective English revision timetable:



M	T	W	T	F
Macbeth	Christmas Carol	Creative Writing	Unseen Poetry	Christmas Carol
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M	T	W	T	F
Lady Macbeth	Supernatural : Macbeth and ACC	Lord of the Flies	Christmas Carol: The Cratchits	Language Writing: a speech
An Inspector Calls: Class	Macbeth: guilt and ambition	Christmas Carol: Poverty	Paper 2 Reading	Conflict poetry – RAG rate, 3 least secure
Unseen Poetry	Inspector Calls: Mr and Mrs Birling	Paper 1 Drop Zoom Flash End	Macbeth a hero?	Christmas Carol: Scrooge & Fred

GCSE English

BBC Bitesize English

Provides revision notes, quizzes, videos, and practice tests tailored for AQA GCSE English Language and Literature.

Seneca Learning AQA English

Offers free interactive courses with quick revision and quizzes for both English Language and Literature, specifically aligned with AQA specifications.

Mr. Bruff's YouTube Channel

Known for detailed English Language and Literature tutorials covering key texts, language techniques, exam techniques, and much more.

Quizlet AQA English GCSE

Has a variety of user-generated flashcards for AQA English Language and Literature vocabulary, key quotes, and exam terminology.

SparkNotes

Contains summaries, analyses, and study guides for many English Literature texts, though it's not AQA-specific, it's a good resource for understanding key themes and characters.

The Student Room AQA English GCSE

A forum where students share resources, notes, and tips for AQA English exams, along with revision guides and essay help.

Revision World

Contains revision materials, sample papers, and study guides for both English Language and Literature GCSE.

AQA Official Website

Offers past papers, mark schemes, examiner reports and sample answers which are invaluable for exam practice.

Get Revising AQA English

A study resource platform with flashcards, notes, quizzes, and revision timetables.

GCSE English

Online Content

- **Remember:** your teacher is the expert – listen to them, not someone trying to be popular on TikTok.
- Exam boards are aware of this kind of content and often discredit it.
- Nobody online knows what will be on your exam paper, so don't risk your grade by following poor advice.

The Value of English Literature

- English Literature is a highly respected qualification that can open many doors, whether that's a Russell Group university or career paths you don't even know exist yet.
- Employers and colleges across the country value it because passing shows critical thinking, analysis, and written communication – powerful skills that will give you opportunities in your future.

Five-step study plan

by @KateJones_teach & @Inner_Drive | innerdrive.co.uk

1.

Make a list – What do you need to know?



2.

Timetable a spaced schedule – Study each topic little but often, and leave yourself enough time.



3.

Use effective study strategies – Test yourself and keep the re-reading and highlighting to a minimum.



4.

Identify the gaps in your knowledge
What do you need to study more?
What can you move on from?



5.

Close the gaps – Repeat steps 3 & 4 as many times as you need until you are comfortable with everything.



GCSE Science

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.

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.



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.

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.

GCSE Science

Science Revision

- The combined and separate science GCSEs are content heavy
- The specifications are very detailed, so we know what can and cannot be examined
- Students need to give the answer that matches the information on the specification

Science Revision

What is a renewable energy resource?

1. An infinite natural source of energy
2. One that is being replenished as it is used
3. One that is sustainable

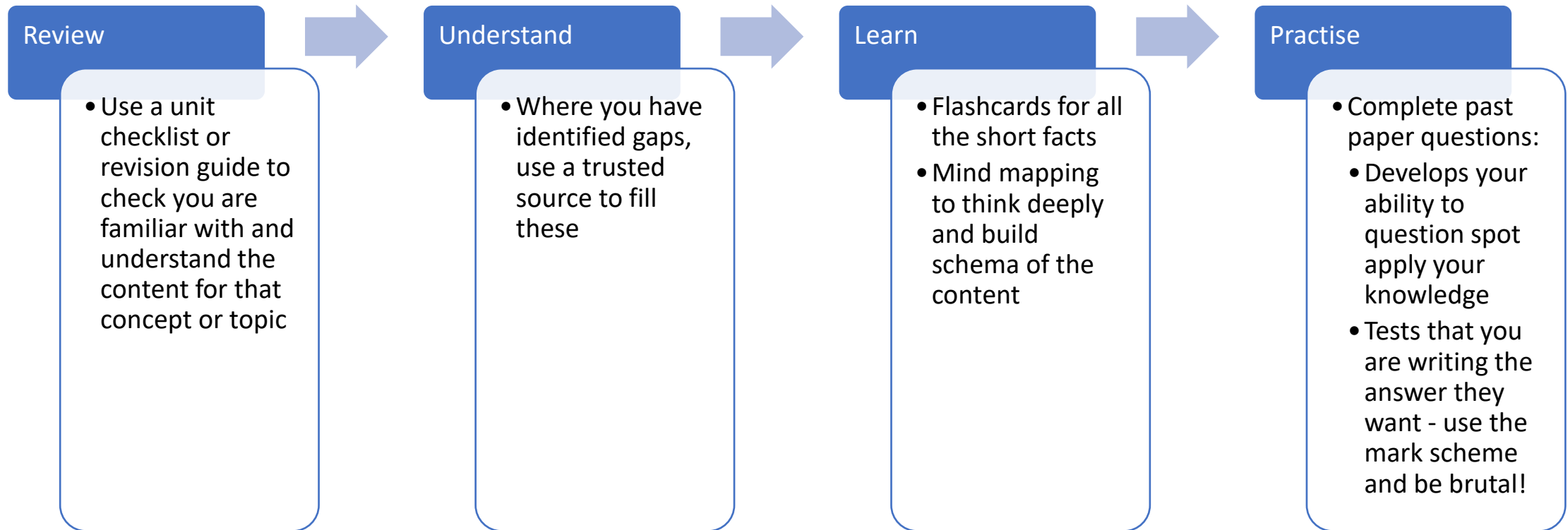
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- AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: scientific ideas; scientific techniques and procedures. (40%)
- AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of: scientific ideas; scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures. (40%)
- AO3: Analyse information and ideas to: interpret and evaluate; make judgments and draw conclusions; develop and improve experimental procedures. (20%)

GCSE Science

Independent Study in Science



GCSE Science

Trusted Sources

- Recommended revision guides:
 - Oxford revise
 - CGP
- Video tutorials:
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Flashcards

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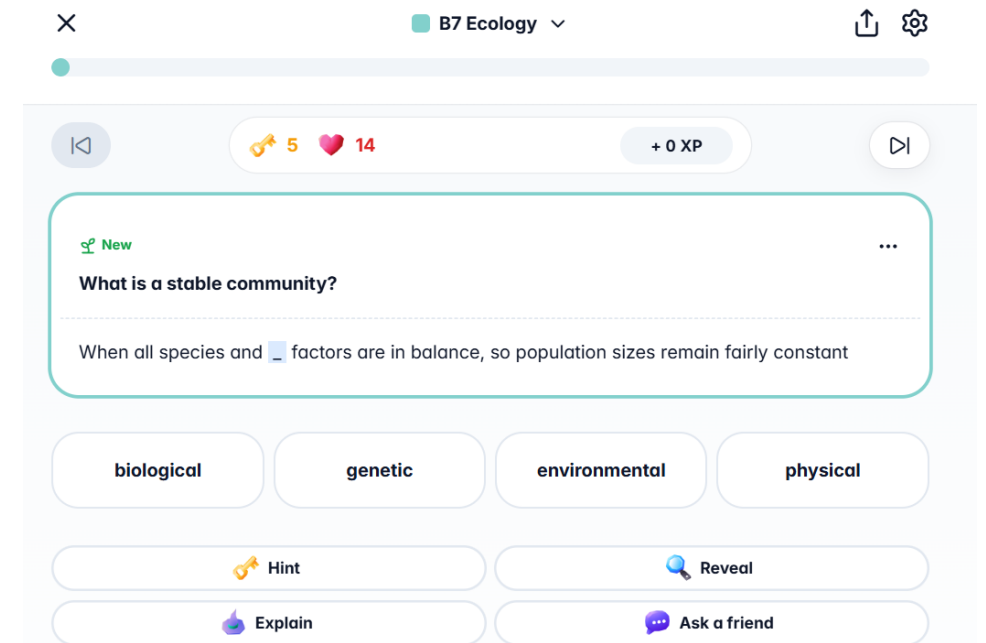
- Handwritten flashcards
- Gizmo.ai
- Carousel

When?

- Little and often
- 5 minutes every day

Flashcards – Gizmo.ai

- Free phone app and website (offers in app purchases, I don't think you need to spend the money – it's great without paying)
- Gamifies learning: collect points, challenge your friends, leaderboards
- Increases in difficulty from pick a word to fill the gap to recall without prompts
- Can explain any question and answer that you don't understand using ai
- The best thing about it: Manages spaced retrieval. Creates due dates depending on your answer success and questions become due when you are at risk of forgetting them



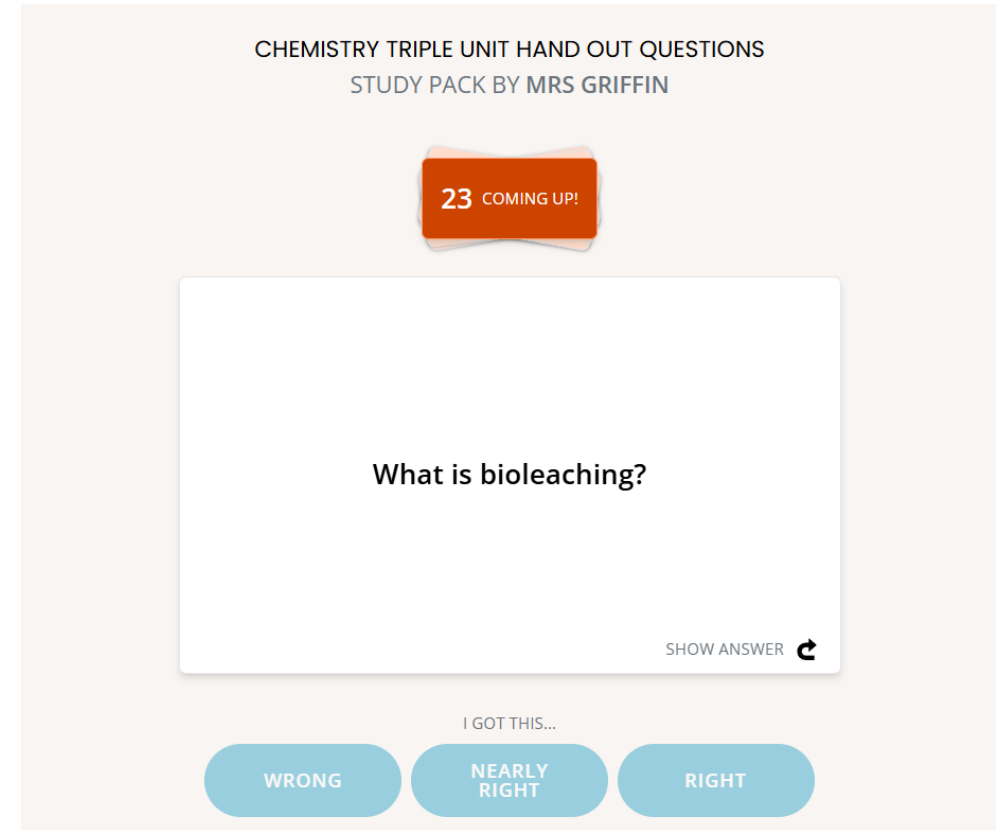
Flashcards - Handwritten

Have a few in your blazer pocket, ready to:

- Quiz if you are a fast finisher of a task in a lesson
- Quiz at lunch
- Quiz at revision sessions

Flashcards – Carousel

- Use the study packs to revise the unit key questions
- Pick which topics you want to study
- Create your own quizzes
- If you want a 7 or above you need excellent recall of vocab and specification definitions - this is the way to master this



Combined Science Students (11S, 11T, 11X)

The following units will be examined.

Please refer to the specification for full details if the content of each unit.

Combined Science: Biology paper 1	Combined Science: Chemistry paper 2	Combined Science: Physics paper 1
1 Cell biology	13 Rate and extent of chemical change	18 Energy
2 Organisation	14 Organic Chemistry	19 Electricity
3 Infection and response	15 Chemical analysis	20 Particle model of matter
4 Bioenergetics	16 Chemistry of the atmosphere	21 Atomic structure
	17 Using resources	

Unit numbers refer to the exam board specification, not chapter numbers in revision guides, which vary. [GCSE Science 8464 | Specification | Specification At A Glance | AQA](#)

Homework for Combined Science Students

- A programme of homework has been created for you to complete between now and the mocks using Seneca.
- There are 3 tasks each week (one for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics) which together will take around an hour and a half to complete.
- The homework programme provides comprehensive coverage of the core content that will be examined in November. It will help you to identify topic areas that require further time to fully understand, this could be in the form of independent study or attendance at revision sessions.

Triple Science Students (11B, 11E)

The following units will be examined. Please refer to the specification for full details of the content of each unit.

Triple: Biology paper 2	Triple: Chemistry paper 2	Triple: Physics paper 2
B5 Homeostasis and response	C6 Rate and extent of chemical change	P5 Forces
B6 Inheritance, variation and evolution	C7 Organic Chemistry	P6 Waves
B7 Ecology	C8 Chemical analysis	P7 Magnetism and electromagnetism
	C9 Chemistry of the atmosphere	P8 Space
	C10 Using resources	
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GCSE Biology 8461 Specification Specification At A Glance AQA	GCSE Chemistry 8462 Specification Specification At A Glance AQA	GCSE Physics 8463 Specification Specification At A Glance AQA

Homework for Triple Science Students

- You class teacher for each science will set a programme of revision homework between now and the mocks.
- The homework programme provides comprehensive coverage of the content that will be examined in November. It will help you to identify topic areas that require further time to fully understand, this could be in the form of independent study or attendance at revision sessions.

GCSE Science

Revision Sessions

- Revision sessions will be organised by subject – a biology revision session is open to both combined and triple students. When triple only content is covered there will be alternative tasks for combined students to complete during that part of the session
- Some sessions will also be focussed towards groups of students aiming for certain grades. For example, foundation (up to a Grade 5) or higher (Grade 6 and above)

GCSE Science

Feature	Combined Science (Trilogy)	Separate Sciences (Triple)
GCSEs Awarded	2 (Double Award)	3 (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
Number of Papers	6 (2 Biology, 2 Chemistry, 2 Physics)	6 (2 Biology, 2 Chemistry, 2 Physics)
Paper Length	1 hr 15 mins each	1 hr 45 mins each
Marks per Paper	70 marks	100 marks
Content Coverage	~ $\frac{2}{3}$ of full content	Full content
Required Practicals	21	28

Students will sit either the foundation or higher tier:

- Foundation – Grades 1-5
- Higher – Grades 4-9

Exam Boards

SUBJECT`	BOARD
Biology	AQA
Chemistry	AQA
Citizenship	AQA
Combined Science	AQA
Computer Science	AQA
Design & Technology	AQA
English Language	AQA
English Literature	AQA
Food	AQA
Geography	AQA
PE	AQA

SUBJECT	BOARD
Physics	AQA
RE	AQA
Film Studies	Eduqas
Art	OCR
Music	OCR
French	Pearson
Spanish	Pearson
Drama	Pearson
History	Pearson
Mathematics	Pearson
Statistics	Pearson

Key Stage 4 Recommended Revision Guides

The following revision guides have been recommended by teaching staff at BES.

Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
Biology	CGP GCSE Biology AQA Revision Guide Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Biology Revision and Exam Practice	ISBN: 9781782945567 ISBN: 978-1382004848
Chemistry	CGP GCSE Chemistry AQA Revision Guide Oxford Revise: AQA GCSE Chemistry Revision and Exam Practice	ISBN: 9781782945574 ISBN: 978-1382004855
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	ISBN: 9781782945598 ISBN: 978-1382004879 ISBN: 9781782945604 ISBN: 978-1382004862

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Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
Design and Technology	CGP Grade 9-1 GCSE Design & Technology AQA Revision Guide — RRP £5.95 CGP Grade 9-1 GCSE Design & Technology AQA Exam Practice Workbook — RRP £5.95 CGP Grade 9-1 GCSE Design & Technology AQA Answers (for Exam Practice Workbook) - — RRP £2.00 CGP GCSE Design & Technology AQA Revision Question Cards — RRP £7.49 cgpbooks.co.uk CGP GCSE Design & Technology AQA: Revision Bundle – RRP £16.82 BBC Bitesize AQA GCSE D&T - www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zby2bdm SENECA Learning (GCSE Students will have own log-in) - https://senecalearning.com Technology Student - https://www.technologystudent.com YOUTUBE – MR Ridley Design and Technology YOUTUBE – BBC Teach AQA GCSE (9-1) Design and Technology 8552 (2022 Edition)– RRP £22 AQA GCSE (9-1) Design and Technology: All Material Categories and Systems — RRP £27	ISBN: 9781782947523 ISBN: 9781782947530 ISBN: 9781782947547 ISBN: 9781789084115 ISBN:978-1-910523-10-0 ISBN:9781510401082

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Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
English Language	CGP Macbeth Revision Bundle School price £9.60/RRP £17.31 CGP A Christmas Carol Revision Bundle School Price £9.60/RRP £17.31 CGP An Inspector Calls Revision Bundle School Price £9.60/RRP £17.31 CGP Power and Conflict Poetry Revision Bundle School Price £9.60/RRP £17.31	CGP order codes: Macbeth: ETMCUB42 A Christmas Carol: ETCCCUB42 An Inspector Calls: ETICUB42 Conflict Poetry: ACHCUB42 Unseen Poetry: EAURB44 Language: ENACUB44
English Literature	CGP Unseen Poetry revision School Price £5.50/RRP £11.00 CGP English Language revision bundle School Price £10.60/RRP £21.00	
Food Preparation and Nutrition	Collins AQA GCSE 9-1 Food Preparation and Nutrition (Complete Revision and Practice)	ISBN - 978-0-00-816634-2

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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/Desktop/2.%20GCSE/4.%20%20Revision/Coolgeography%20-%20GCSE%20-%20Revision%20Zone.html Revision guide = CGP GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Revision Guide.	ISBN: 9781782946106
Citizenship	AQA Citizenship Revision guide- My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) Citizenship Studies Third Edition: Amazon.co.uk: Mitchell, Mike: 9781398372283: Books	ISBN: 978-1398372283

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Geography	Cool Geography revision zone - file:///C:/Users/DPope/OneDrive%20-%20Telford%20and%20Wrekin%20Council/Desktop/2.%20GCSE/4.%20%20Revision/Coolgeography%20-%20GCSE%20-%20Revision%20Zone.html Revision guide = CGP GCSE 9-1 Geography AQA Revision Guide.	ISBN: 9781782946106
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/examspecs/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	ISBN: 9781782945581 ISBN: 978-1382004886
Spanish	<u>Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE Spanish Revision Guide incl. audio, quiz & video - for 2026, 2027 exams:</u> <u>Vivien Halksworth: 9781292739687: TGJones</u> 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: Use set vocab lists to help with the revision for each topic and general key vocabulary languagesonline.org.uk (Spanish and French language practise, no account needed) BBC bitesize - Edexcel Spanish Netflix - watch films in Spanish Apps: Duolingo (app to learn languages) Chatterbug (language videos) Conjugato (conjugating verb app - free but need to pay for more tenses)	ISBN: 9781292739687

Key Stage 4 Recommended Revision Guides

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Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
Film Studies	Will be provided with text books in lesson and booklets.	
Music	Eduqas Revision Book: https://www.illuminatepublishing.com/product/wjec-eduqas-gcse-music-student-book-revised-edition BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbmct39	ISBN: 9781912820696
Art	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z6hs34j - BBC bitesize GCSE Art and Design https://thinkstudent.co.uk/how-to-get-a-9-in-gcse-art/ https://www.studentartguide.com/ https://www.teachwire.net/news/gcse-art-final-piece-resources https://theartteacher.net/2021/04/21/grade-9-gcse-art-examples/	
Drama	CGP- grade 9-1 GCSE Drama revision guide CGP- grade 9-1 GCSE Drama play guide DNA	ISBN: 9781782949626 ISBN: 9781782949633

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Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
History	CGP Exexcel GCSE History The American West c1835-c1895	ISBN 9781789082913
	CGP Exexcel GCSE History Weimar and Nazi Germany 1918-1939	ISBN 9781789082876
	CGP Exexcel GCSE History Medicine in Britain c1250-present	ISBN 9781789082890
	Pearson Revise Edexcel GCSE 9-1 History Henry VIII and his Ministers, 1509-40	ISBN 9781292176390
Mathematics	REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Foundation Revision Guide (with online edition)	ISBN 9781447988045
	REVISE Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Mathematics Higher tier Revision Guide + App	ISBN 9781447988090
Statistics	REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Statistics Revision Guide	ISBN:9781292191621
	REVISE Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Statistics Revision Workbook	ISBN:9781292191614

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Subject	Course Guide Title	ISBN
Religious Education	Oxford AQA Christianity & Islam revision guide. (£5.50 if orderd from school) AQA OXF Revision A GCSE RS: Christ & Islam (red)(£6.50 if ordered from school) Oxford website page:Oxford University Press: Education and Children's books. BBC RE Bitesize: GCSE Religious Studies - BBC Bitesize	ISBN: 978-0-19-842283-9 ISBN: 978-1-382-04038-9

Preparation for GCSEs

Period 6 Sessions

3.25–4.25pm

November Mock Examinations

9th to 13th November 2026

February Mock Examinations

8th to 26th February 2027 (half term in between)

Easter Revision

Format to be confirmed depending on student progress

GCSE Examinations Begin

Week beginning 10th May 2027

Targeted Support

Three-tiered approach to support:



In the classroom



Via homework and guided
independent learning



Via small group revision sessions
at the end of the school day

After School Revision Sessions

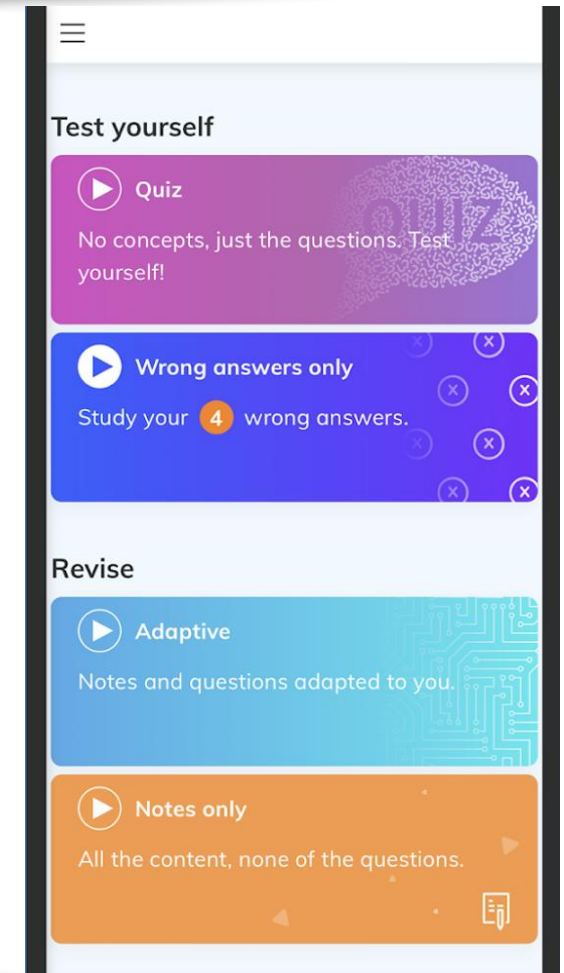
Period 6 Year 11 Revision Timetable  BRIDGNORTH Endowed					
WEEK	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK A	BIOLOGY 3:25–4:25pm Science Department CHEMISTRY (FOUNDATION) 3:25–4:25pm Science Department PHYSICS 3:25–4:25pm Science Department	ART 13:30–14:15pm C1 MATHS 3:25–4:25pm Maths Department		ENGLISH 3:25–4:25pm English Department	CHEMISTRY (HIGHER) 3:25–4:25pm C5
	DRAMA 3:25–4:25pm Drama Studio FRENCH 3:25–4:25pm OH12 RE 3:25–4:25pm E5	ART 3:25–4:25pm C1 BIOLOGY 3:25–4:25pm B3 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY 3:25–4:25pm B2 PE 3:25–4:25pm E1 SPANISH 3:25–4:25pm OH11 STATISTICS 3:25–4:25pm A4 MATHS 4:25–5:25pm A3		GEOGRAPHY 3:25–4:25pm E3 HISTORY 3:25–4:25pm C3 CITIZENSHIP 3:25–4:25pm E4 FILM STUDIES 3:25–4:25pm OH13 MUSIC 3:25–4:25pm A7	CHEMISTRY (HIGHER) 3:25–4:25pm C5
GCSE FOOD: Food coursework support is available via lunchtime drop-in sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until half term, after which a Week B after-school session will run for the remainder of the academic year. GCSE SCIENCE: Science revision sessions are suitable for both Combined and Triple Science students. For further details visit: www.bridgnorthendowed.co.uk					

Seneca

Seneca is an online learning platform built around quizzing and revision. It allows you to:

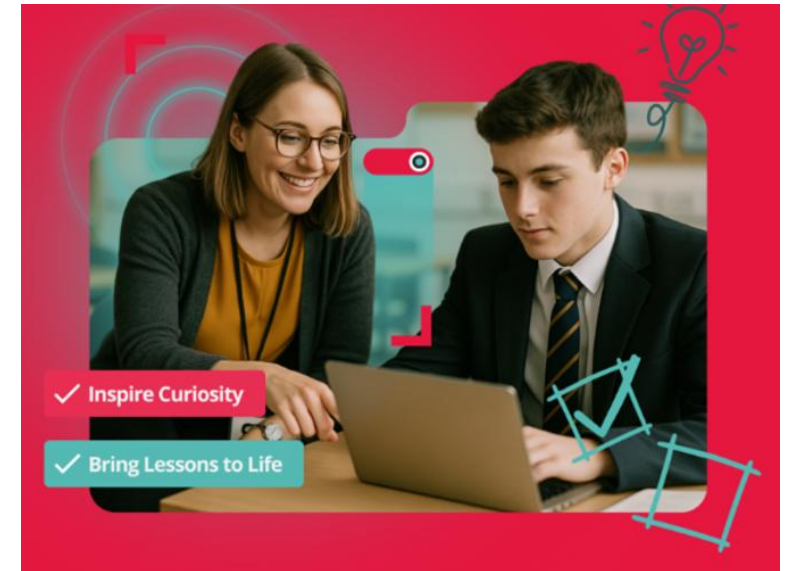
- Practise key knowledge
- Receive immediate feedback
- Track your progress
- Access learning resources anytime (on any device)
- Go beyond set homework or chosen revision tasks

Turns revision into active learning rather than simply completing a task. It will help you to remember things that are important.



GCSE Pod

- **Highly Focused Content:** Videos are short (3-5 minutes) to maintain engagement while covering key facts, quotes, and diagrams.
- **Extensive Library:** Access to over 13,000 videos tailored to specific exam boards (AQA, Edexcel, OCR, etc.).
- **Check & Challenge:** Interactive quizzes to test knowledge after watching a video, providing immediate feedback.
- **Accessibility:** Content is available on-demand, allowing for flexible, "anywhere" studying via the GCSEPod app.



Accessing these Resources



Website links:

[Seneca - Learn 2x Faster](#)
[GCSEPod](#)

Both platforms are available as mobile apps on Apple and Android devices.

Students should be able to login using their existing school computer accounts (i.e. the same username and password that they use to access our network).

If they have any problems accessing either platform, please get them to seek guidance from their form tutor.



Mock Weeks

- Model the formal exam experience.
- Enable us to measure progress and informs targeted intervention, support and revision.
- Planned over a **one to 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**.

Understanding how your child is progressing

Assessment to be sent home

				Summative assessment		
Subject	Target grade	Estimated final grade	Attitude to learning	Mark achieved	Average mark	Top 5%
English Language	6	7	G	65%	52%	77%
English Literature	6	4	G	47%	50%	81%
Maths	7	7	G	62%	45%	74%
Science	77	77	B	71%	53%	82%
Spanish	7	6	G	75%	70%	90%
History	7	6	G	62%	57%	85%
Food and nutrition	7	8	B	81%	55%	78%
PE	7	8	B	90%	49%	87%

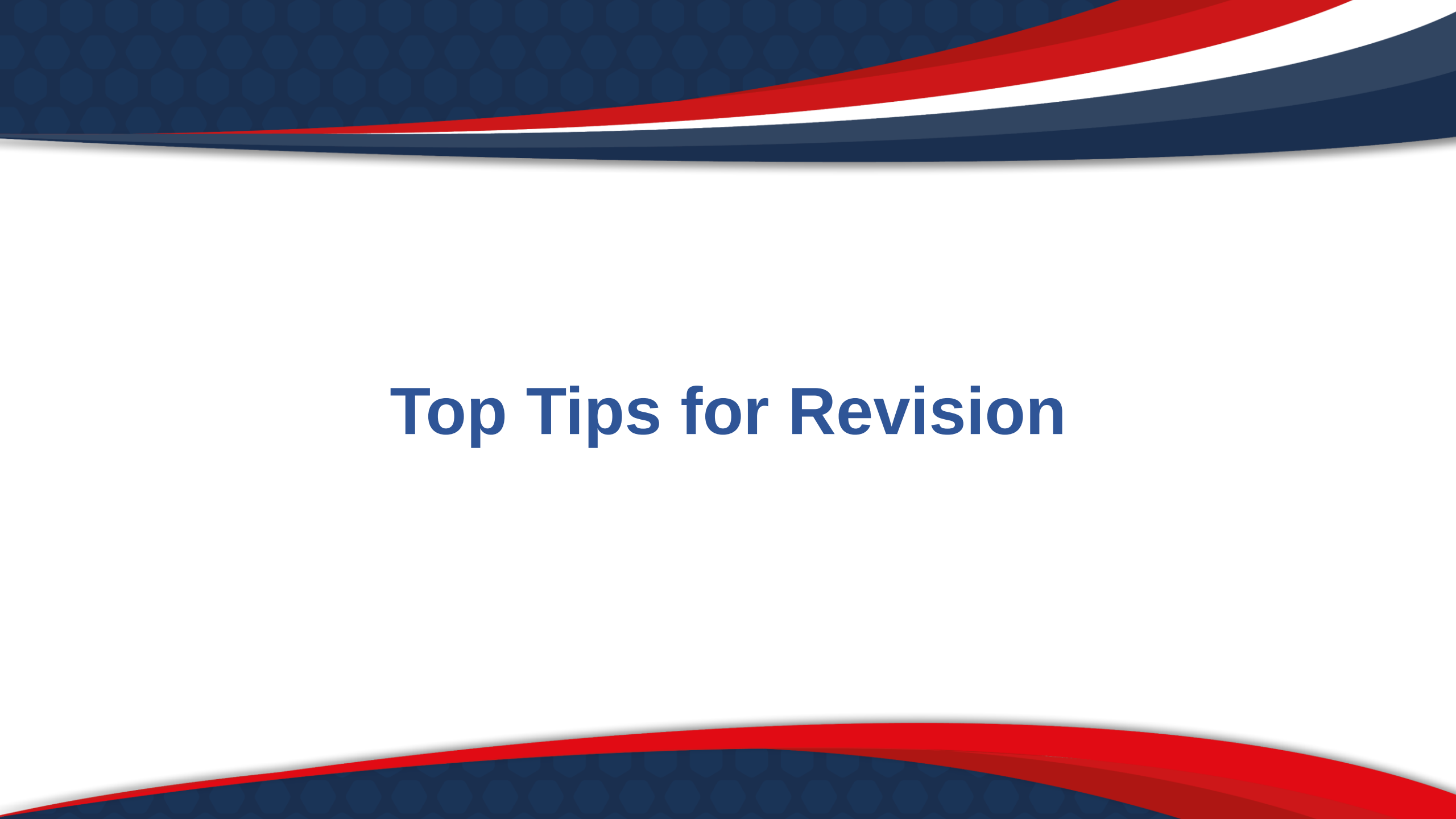
What is a good pass?

- 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 will be on the school's website once confirmed.
- 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.



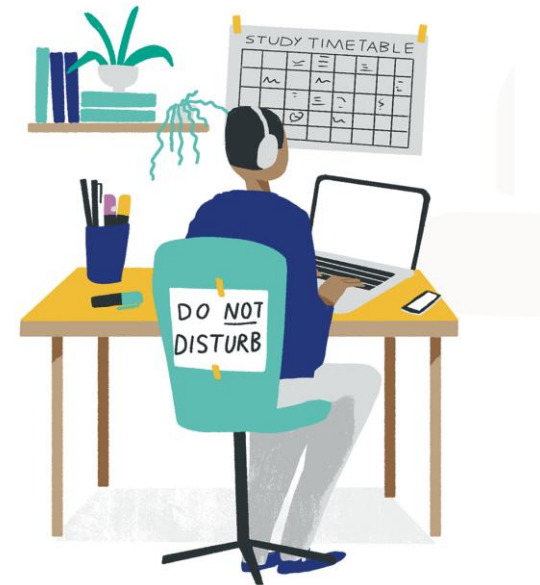
Top Tips for Revision

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, a reward after work is done)
- Make learning as active as possible
- Focused chunks of time
- Avoid
 - Self doubt
 - Day dreaming
 - Feeling overwhelmed



What do we need?



Revision Kit



Time Planner Example

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4.00	Travel Home	Travel Home	Travel Home	Travel Home	Travel Home
4.30					
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
6.30					
7.00	Read today		Evening meal	Opt B homework	Evening meal
7.30	Core H/W	Eastenders		Eastenders	
8.00	Eastenders	Read today	Core H/W	Read today	
8.30	Opt A homework	Opt B homework			
9.00					
9.30					
10.00					

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

Less useful

Summarisation

Writing summaries of required texts

Highlighting

Mnemonics

Imagery

Re-reading

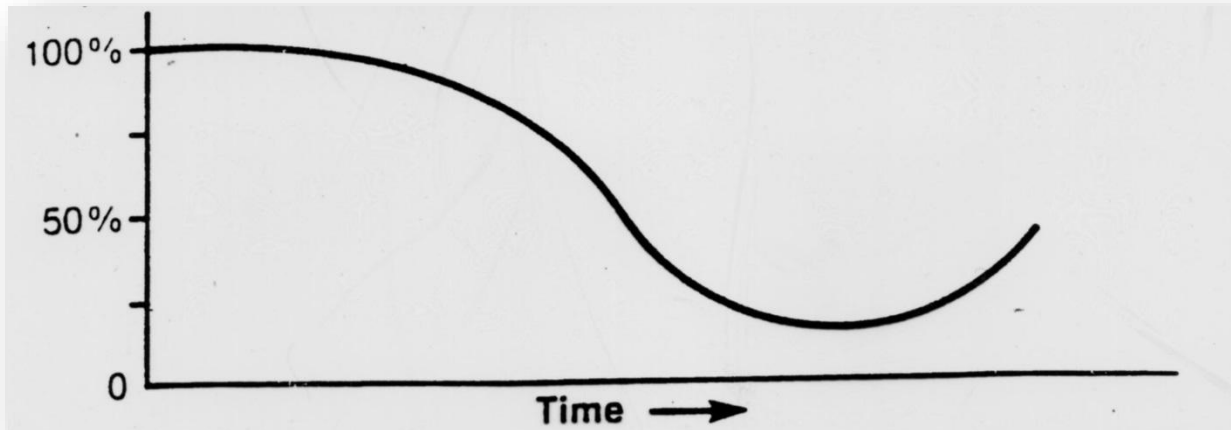
12 Revision Techniques

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

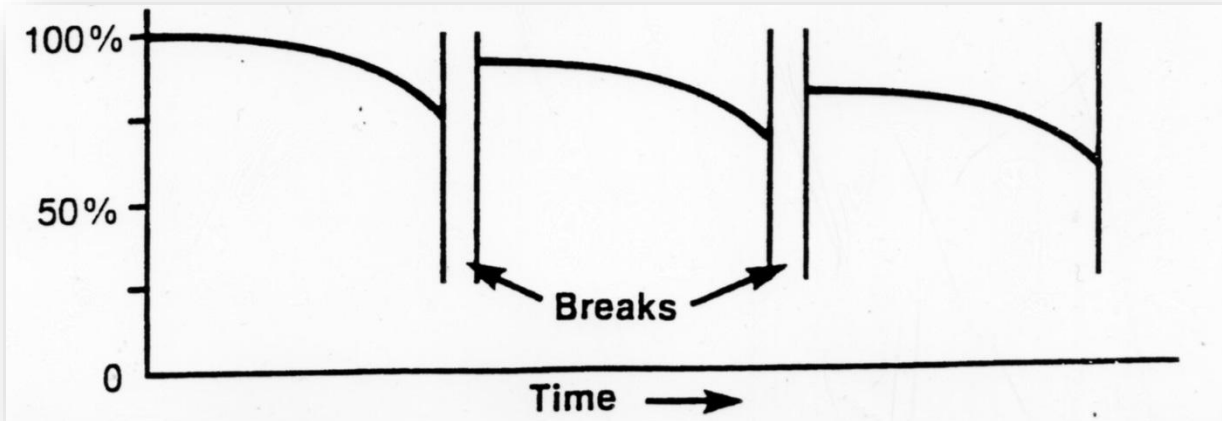
The Pomodoro Technique

- When you begin to work the level of concentration is high
- After a while your concentration begins 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

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.

Why do you need study breaks?

Short breaks between study sessions are [scientifically proven](#) 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



Tips for Parents

- Make it active and interesting when possible
- Test them on their homemade postcards
- Get them to explain their posters to you
- Let them teach you what they are trying to learn

Tool for Phone Distractions



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