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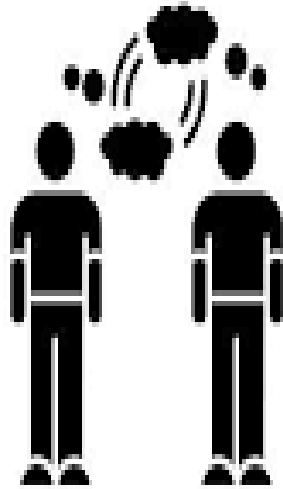
Y11 Supporting Success

An overview of the final term and completion of
GCSE examinations

Thursday 26th February 2026



PROCEED
AS IF
SUCCESS
is
INEVITABLE.



MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING



**KEEP
CALM
WE'RE ALL
IN THIS
TOGETHER!**

Year 11 Supporting Success

- Timeline of examinations – Mr Giles
 - Effective revision techniques – Mrs Eastaugh
 - Holidays are coming...some myth busting – Ms Oakley
 - End of year celebrations – Mr Atkinson
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Timeline of Examinations

Currently on-going:

Non-examined assessments (coursework)

These will be completed during this second Spring Half Term.

Most subjects will have deadlines just before or after Easter.

Time is required for final assessment is essential; school deadlines are final. Work may need to be copied/scanned and up-loaded by May first week in May.

Some examinations allow the release of marks (not grades), some do not.

Mock Examinations:

Each subject with final examinations will provide time for practise papers as part of the revision and preparation for the external components.

Many of these will be organised within lessons and the days communicated by the subjects. In addition, we have some mocks for specific subjects or components:

2nd March – English Language mock in examination rooms (AM)
Mathematics mock in examination rooms (PM)

13th March – Computer Studies mock – Programming (PM)



Practical Components:

The final practical components for subjects with them have already begun.

These practical examinations will run throughout March, April and May. They are staggered to avoid clashes for students.

March – [3rd-4th and 5th-6th = Hospitality and Catering]; [9th-10th Food and Nutrition]; [19th = Drama]; [23rd-24th = Functional skills]; [25th-26th =PE]

April – [13th-14th =Art]; [15th = Digital Photography]; [16th and 23rd = Performing Arts]; [20th – 21st = MFL speaking]; [27th – 28th and 30th – 1st May = Textiles]

May – [5th – 6th and 7th – 8th = 3D Design]

Final Written Examinations:

The external examinations begin on 7th May.

They continue throughout May and June.

There is a one-week break in examinations during the May Half Term holiday – Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May.

The examination restart on Monday 1st June and the final examination for GCSE is on 15th June.



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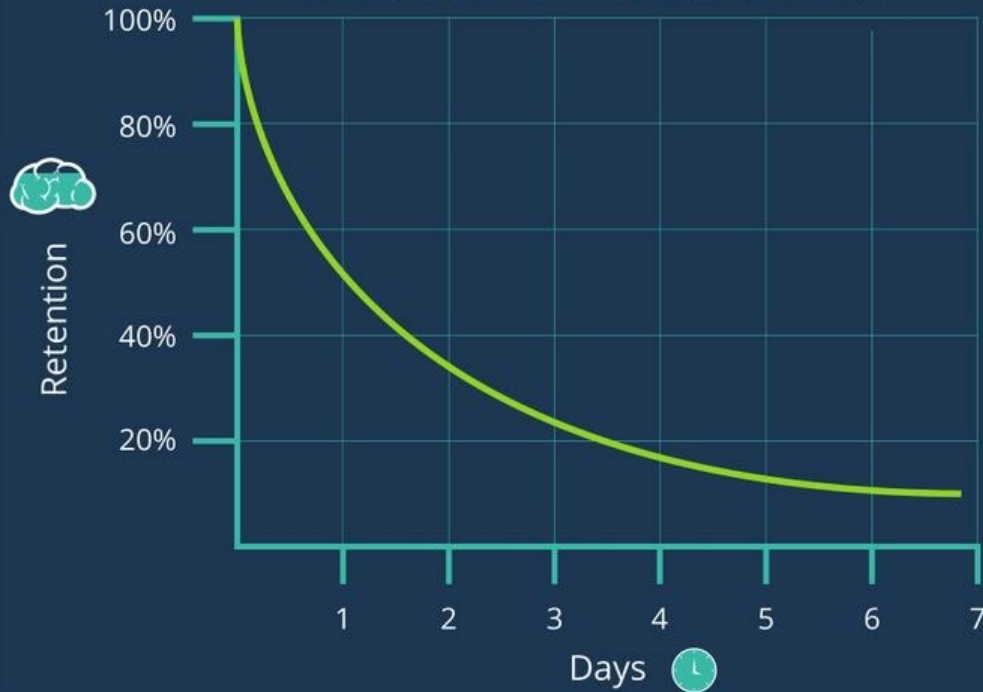
Cognitive Science

How does memory work?



How will I
remember
everything?

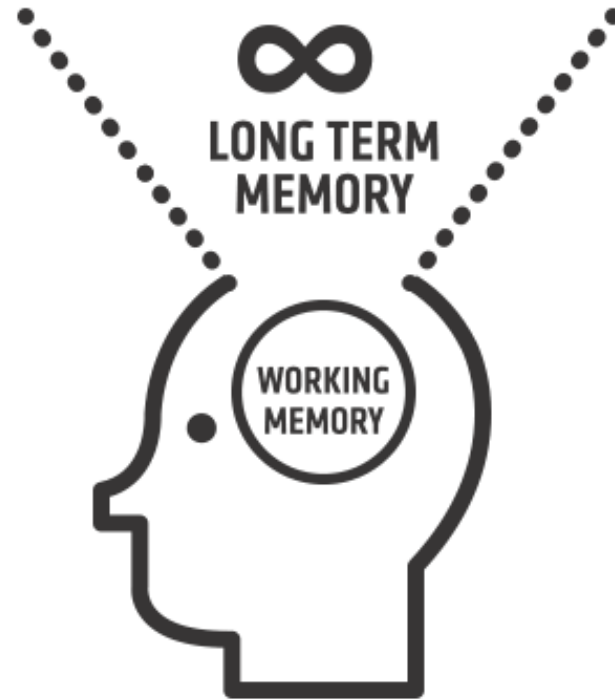
THE FORGETTING CURVE



Why do we forget things?

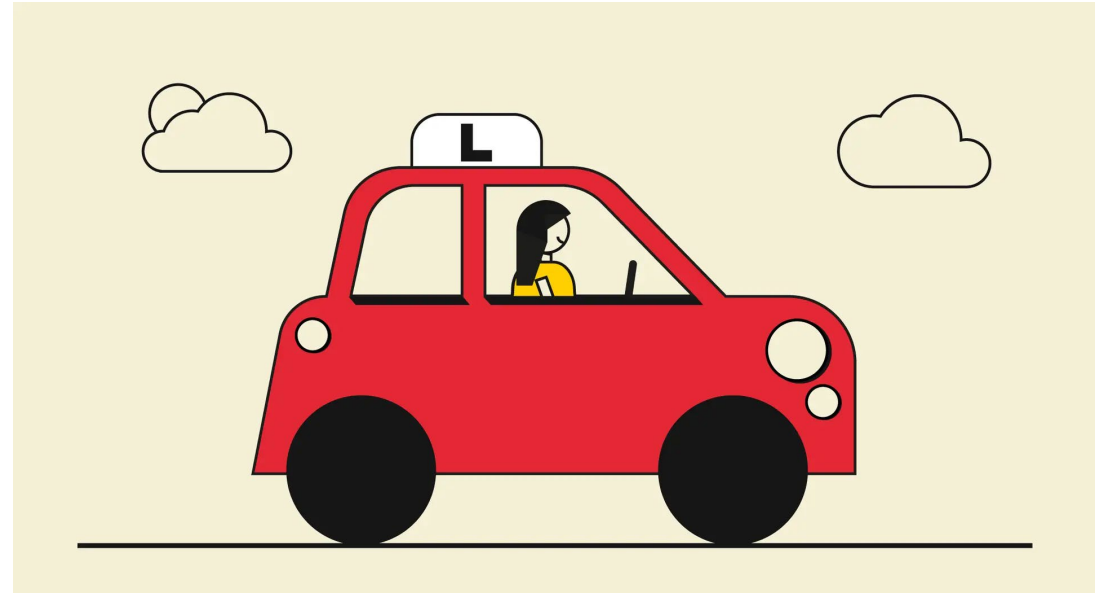
“Learning involves a lasting change in pupils’ capabilities or understanding.” (Department for Education, 2020)

WILLINGHAM'S SIMPLE MEMORY MODEL



Times Tables 1 to 12

1 times table	2 times table	3 times table	4 times table
1 x 1 = 1	1 x 2 = 2	1 x 3 = 3	1 x 4 = 4
2 x 1 = 2	2 x 2 = 4	2 x 3 = 6	2 x 4 = 8
3 x 1 = 3	3 x 2 = 6	3 x 3 = 9	3 x 4 = 12
4 x 1 = 4	4 x 2 = 8	4 x 3 = 12	4 x 4 = 16
5 x 1 = 5	5 x 2 = 10	5 x 3 = 15	5 x 4 = 20
6 x 1 = 6	6 x 2 = 12	6 x 3 = 18	6 x 4 = 24
7 x 1 = 7	7 x 2 = 14	7 x 3 = 21	7 x 4 = 28
8 x 1 = 8	8 x 2 = 16	8 x 3 = 24	8 x 4 = 32
9 x 1 = 9	9 x 2 = 18	9 x 3 = 27	9 x 4 = 36
10 x 1 = 10	10 x 2 = 20	10 x 3 = 30	10 x 4 = 40
11 x 1 = 11	11 x 2 = 22	11 x 3 = 33	11 x 4 = 44
12 x 1 = 12	12 x 2 = 24	12 x 3 = 36	12 x 4 = 48
5 times table	6 times table	7 times table	8 times table
1 x 5 = 5	1 x 6 = 6	1 x 7 = 7	1 x 8 = 8
2 x 5 = 10	2 x 6 = 12	2 x 7 = 14	2 x 8 = 16
3 x 5 = 15	3 x 6 = 18	3 x 7 = 21	3 x 8 = 24
4 x 5 = 20	4 x 6 = 24	4 x 7 = 28	4 x 8 = 32
5 x 5 = 25	5 x 6 = 30	5 x 7 = 35	5 x 8 = 40
6 x 5 = 30	6 x 6 = 36	6 x 7 = 42	6 x 8 = 48
7 x 5 = 35	7 x 6 = 42	7 x 7 = 49	7 x 8 = 56
8 x 5 = 40	8 x 6 = 48	8 x 7 = 56	8 x 8 = 64
9 x 5 = 45	9 x 6 = 54	9 x 7 = 63	9 x 8 = 72
10 x 5 = 50	10 x 6 = 60	10 x 7 = 70	10 x 8 = 80
11 x 5 = 55	11 x 6 = 66	11 x 7 = 77	11 x 8 = 88
12 x 5 = 60	12 x 6 = 72	12 x 7 = 84	12 x 8 = 96
9 times table	10 times table	11 times table	12 times table
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2 x 9 = 18	2 x 10 = 20	2 x 11 = 22	2 x 12 = 24
3 x 9 = 27	3 x 10 = 30	3 x 11 = 33	3 x 12 = 36
4 x 9 = 36	4 x 10 = 40	4 x 11 = 44	4 x 12 = 48
5 x 9 = 45	5 x 10 = 50	5 x 11 = 55	5 x 12 = 60
6 x 9 = 54	6 x 10 = 60	6 x 11 = 66	6 x 12 = 72
7 x 9 = 63	7 x 10 = 70	7 x 11 = 77	7 x 12 = 84
8 x 9 = 72	8 x 10 = 80	8 x 11 = 88	8 x 12 = 96
9 x 9 = 81	9 x 10 = 90	9 x 11 = 99	9 x 12 = 108
10 x 9 = 90	10 x 10 = 100	10 x 11 = 110	10 x 12 = 120
11 x 9 = 99	11 x 10 = 110	11 x 11 = 121	11 x 12 = 132
12 x 9 = 108	12 x 10 = 120	12 x 11 = 132	12 x 12 = 144



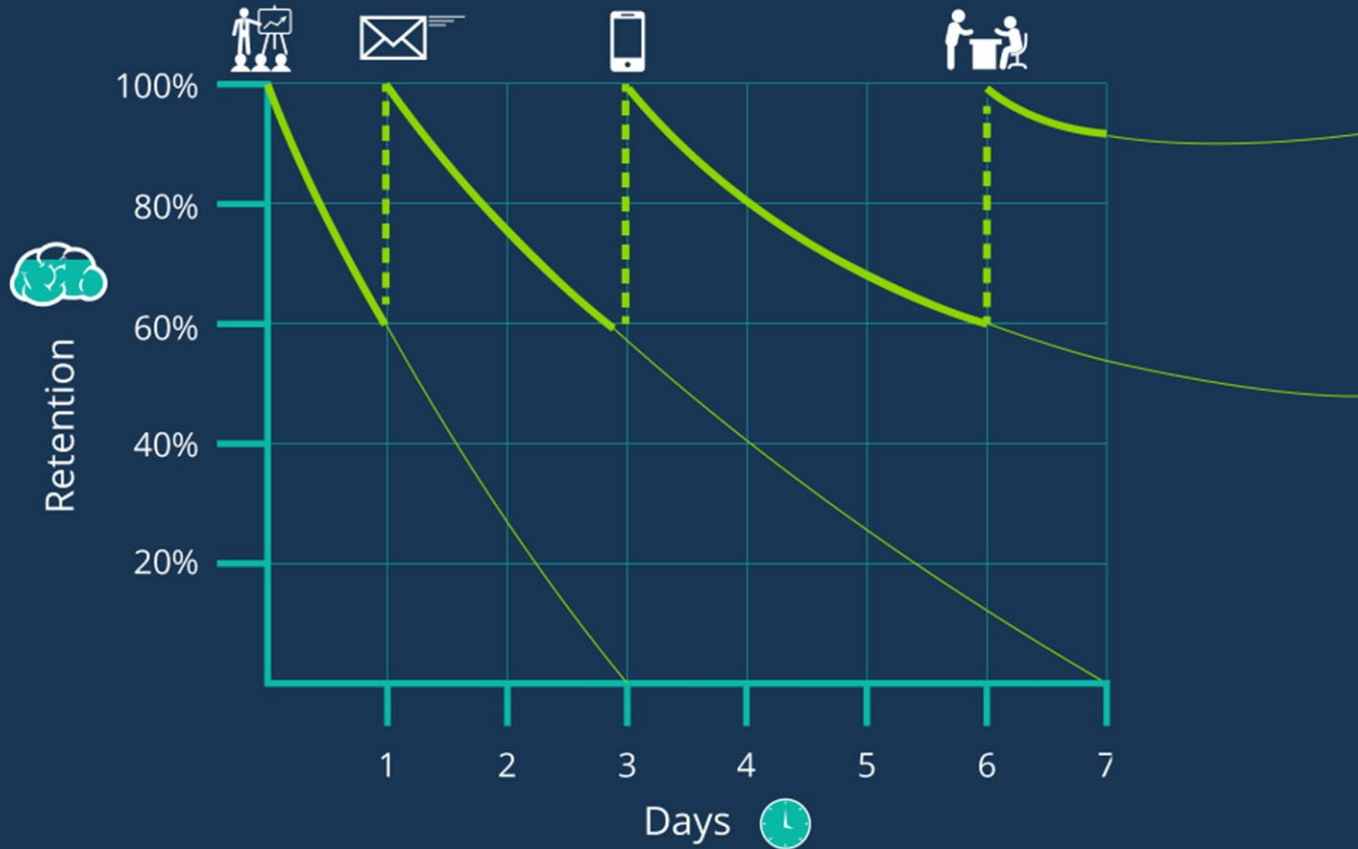


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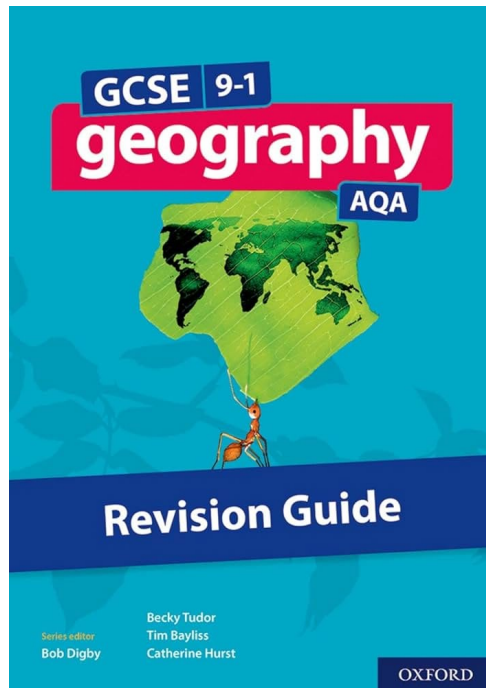
What are the best ways
to revise?



COMBATING THE FORGETTING CURVE



Have you got a full set of notes?



BIOLOGY A Level revision AQA		UNIT 3.1
CONTENT	Key concepts	✓
3.1 Biological Molecules		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All life on Earth shares a common chemistry. This provides indirect evidence for evolution. Despite their great variety, the cells of all living organisms contain only a few groups of carbon-based compounds that interact in similar ways. Carbohydrates are commonly used by cells as respiratory substrates. They also form structural components in plasma membranes and cell walls. Lipids have many uses, including the bilayer of plasma membranes, certain hormones and as respiratory substrates. Proteins form many cell structures. They are also important as enzymes, chemical messengers and components of the blood. Nucleic acids carry the genetic code for the production of proteins. The genetic code is common to viruses and to all living organisms, providing evidence for evolution. The most common component of cells is water; hence our search for life elsewhere in the universe involves a search for liquid water. 		
3.1.1 Monomers and Polymers		
The variety of life, both past and present, is extensive, but the biochemical basis of life is similar for all living things.		
Monomers are the smaller units from which larger molecules are made.		
Polymers are molecules made from a large number of monomers joined together.		
Monosaccharides, amino acids and nucleotides are examples of monomers.		
A condensation reaction joins two molecules together with the formation of a chemical bond and involves the elimination of a molecule of water.		
A hydrolysis reaction breaks a chemical bond between two molecules and involves the use of a water molecule.		
3.1.2 Carbohydrates		
Monosaccharides are the monomers from which larger carbohydrates are made. Glucose, galactose and fructose are common monosaccharides.		
A condensation reaction between two monosaccharides forms a glycosidic bond.		
Disaccharides are formed by the condensation of two monosaccharides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> maltose is a disaccharide formed by condensation of two glucose molecules sucrose is a disaccharide formed by condensation of a glucose molecule and a fructose molecule lactose is a disaccharide formed by condensation of a glucose molecule and a galactose molecule. 		
Glucose has two isomers, α -glucose and β -glucose, know the structures.		
Polysaccharides are formed by the condensation of many glucose units. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glycogen and starch are formed by the condensation of α-glucose. Cellulose is formed by the condensation of β-glucose. 		
The basic structure and functions of glycogen, starch and cellulose. The relationship of structure to function of these substances in animal and plant cells.		

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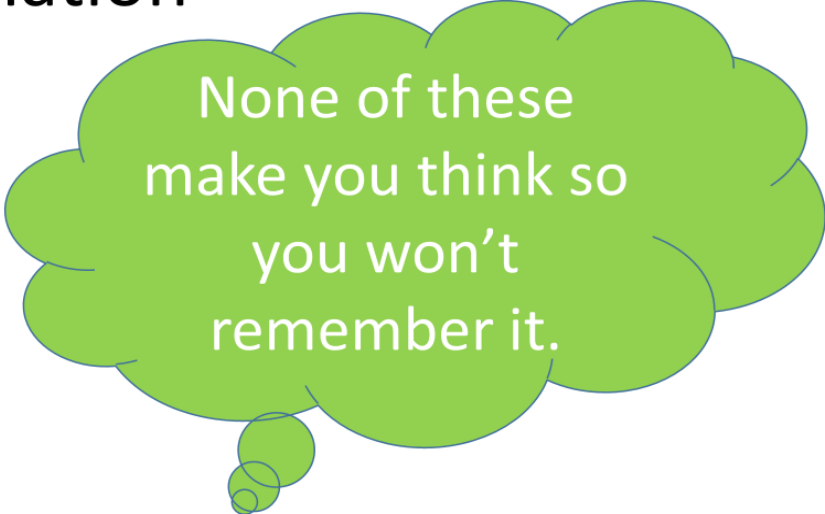
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AQA 

Read the exam board specifications – what will you be tested on?
Look at your learning journeys and tick off topics as you revise them

What is NOT good revision?

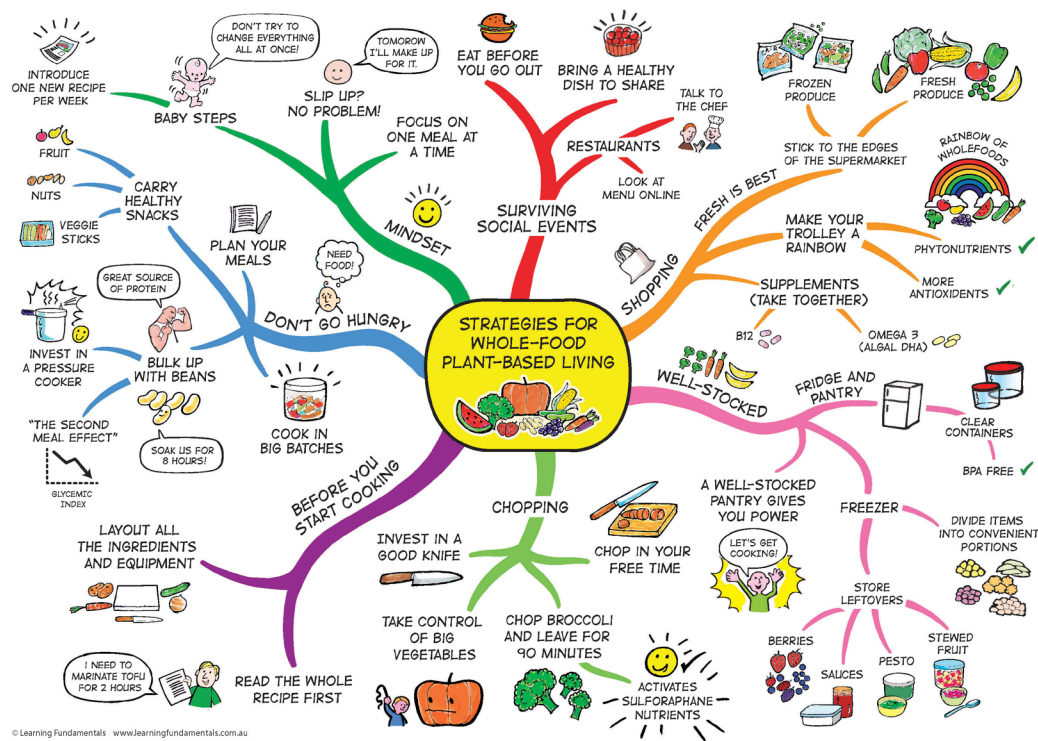
- Reading your notes
- Highlighting key information
- Re-writing your notes



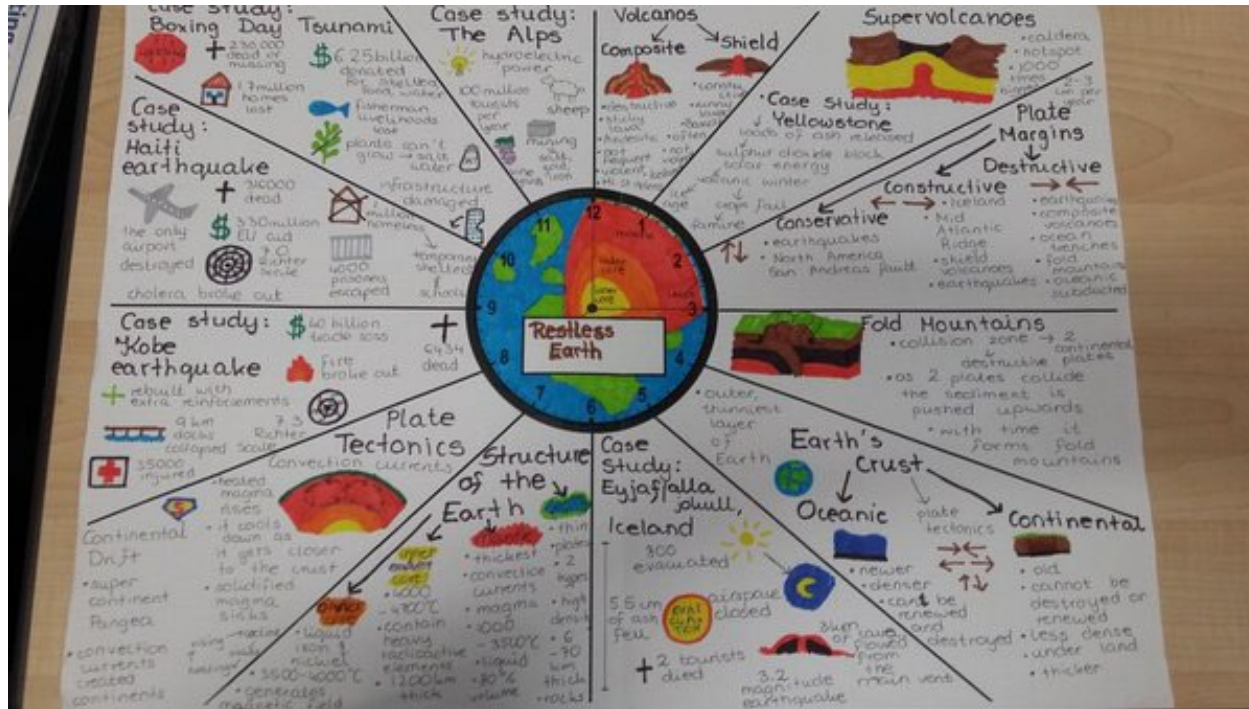
None of these
make you think so
you won't
remember it.



1. Mind maps (chunking techniques)

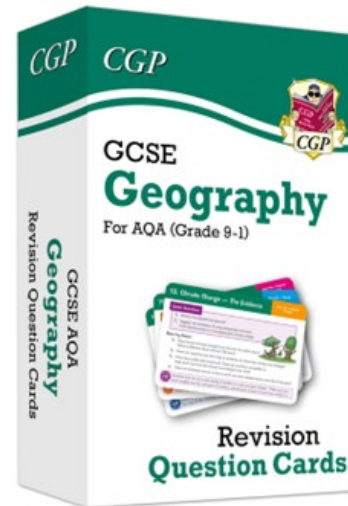
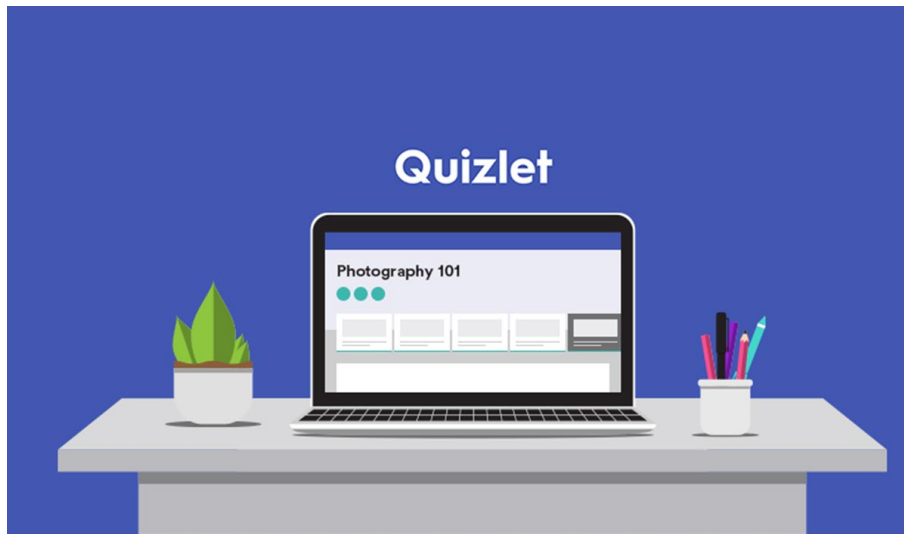


2. Revision clocks



3. Flashcards

You can test yourself using flashcards – question on one side and answer on the other



4. Take lots of practice tests

Exam board past papers, Seneca, BBC bitesize

Centre Number		Candidate Number	
Surname			
Other Names			
Candidate Signature			

AQA General Certificate of Secondary Education
June 2014

**Design and Technology:
Electronic Products** 45401

Unit 1 Written Paper
Friday 23 May 2014 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

For this paper you must have:
• a black pen, a pencil, a ruler, an eraser and a pencil sharpener.
• You may use a calculator.

Question	Mark
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	
8	
TOTAL	

For Examiner's Use

Examiner's Initials

Time allowed
• 2 hours

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Use pencil only for drawing.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- Answer all questions.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided. Do not write

GCSE Bitesize

Art & Design English Literature History Physical Education
Business Studies French Irish Religious Studies
Design & Technology German Irish Science
Drama Geography Maths
453 Bitesize Year 9/10/11/12/13/14/15/16/17/18/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59/60/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69/70/71/72/73/74/75/76/77/78/79/80/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89/90/91/92/93/94/95/96/97/98/99/100

Can't get your head around History? Modern World History activities

Watch Play Links

Back to basics with KS3 Science

Checklist 101

Focus: school issues, revision and careers at

Religious Studies AQA GCSE homepage

Reply on video

WEEKLY REVISION PLANNER

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TIME	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
8:30AM - 4PM	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	9AM - 10AM	BREAKFAST / SHOWER	BREAKFAST / SHOWER
4PM - 5PM	HOMEWORK	TV / GAMING / SOCIAL MEDIA	HOMEWORK	TV / GAMING / SOCIAL MEDIA	HOMEWORK	10AM - 11AM	REVISION - ENGLISH	REVISION - SCIENCE
5PM - 6PM	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	11AM - 1PM	SEEING FRIENDS / LUNCH	SPORT / LUNCH
6PM - 7PM	REVISION - GEOGRAPHY	HOMEWORK	REVISION - HISTORY	REVISION - FRENCH	REVISION - SCIENCE	1PM - 3PM	REVISION - MATHS	REVISION - FLASH CARDS
7PM - 8PM	REVISION - MATHS	REVISION - ENGLISH	FREE TIME	HOMEWORK	FREE TIME	3PM - 5PM	OUT WITH FAMILY	SPORT / TV / GAMING
8PM - 9PM	FREE TIME / SHOWER	FREE TIME / SHOWER	FREE TIME / SHOWER	FREE TIME / SHOWER	FREE TIME / SHOWER	6PM - 8PM	DINNER / FREE TIME	DINNER / FREE TIME

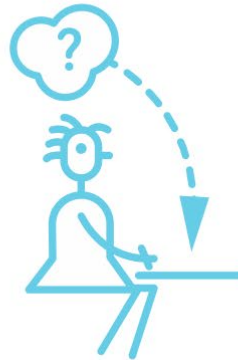
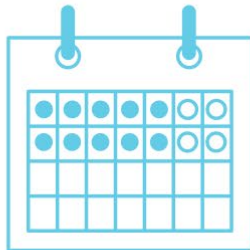


Spaced Practice

HOW TO DO IT

Start planning early for exams, and set aside a little bit of time every day. Five hours spread out over two weeks is better than the same five hours all at once.

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Interleaving



HOW TO DO IT

Switch between ideas during a study session. Don't study one idea for too long.

TOPIC
A



TOPIC
B



TOPIC
C





Key messages

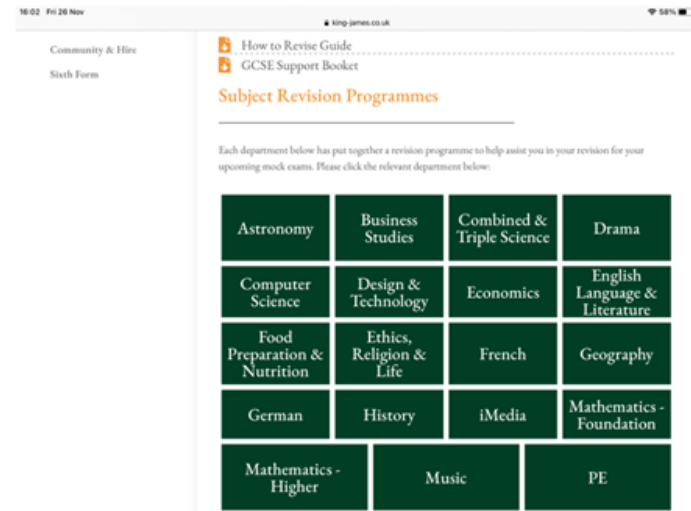


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What revision support is
available?



KJS subject revision programmes



[King James's School website](https://www.king-james.co.uk)



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How can you support
from home?







Look after yourself

Useful online resources

- **All-Rounder/General:**

- [BBC Bitesize](#): Covers all subjects, boards, and key stages (KS2 to GCSE) with videos and notes.
- [Seneca Learning](#): Free, interactive, and gamified learning for GCSE and A-Level, proven to help with memory retention.
- [Studywise](#): A hub for subject-specific notes, forums, and past papers.

- **Flashcards and Active Recall:**

- [Quizlet](#): Huge repository of user-created flashcards and games.
- [Anki](#): An app for spaced repetition to boost memory recall.

- **Planning and Organisation:**

- [Get Revising](#): Useful for creating personalized revision timetables and resources.

- **Exam Past Papers:**

- [Revision World](#): A vast library of free past papers and notes for GCSE and A-Level.

- **Video Resources:**

- [YouTube](#): Channels like FreeScienceLessons offer high-quality, free tutorials.
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Do we get Study Leave?
When is my summer
holiday?



SUMMER
is
coming

But
FIRST





Understanding Study Leave...

At King James's School students are expected to be in school until **Friday 22nd May!**

We continue with **lessons!** We continue with **learning...because we know it makes a difference!!!**

Can

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May

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SUMMER
is
coming



Class of 2021 – Final Leavers’ Assembly

- A special opportunity to come together and celebrate your journey
- Live music performances
- Celebration awards
- Final moments together as a year group
- Assembly will take place **after the final exams (Date TBC)**

Before the Assembly:

- Time with form tutors
- An opportunity to sign shirts, take photos, collect yearbooks and share final memories



Yearbook

- Available to purchase via **ParentPay.**
- **Deadline to order: Friday 27th March**
 - Packed with photos, memories, tutor group pages and staff messages
- Distributed ahead of the final assembly
 - A special keepsake to remember your time at school



*A Night
Under the
Stars*

YEAR 11 PROM

*25th June
2026*

An Evening to Remember

Thursday 25th June @
King James's School

Arrivals from 6.30PM

Tickets can be
purchased via
ParentPay

Deadline to Purchase
tickets **Monday 15th
June**



Prom – A Celebration to Look Forward To

Prom is a special event to celebrate everything you have achieved.

Invitations are awarded to students who consistently demonstrate:

- Positive behaviour in lessons
- Responsible conduct around school
- Respect towards staff and peers
- Strong effort and a mature attitude during the exam period

Prom recognises those who continue to meet our expectations and finish Year 11 in a way they can be proud of.



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