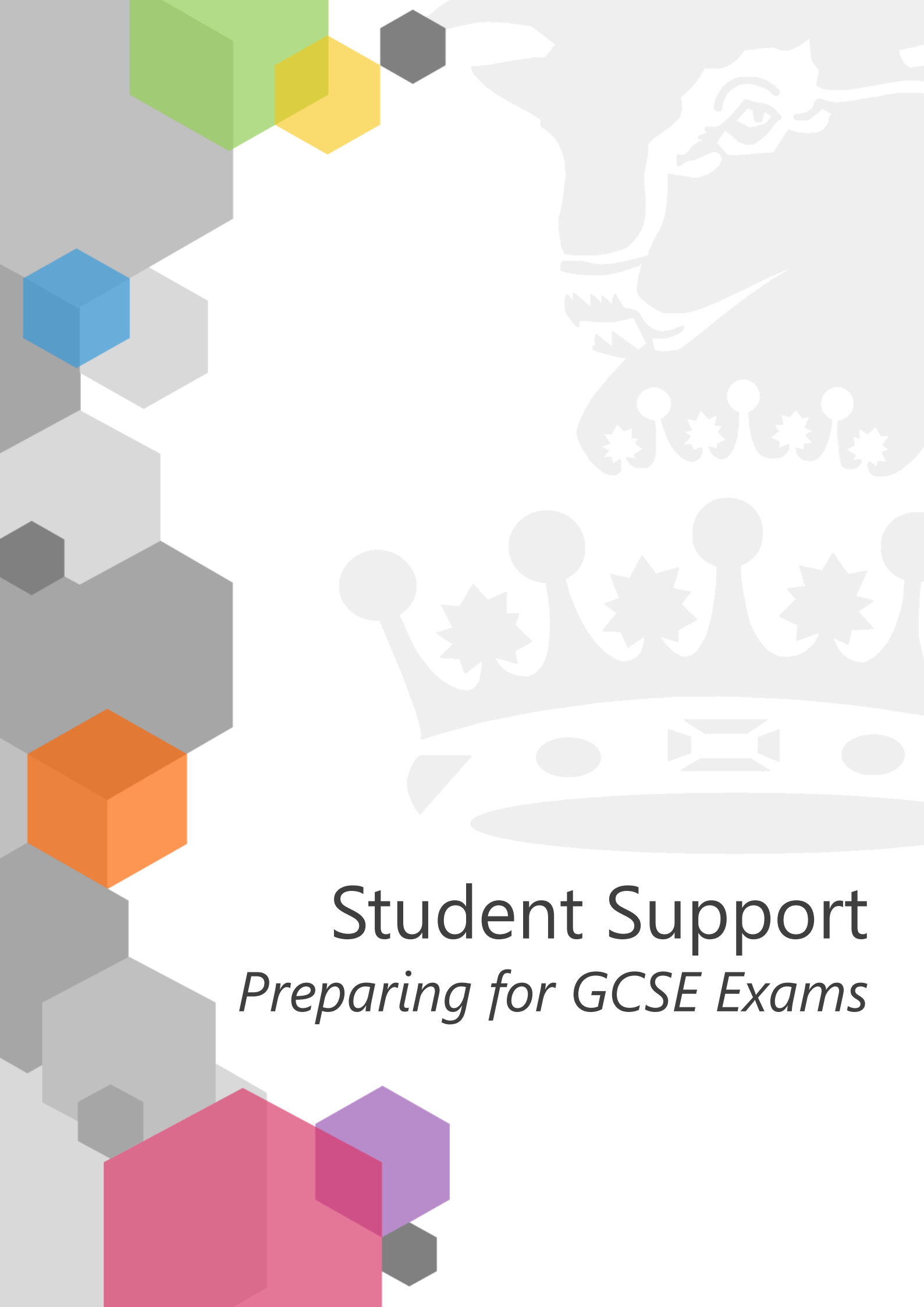




Student Support

Preparing for GCSE Exams

WEEKLY REVISION PLANNER

SUNDAY						
SATURDAY						
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THURSDAY						
WEDNESDAY						
TUESDAY						
MONDAY						
TIME						

WEEKLY REVISION PLANNER

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

Revision Timetable

Week 1					
Day	Monday (1)	Tuesday (2)	Wednesday (3)	Thursday (4)	Friday (5)
Session	Maths/ Art	Design & Technology	Science	Home study / revision	Home study / revision

Week - 2					
Day	Monday (6)	Tuesday (7)	Wednesday (8)	Thursday (9)	Friday (10)
Session	English	Humanities Geography: H1 - MGr H2 - RCo	Languages Performing Arts PE	Home study / revision	Home study / revision

English Language

Exam Dates

English Language Paper 1 — Creative Reading and Writing 1 hour 45mins [50%] Friday 23rd May AM

Exam Board: AQA



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Additional Notes and Resources Available

Bespoke revision packs with practice papers, exemplar paragraphs and mark schemes will be given to all students in February.

Revision sessions for English Language will be communicated ASAP to both students and parents, once finalised.

Useful Literature Revision Websites/Electronic Resources:

SENeca: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

BBC BITESIZE ENGLISH LANG: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>

PRACTICE PAPERS PACK: <https://riddlesdown.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/English-Language-Revision-Pack.pdf>

English Language Paper 1

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

1 hour 45 minutes

Reading (40 marks)

You will read **one** text – an extract of a piece of fiction

- **Question 1 (5 mins)**
List 4 things about a part of the text (4 marks)
- **Question 2 (15 mins)**
Analyse the use of the writer's language (8 marks)
➢ Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore x2
- **Question 3 (15 mins)**
Analyse the structure of the text (8 marks)
➢ Point, Evidence, Explain, Structural Development x2
- **Question 4 (25 mins)**
Respond to a statement about the text explaining to what extent you agree with the statement (20 marks)
➢ Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore x2

Writing (40 marks) - 45 mins

Question 5 – choice of 2 questions: **descriptive** writing based on a picture, or write a story (narrative writing).
➢ 4 Part Structure: Overview / Zoom-in (groups) / Extreme Close-up / Zoom-out Overview.

50% GCSE
80 Marks

English Language Paper 2

Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

1 hour 45 minutes

Reading (40 marks)

You will read **two** texts – both non-fiction. One will be a recent text and one will from the 1800s.

- **Question 1 (5 mins)**
Select 4 statements which are true from a list of 8 (4 marks)
- **Question 2 (12 mins)**
Write a summary of the differences between the two texts (8 marks)
➢ Point & Evidence (together), Explain, Link, Point & Evidence, Explain, Compare x2
- **Question 3 (18 mins)**
Analyse the language used in one of the texts (12 marks)
➢ Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore x2
- **Question 4 (25 mins)**
Compare the two texts and the writers' views (16 marks)
➢ Point, Evidence, Explain, (Furthermore), Link, Point, Evidence, Explain, (Furthermore), Compare x2

Writing (40 marks) - 45 mins

Question 5 – Write a piece of extended writing giving your opinion or views on a topic.
[Argue/persuade or explain]

50% GCSE
80 Marks

English Literature

Exam Dates

English Literature Paper 1— Macbeth and A Christmas Carol 1 hour 45mins [40%] **Monday 12th May AM**

English Literature Paper 2—An Inspector Calls, Poetry Comparison and Unseen Comp 2hrs 15 [60%] **Tuesday 20th May AM**

Exam Board: AQA

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Additional Notes and Resources Available

Bespoke revision packs with practice questions, quote revision tasks, checklists and writing frames will be given to all students in February.

Revision sessions for English Literature will be communicated ASAP to both students and parents, once finalised.

Useful Literature Revision Websites:

SENECA: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

MACBETH BBC YOUTUBE CLIPS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yo9XbFA1zUv>

POETRY CLIPS (P&C): <http://conflictandpower.blogspot.co.uk/>

English Literature Paper 1

Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel

1 hour 45 minutes

Section A:

Macbeth (50 mins)- 34 marks (4 marks SPG)

- Answer a question about Macbeth where you write in detail about an extract from the play and explore the theme/character in the whole play
- **Structure:** Point, Evidence, Explain, (Furthermore), Shakespeare Purpose (x3)
- **5 mins:** Check your answer for technical accuracy

In both answers, focus on:

- Language/structural analysis
- Writer's intentions

Section B:

A Christmas Carol (50 mins)- 30 marks

- Answer a question about A Christmas Carol where you write in detail about an extract from the play and explore the theme/character in the whole play
- **Structure:** Point, Evidence, Explain, (Furthermore), Dickens Purpose (x3)

Remember to consider WHEN, WHAT, HOW, WHY!

40% GCSE

64 Marks

English Literature Paper 2

Modern texts and poetry

2 hours 15 minutes

Section A

(50 mins): (Depending on class) An Inspector Calls / Blood Brothers **(30 marks & 4 marks SPG)**

- Answer one essay question about An Inspector Calls (you have a choice of two questions)
- **Structure:** Point, Evidence, Explain, (Furthermore), Priestley Purpose (x3)

Section B

(50 mins): 15 poems from the Power and Conflict section of the anthology you have studied **(30 marks)**

- Poetry comparison: you will analyse one named poem which is given to you in the exam, and you have to compare it to one other poem from the anthology of your choice.
- **Structure:** Point, Evidence, Explain, Link, Point, Evidence, Explain, Compare (x3)

Section C (2 questions)

(25 mins): Unseen poetry **(24 marks)** Answer a question about an unseen poem.

- **Structure:** Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore (x3)

(10 mins): Unseen comparison **(8 marks)**

- Finally, there is a question where you have to compare the unseen poem to another unseen poem.
- **Structure:** Point, Evidence, Explain, Link, Point, Evidence, Explain, Compare (x1)

60% GCSE

96 Marks





Maths

Exam Board: AQA

Exam Dates:

Thursday 15th May Paper 1

Wednesday 4th June Paper 2

Wednesday 11th June Paper 3

Revision Resources Available

Sparx Maths

Revision Book provided by Faculty

Exam Papers and Content:

All Papers cover the same content

Paper 1 is Non-Calculator

All papers:

Topics which come up in earlier papers are less likely, but not impossible to come up in later papers. The Maths Faculty will email guidance on this between papers. The topics covered at GCSE are: Algebra, Number, Geometry, Ratio and Proportion, Statistics and Probability

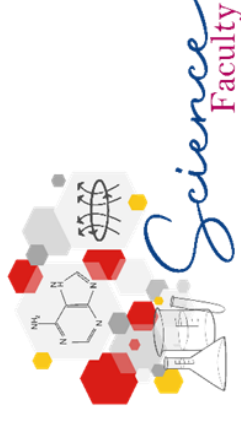
Additional Notes:



Separate Sciences (Triple)

Exam Board: AQA

Exam Dates:	Biology 1	13th May	Biology 2	9th June
	Chemistry 1	19th May	Chemistry 2	13th June
	Physics 1	22nd May	Physics 2	16th June



Separate Sciences

Revision Resources Available

- Revision guides and workbooks (e.g. *CGP GCSE Combined Science Revision Guide* with higher and foundation versions available)
- BBC Bitesize website <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> (revision videos, summary guides, quizzes and past exam questions)
- Free Science lessons revision videos <https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/>
- Physics and Maths tutor <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/> and student shared drive (past exam questions)

Exam Papers and Content:

• Paper 1 Biology	1hr 45 min	Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and Response; and Bioenergetics
• Paper 2 Biology	1hr 45 min	Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology
• Paper 1 Chemistry	1hr 45 min	Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes.
• Paper 2 Chemistry	1hr 45 min	The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and Using resources
• Paper 1 Physics	1hr 45 min	Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure

Additional Notes:

Make the Grade



All other subject areas'
"Make the Grade"

documents can be accessed through the link above

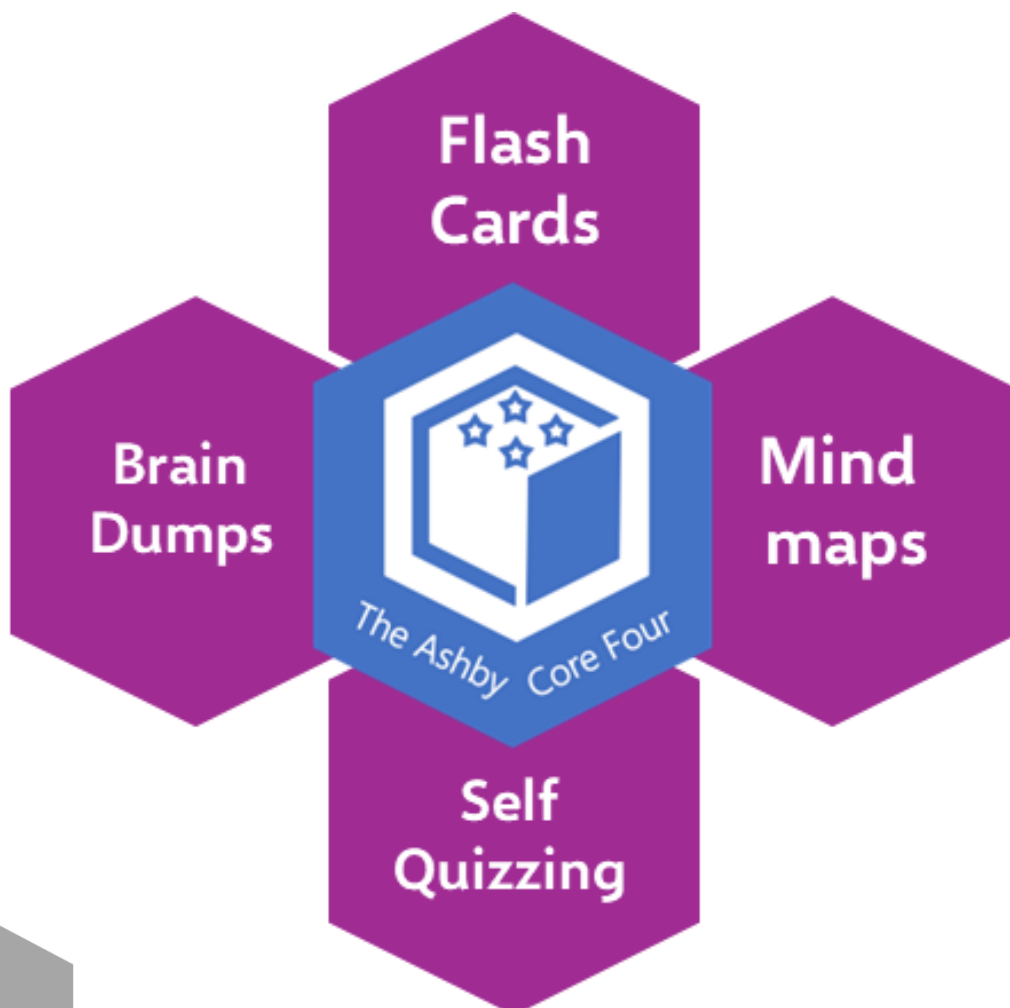


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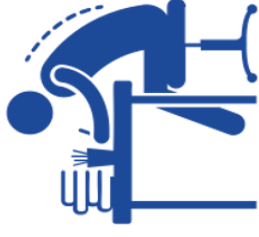
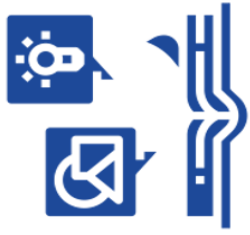
Doug Lemov states,
Practice does not always make perfect, but it
does make permanent.

Students should have a bank of well practiced
revision and study methods that they can
confidently select from.

(Howell & McGill 2022)



Summary: How to create flash cards



1.

Identify knowledge

What are you creating flash cards on?
Do you have your knowledge organizer?
Use your book to look at previous misconceptions from whole class feedback.

2.

Colour coding

Use different coloured flash cards for different topics. This helps with organization NOT recall

3.

Designing

1 Question per flashcard.
Making them concise and clear.
Use a one word prompt, so that you can recall as much as you can.
No extended answer questions.
Number your flash cards for self quizzing.

4.

Using

Write your answers down, then check. Or say your answers out loud. This really clearly shows the gaps in your knowledge.
Do not just copy & re-read.
Shuffle the cards each time you use them.
Use the Leitner system to use flash cards everyday.

5.

Feedback

How have you performed when you look back at your answers?
Is there anything you need to revisit in more detail?
Is your knowledge secure? If so, move onto applying knowledge in that area in specific extended exam questions.

Summary: Self Quizzing



1.

Identify knowledge

Identify knowledge/content you wish to cover.

2.

Review and create

Spend around 5-10 minutes reviewing content (knowledge organisers/class notes/text book)

Create x10 questions on the content (If your teacher has not provided you with questions)

3.

Cover and answer

Cover up your knowledge and answer the questions from memory.

Take your time and where possible answer in full sentences.

4.

Self mark & reflect

Go back to the content and self mark your answers in **green** pen.

5.

Next time

Revisit the areas where there were gaps in knowledge, and include these same questions next time.

Summary: How to create a mind map



1.

Identify knowledge

Select a topic you wish to revise. Have your class notes/knowledge organisers ready.



2.

Identify sub topics

Place the main topic in the centre of your page and identify sub topics that will branch off.

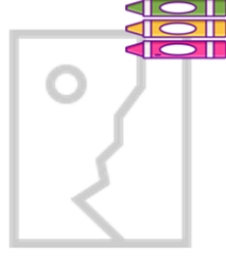


3.

Branch off

Branch of your sub topics with further detail.

Try not to fill the page with too much writing.



4.

Use images & colour

Use images and colour to help topics stick into your memory.



5.

Put it somewhere visible

Place completed mind maps in places where you can see them frequently.

Summary: Brain dumps



1.

Identify knowledge

Identify the knowledge/topic area you want to cover.



2.

Write it down

Take a blank piece of paper/white board and write down everything you can remember about that topic. (with no prompts)

Give yourself a timed limit (e.g. 10 minutes)



3.

Organise information

Once complete and you cannot remember any more use different colours to highlight/underline words in groups.

This categories/links information.



4.

Check understanding

Compare your brain dump to your K/O or book and check understanding.

Add any key information you have missed (key words) in a different colour.



5.

Store and compare

Keep your brain dump safe and revisit it.

Next time you attempt the same topic try and complete the same amount of information in a shorter period of time or add more information.



Exam preparation advice

A must – Check list -

- Check the date, start time and location of the exam – is it in the morning or the afternoon and give yourself plenty of time to arrive in the right place.
 - If you are permitted or required to take any specialist equipment with you and have that ready
 - Who you need to contact at your school or college in case there's an emergency and you will be late, or can't sit your exam or assessment.
 - IN the case of Ashby that person is the Exams Officer – exams@ashbyschool.org.uk
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Exam preparation advice

In line with JCQ regulations, the equipment you must not bring into an exam room is:

- Your mobile phone
- Any type of watch – this includes analogue, digital or smartwatches
- iPads, iPods, Fitbits, AirPods, earphones or ear buds, MP3 or MP4 players or similar devices
- Revision notes - (although you should check exact requirements with your teachers as prior research might be permitted for certain VTQ assessments)
- The students on the day will be advised of the arrangements for safekeeping of these items while sitting the exam or assessment.

[What you need to know before your exams - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/what-you-need-to-know-before-your-exams)



Revision Support



Quizlet



