Autumn 2022 Parents' Evening Exam Support Seminar





Introduction: - HOY Mrs. Castley

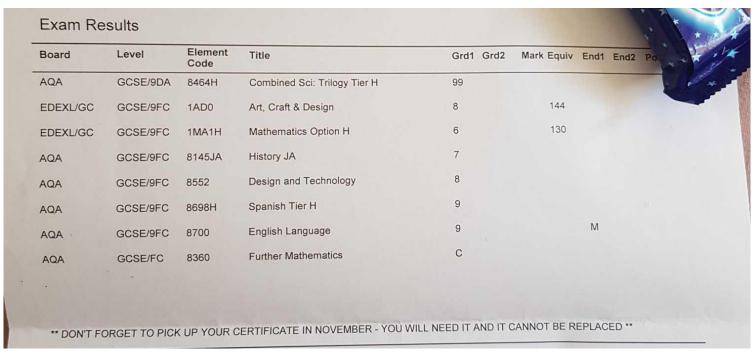
Timelines and Targets and Post-16 pathways - Assistant Head Ms. Parker

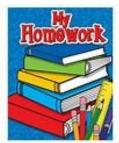
College Application - Mrs. Gould

Actions and advice – Leader of Learning & SL Geography - Mr. Wood

Overview

- We know students have missed out on some experiences due to covid. This will not be taken into account this year however, as nationally, everyone's endured the same situation.
- We know students have missed aspects of courses.
- We know there will be exams.
- We need students to be exam-ready.
- We need students to continue to do their best.
- We know some students are struggling.
- We are doing what we can to support students.







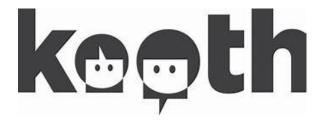


Be proud of your efforts

Look after your Mental Health













Targets and Timelines



Assistant Head - Ms. Parker

Timeline:

Results
Day:
Thursday
24th
August,
2023

Please remember that controlled assessments will be going on throughout the year in some subjects.

Weeks	Month	Event
Tonight	October	Exam Preparation evening
1 week	October	Half Term
2 weeks	November	Mock revision
2. 5 weeks	November	Mocks
2 weeks	November/December	Feedback- RAP
1 week	December	Mock results day Tuesday 13th December
2 Weeks	December	Christmas Holidays
6 weeks	January/ February	Intense weeks of finishing courses
1 week	February	Half term
6 weeks	February/March	2nd mocks exams for some subjects
2 weeks	April	Easter
4 weeks	May	Exam Prep
2 weeks	May	Exams
1 week	May/June	Half term
3 weeks	June	Exams
1 week	June	Dress as you Dare
1 week	July	Prom

GCSE grades explained

Legacy GCSEs	New GCSE Grades	Vocational Qualifications	
A*	9	Distinction * 8.5	
А	7	Distinction 7	Ď.
В	6	Merit 5.5	C lawel
С	5 4	Pass 4	
D	3	Distinction * 3	
E	2	Distinction 2	0000
G	1	Pass 1	_
U	U	Not Yet Achieved (NYA)	

https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2018/03/02/gcse-9-to-1-grades-a-brief-guide-for-parents/



GCSE grades 2022: The 9-1 boundaries explained

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-48993830

Qualification Pathways chart

Level 8	Doctorate/PhD										vel 5		
Level 7	Degree	Pos	rs Degree and st-Graduate cates/diplomas	Masters Degree and Post- Graduate certificates/diplomas				Higher Apprenticeship			NVQ Level		
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Level 4	Integ	Masters	Cert. HE	Cert. HE	Found	Degree Degree H.N.C.			De		Ź		
Level 3	A level and AS levels		L1- 3: T-Levels, BTECs,		NVQ L	3		dvanced enticeships					
Level 2	,	GCSE (Grades 4-9)		GCSE (Grades 4-9)		Cert. Diplo OCR,	ma,		L1-2: Ith & Social	NVQ L2	2		ermediate enticeships
Level 1		GCSE (Gi	ades 1-3)	City and Guilds		ds Care, Sports Studies, Construction, Hospitality & Catering		NVQ L					
Pathway:		Acad	emic	V	oca	tion	al	Wo	ork-	bas	ed		

Level 3 Options

A-Levels



- Usually study at least three subjects
- Exam assessment, coursework and sometimes a practical assessment
- Most require at least five grade 4+ at GCSE, and often a grade 5 or 6 in the subjects you want to study

BTECs



- Practical learning programmes that relate to specific job roles & sectors
- They can help you get a job, progress in a career or go on to University
- Designed by industry

Apprenticeships



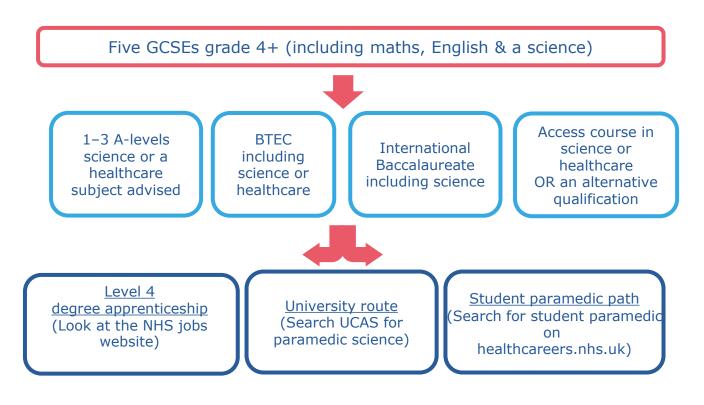
- You will have a contract of employment for 30 hours per week
- You earn a real wage of £3.90 per hour whilst gaining skills and qualifications
- Minimum requirements are English and maths GCSE

T-Levels



- Leads to a specific occupation; developing in lots of areas
- Designed by professional bodies, employers and universities
- Includes at least three months work experience, building job-linked transferable skills and knowledge

Paramedic: Pathway Example



Choices

Your Future

Where will your choices take you?

- Higher education
- Jobs and careers
- Transferable skills

Applications

Multiple Applications

You can change your mind

You can enrol on more than one course

Don't put your eggs in one basket!





Research





https://icould.com/buzz-animals/



https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/



Thank You



Did you know...?

You can chat with staff and students on our Unibuddy platform at:



nextstepssw.ac.uk/unibuddy







What do students need to get into college?

8 GCSEs or equivalent - this is the Ebacc

Measure 1- The basics

2x5 in English and Maths Good pass (2x4 at English and Maths Standard pass) (if you do not achieve these you will need to retake them at college)

Measure 2 the Ebacc subjects (the top 3 grades)

You need the Ebacc option (3 subjects)

- 1. Science
- 2. Science
- 3. Separate science, History, French, Geography, Computer science, German

Measure 3 The open basket- Open option

Art, DT, Food, Music, Dance, Drama, Geology, Stats, Business studies, Vocational courses



Aspirational targets

What flight path are you on?

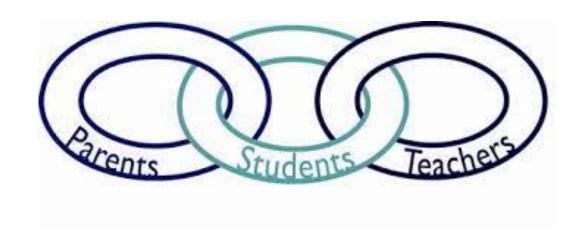


Detailed progress

Subject	V FFTS Target	Hight Path
Art & Design Miss E Lang	_	6+
☐ Computing Mr N Hallett	7	8
Design and Technology Mr B Burrows	7	6
☐ Drama Mrs V Parkinson	7	5
■ English Language Mr D Saunders,Mrs L Cottrell	7	7
■ English Literature Mr D Saunders,Mrs L Cottrell	7	7
Food Prep & Nutrition Mr B Burrows	7	-
Geography Mr N Hallett	8	7
German Mrs A Broadley	7	7

We set you a target grade that the top 5% of 'students like you' will get....

All working together





Mrs. Gould - Careers Adviser

- If your child needs to talk to someone about their next steps please get in touch with Mrs Gould.
- Please keep an eye out for the next steps emails, these are sent out most Fridays.

- Keep an eye out for deadlines.
- Most students will have applied to college by the Christmas holidays but there is time after this.

Mid Devon Labour Market Information

TOP JOB LISTINGS IN THIS AREA

ENTERPRISE



Heart of the South West LMI Data | May 2022

LMI

Labour Market Information Heart of the South West





Heart of the South West LMI Data | May 2022

Exams and Revision



It's not up to your teachers what grade you get. It's time to prove to a complete stranger-of-an-examiner, that you are indeed awesome; this means doing exams.

Actions and advice - Mr Wood

Key information for you to take home this evening:

- Generic Mock Exam Timetable*
- Overview of what is in the mock exams

Some subjects are already running NEAs Non-Examined Assessments so **good attendance** is important.

		14th - 18th N	lovember (main venue - Sports H	iall)		
	Monday 14th	Tuesday 15th	Wednesday 16th	Thursday 17th	Friday 18th	
AM Reg	Tutor Group	Line up under covered way outside the Attendance Office at 8:30 am	Line up under covered way outside the Attendance Office at 8:30 am	Line up under covered way outside the Attendance Office at 8:30 am	Tutor Group apart from exam candidates who line up under the covered way outside the Attendance Office at 08:30am	
P1	P1	Biology (75mins/105 mins)	English Literature	Chemistry (75mins/105 mins)	RPS Health & Social Care	
	Break 10:00- 10:30	Trilogy 8:45am - 10.00am (10.19am ET) Separate 8:45am - 10:30am	Trilogy 8:45am - 10.00am (150 mins) Trilogy 8:45am - 10.00 (10.19am ET) (10.19am ET) (10.19am ET) Separate 8:45am - 10:30am ET) Separate 8:45am - 10:30		(120mins) 8.45am - 10.45am (11.15a ET)	
P2	Normal Lessons	BREAK Trilogy 10:00 - 10:30 Separate 10:30 - 11:00	BREAK 11:15am - 11:45 (ET Break 11:55 - 12:25)	(10:57am ET) BREAK Trilogy 10:00 - 10:30 Separate 10:30 - 11:00	BREAK 10:45 - 11:15 RPS & Health & Social Care Students only	
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Lunch 12:30 - 1:00	Extra time students to exam room at 12:30pm All other students line up under the covered way at 1:00pm	Extra time students to exam room at 12:30pm All other students line up under the covered way at 1:00pm	Extra time students to exam room at 12:30pm All other students line up under the covered way at 1:15pm	Extra time students to exam room at 12:30pm All other students line up under the covered way at 1:00pm	Extra time students line up under the covered way at 12:45pm All other students line up under the covered way at 1:00pm	
P4	Maths Non - Calc (90mins) 1.15pm - 2.45pm (ET Start 12:45pm - 2:40pm)	Geology Dance Computer Science (90mins)	History PE (75mins) 1:30pm - 2:45pm	Music Statistics (90 mins) 1.15pm - 2.45pm	Reserved for clash students These are students that are studying more than one subject where exams are scheduled in the same timeslot. We will include the clashing subject on	
P5		1:15pm - 2.45pm (ET Start 12:45pm - 2:40pm) Normal lessons/Revision rooms for everyone dise?	(ET Start 13:10pm - 2:45pm) Normal lessons/litevision rooms for everyone else ?	(ET Start 12-45pm - 2-40pm) Normal lessons for everyone else	the student's individual time table if they need to sit an exam within this session. If there are no exams indicated, then that student does not have a clash and will attend normal lessons.	

			GCSE final exams and mock exams parent/carer overview				
Subject Final GCSE weighting		Final GCSE wolghting make_lin	Number and length of final 2020 exams Mock exams		November Mock exam content.	_	Contextual information and additional notes (if required). Further information regarding the second wave of mocks in 2020 (if required):
En	glish Language	Century Literature Reading (20%). B: Creative	1: 1hr 45mins.	(Component 2	Component 2: 19th and 21st Century Reading Comparison; transactional writing.		Transactional writing involves writing two tasks from the choice of seven (informal letters, formal letters, guides, speeches, reviews, reports and articles). January Mocks: Component 1 (1h45mins). A: Unseen 20th Century Literature Reading. B: Creative Prose Writing (write one short story from a choice of four titles)
En	glish Literature	(20%). B. Poetry Anthology (20%). Component 2 (2hrs30mins). A. An Inspector Calls (20%). B. A	1: 2 hours.	(Component 2	Mock: Component 2: An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol and Unseen Poetry.		Second mocks: Component 1 (2hrs). A: Shakespeare (Macbeth). B: Poetry Anthology

^{*}personalized exam timetables clarifying timings, locations and clash reschedules will be forthcoming soon.

Why are mocks important?

Practice

Grades for College

Practice

They confirm what you've learned...

Practice

They confirm what you haven't'...

Practice

Time management **Practice**Working stamina





If your child's education were a 400m running track...



400m, 800m, 2000 rack length of 400m is measured mm from inner edge of Lane 1

They started at THS about here in 2018.

They started GCSEs here in 2020

They started Primary School here back in 2011

Their finals are here in 2023

Mocks are here in 2022

You are here now in Autumn 2022

DEK EXAMS

I asked the former Year 11, back in early Spring of 2022, some questions about their mock exams...

- I did do *some* revision (95%)
- I made basic errors (98%)
- I miss-read some questions (97%)



- I did part of an exam paper I should not have done (rubric error) (60%)
- I have significant knowledge gaps (95%)
- I've learned about my exam strengths and weaknesses (98%)
- It's made me realise I need to prepare more (98%)
- I'm now intent on learning how to plan and prepare for my final exam season in the summer. (98%)

Frams should not surprise you; get the basics right

- Learn what to expect.
- Which parts you do and exactly how to do them.
- Design/layout/route.
- Download past papers
- Buy revision guides, ask your teachers.
- Have the correct equipment specific to the subject
- Respond to each question try every question you are supposed to do; every little helps.
- Engage with RAP time when you get you mock papers back. After Identify your weaknesses and learn from your mistakes.





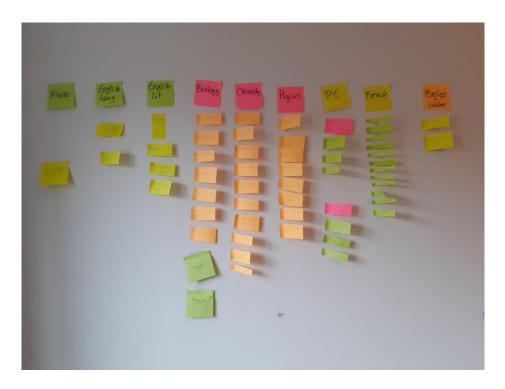
Revision = Planning



Time management is an adult skill that is not explicitly taught; yet suddenly, we are asking them to be suddenly very good at it!

They need you as parents and adults, and us teachers, as a moral compass.

What do you need to revise?



What is your strongest subject?

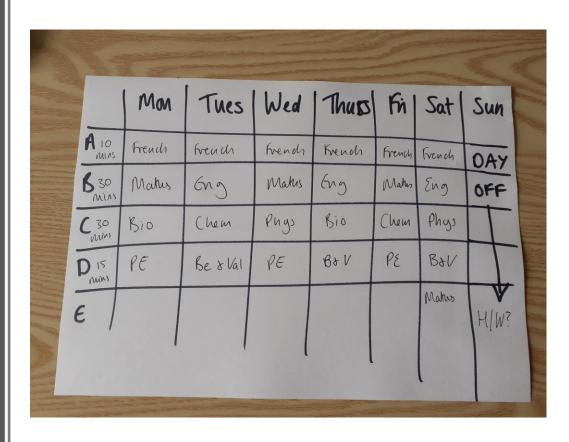
Which subject is your weakest?

Do you know the sections of the course?

Is this something you would find help to do?

Which areas do you need to focus on?

Make a realistic timetable.



Work/Life Balance and Revision

as a general guide...

Students should be revising for up to an additional 2 hours per night some may choose to extend this.

This should be in 20 or 30 minute blocks.

You could do 2:1 ratio of nights on/off in the earlier weeks. BUT, cover the same time allocation. Find the balance.

Don't go for more than 30/40 minutes without a break.

At weekends up to an additional 5 hours.

Do plan in the rewards, incentives and fun stuff; we all need motivating!

REST AND RECUPERATION ARE AS IMPORTANT AS THE REVISION

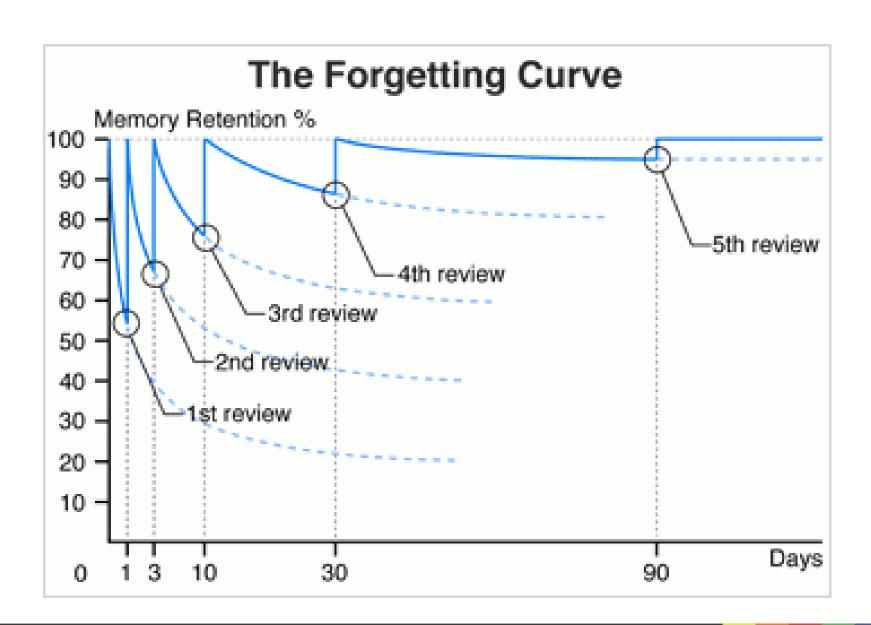




Revision = Thinking



The more you revisit memories, events and thoughts, the more likely you are to embed them into your long-term memory.



Revise the right way: **myths** of memory – part 1

- Subliminal Learning or Sleep Learning
- Listening to recordings of spoken key vocabulary whilst asleep for example, will not aid memory. This can change some types of behaviour but it will not do anything for improving memory.



You won't be able to access stimuli that are outside of awareness; you won't be able to consciously access the memory the way you would access a regular memory.

Revise the right way: **myths** of memory – part 2

Input modality



We only learn 10 % of what we read



We only learn 20% of what we hear



We learn 30% of what we see



We learn 50% of what we see and hear



We learn 70% of what we discuss with others



We learn 80% of what we physically experience

at the time. The ordering of the activities may roughly correspond—you will definitely think about material carefully if you discuss it with others—but the ordering could easily change.

There are many things that I read, that I remember much better than some of the things I experience.

How to retrieve memories

4 STAGES OF REVISION

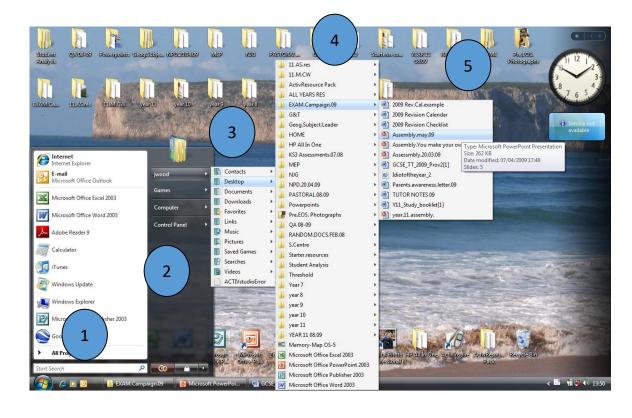
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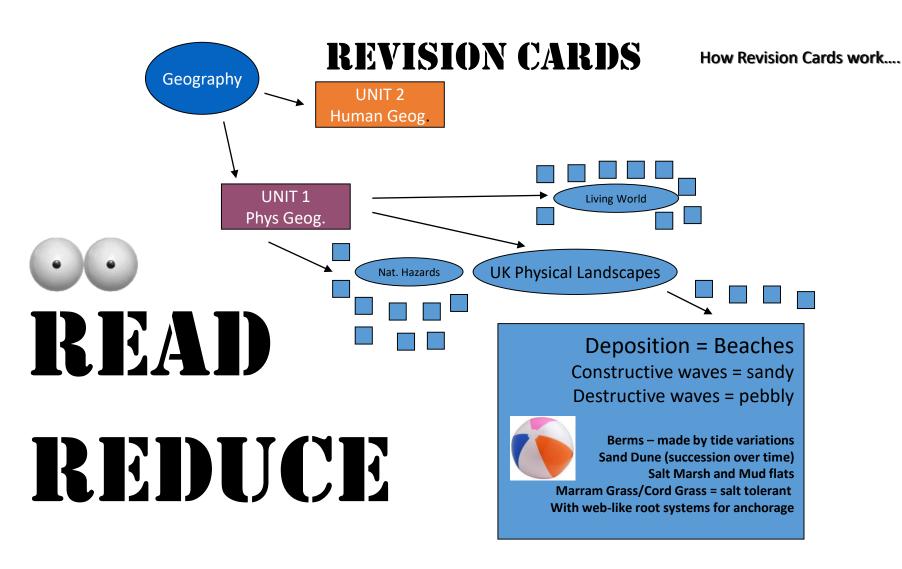
READ

REDUCE

REMEMBER

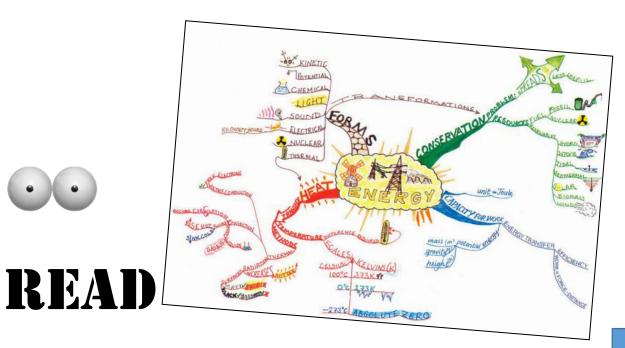
REVIEW





MIND MAPS (A.K.A KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS)

Use colour, and different writing styles and pictures to 'hook' or 'cue' the memories into recall



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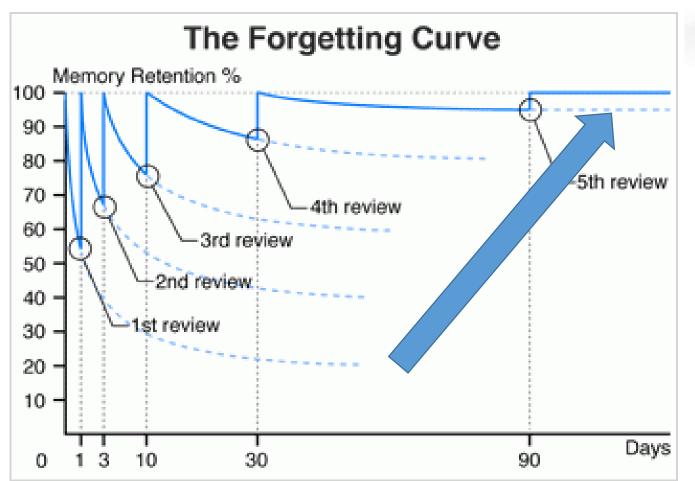
REDUCE into a dia Turn your

Can't read this? Writing is just shaped lines organised into a diagrammatic code.

Turn your work into diagrams to work to your brain's strength!

REMEMBER





Find the time.
Find what works
for you.
Find out how
much better
you'll do in your
exams...



READ

LOOK – COVER - COPY

Works well if you are on your own, good for key vocabulary, acronyms and mnemonics and lists.

You spend 5 mins looking at your notes, then cover and see how much you can copy. More effective than just straight copying of notes...helps build memory pathways.

BIG PAPER - BIG IDEAS

Works well in groups. Good for case studies or topic overviews and sets of questions.

Good way to test exam questions. Make a 60 second answer plan (BUGS)

Don't include all information, use cartoons, and bold key terms. Isolate the command words.

REDUCE



Works in pairs and alone. Good for whole topics.

Big graphics and bold colours help massively. Once drawn, you trace each pathway with your finger and say each word out loud. Builds memory pathways, creates visual map in your mind.

These are great for handing to someone else to test you on.

MAPS FROM MEMORY

Work in groups, good for diagrams.

You look at the diagram for 1 min, you teach it to someone else and they draw it, another person takes a go.



READ

REDUCE







TEACH IT

Get together, take a topic each, revise it then teach others your topic.



Good for understanding tricky concepts, catching up on missed notes and case studies.

USE TECHNOLOGY AND APPS

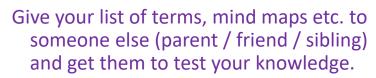






GET TESTED

Good for key terms, case study cards.





Good for random quick revision over evening meals, on car journeys or even in the advert breaks on TV.

READ ALOUD / LOOK-COVER-SAY



 Find somewhere private and then read aloud to make the reading more effective...even better try and remember it and say it out loud....think of all that memory being accessed.





Revision = Engagement



You've got the plan, the methods, the techniques; now for the new technology

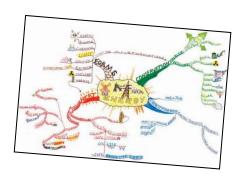
Traditional vs Modern

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When I went to school in the 1980/90 s we didn't have any of the technology available nowadays...

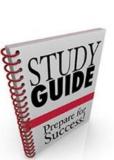
Are young people in a more fortunate position?



Traditional vs Modern













The most success revision combines both: traditional techniques are tried and tested, yet considered by many pupils as dull. New technology can add speed and enhanced engagement with learning. Used in combination, they are awesome!

RECORD YOUR NOTES



READ

REDUCE

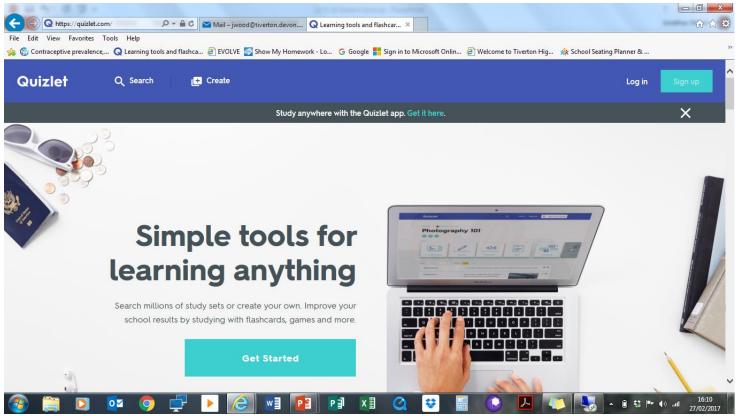


They must be awake when listening back!

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Quizlet – free online or on a phone

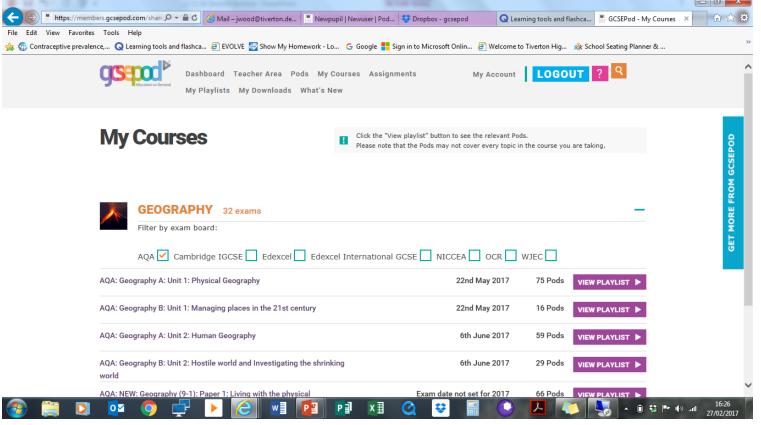




- Great for:
- Flashcards
- Clarifying exam instructions
- Exam command words
- Key terms/dates/ names etc.

GCSE Pod is specific to the exam board that you do for each subject......

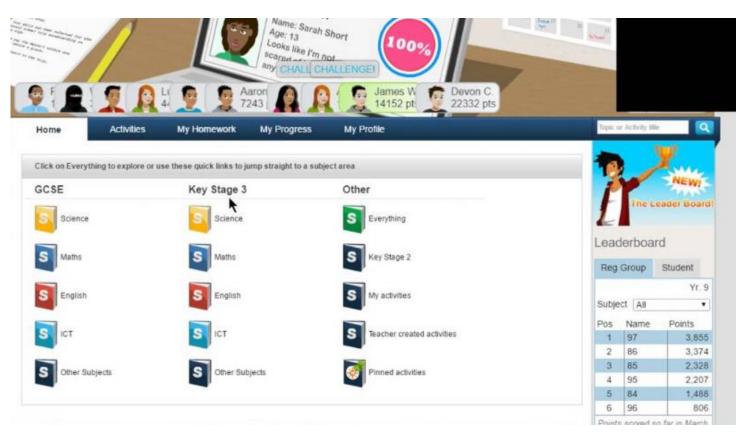




- Great for:
- Visual learners
- Listening to, and learning vocab
- Key terms/dat es/names etc.

Proven online interactive resource



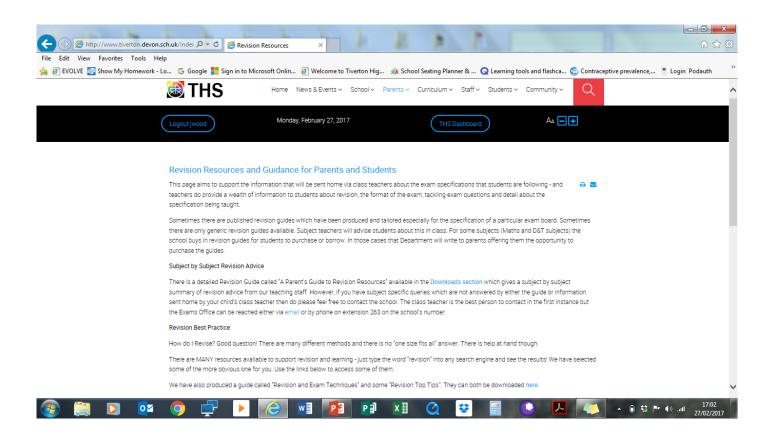


 10 hours of study time is statistically proven to improve results by a whole grade in a subjects!

THS website downloadable resources



- Revision tips
- Parents' Exam Guides
- Subject specific guidance
- Lots more useful stuff...



Managing stressy teenagers

- Learn about stress
- Teach your children about stress
- Embrace mistakes
- Don't pass the pressure on
- Mindfulness
- Work/Life Balance







Autumn 2022 Parents' Evening – Exam Support Seminar





Thank you for your engagement with this session.

Any questions?

We will see you on Tuesday 1st November (virtual) for Parents Evening-The booking system is now open.

Mock Results will be Tues 13th Dec (live on Go in afternoon)