

- Short Term I I weeks (with 8 remaining)
- Now a need to increase momentum II (and avoid a post mock slump)

Life is not always predictable...

It doesn't always go to plan...

BUT

That doesn't mean that we shouldn't still plan



• Plan

Prepare

Execute

Celebrate

Mock Exams

Sometimes things don't go to plan...

During exams, there are a complex cocktail of emotions

- Nerves
- Pressure
- Self doubt
- Unfamiliar environment
- A questions that throws you
- Timing issues
- Too cold, too hot

...as well as

- Being able to answer the question
- Recall of information
- Exam techniques

"Hit Play"

- Conditioned to be able to deliver regardless of pressure, nerves, anxieties
- If you are prepared, if you are ready, you can deal with those things.
- Exams become less stressful if you have done the planning, done the preparation

Mock Exams

Mock examinations were designed to be part of that preparation

- "Rehearsed every move"
- "Practiced in harder circumstances"
- "Seen it before"
- "Knew what he had to do"

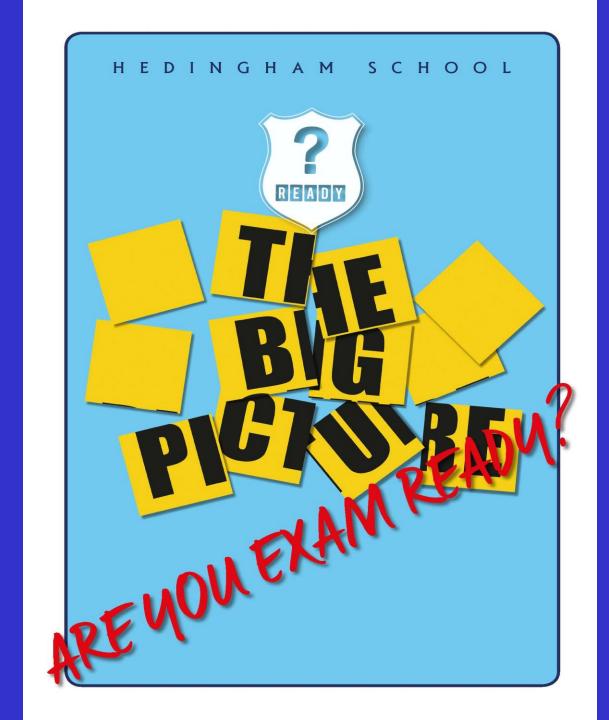
Ahead...

- ➤ Final "Teaching Term"
- > Mock Results and new teacher predictions
- > Revision sessions continue, timetables have been emailed to students
- **▶**PD Time revision
- > Dress Up Day and start building towards Thorpe Park (end of March)
- Feedback from Mocks Use it! (especially Maths and English)
- ➤ Progress Meetings With Form Tutors
- Sixth Form Interviews
- ➤ Parents Information Evening (24th Jan)
- ➤ Targeted Parents Evening (8th February)
- Easter holidays



What to do now...

- 1. Make the most of every lesson, they are running out.
- 2. Focus in lessons, work hard in lessons. Don't destroy teacher plans!
- 3. Plan a schedule of your time. If you are not doing revision sessions, using form time to revise, working in your own time, why not?
- 4. Plan what to revise, subject and content, when and how.
- 5. Execute, this must kick off by half term AT THE LATEST
- 6. Finally....Exams! Contingency date is 26th June. Students will need to be available up to and including this date.
- 7. Timetables for exams are available. May change but unlikely. Do not contain practical exams (eg: Art)



The Rs for Successful Revision

RAG Rating

Red

Revise

Rest Repeat

How?

Break down each subject into topics.

Red, Amber,

Green (RAG) your knowledge and skills. Your analysis should be based on mocks/ self-assessment/ teacher assessment and not your opinion.

Every few weeks, you should RAG rate topics again to inform your revision.

Don't spend too long on this. As long as your reflection is accurate, you should move onto the next stage.

Benefits

Helps focus more time on what we don't know and, likewise, less on what we do know.

How?

Based on your RAG rating, spend less time on the Green areas in your revision (quick revisits for 5 minutes).

Climb the mountain and tackle the

Red areas.

You can do this by: informing your teachers who in turn plan revision around this; studying the topic for longer periods at home; turning anything you don't know into a question. Ask your teacher next lesson.

Benefits

Helps your teachers plan revision lessons. Helps inform learning conversations between you and your teachers.

Methods

Revision is learning to unlock your memory. You need to have memory prompters to help you 'call up' what you know.

Use your RAG rating to decide how long to spend on each topic.

> For some topics, it should be little and often.

Don't have distractions (music with lyrics/ beats/social media/ television/mobile phone).

Revision should be active not passive revision.

Notes **Revision Cards** Mind Maps **Memory Aids** Past Papers

(including mark scheme)

On-Line Resources

Test Your Knowledge

Without notes, you should complete parts or whole past papers to apply your knowledge and skills.

Recall & Skills

Ensure you understand the mark scheme, timings and command word for each question.

How Our Brain Works

Another word for revision is repetition. This process is an on-going cycle for all your subjects.

Your RAG rating should slowly change from Red to Green the more you repeat the cycle.

exams. A Revision Timetable will help you plan your life and be more efficient.

Time management

is key to ensuring

you are mentally

prepared for your

Have quality revision time and, likewise, quality time off.

Emotional Support Speak to friends. family, teachers or

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for support. Ensure you are eating and sleeping well.

Benefits

Applying yourself during your five lessons each day is the most important preparation for your exams. However, it is also important to revisit the knowledge and skills needed for each exam.

Benefits

Show if your revision is working or not can you recall key points? Become familar with the written exam.

Benefits

The more you revisit and repeat revision areas, the more likely you will remember it.

Benefits

You need to feel mentally prepared for your exams: charged up, switched on and focused for the challenge ahead.

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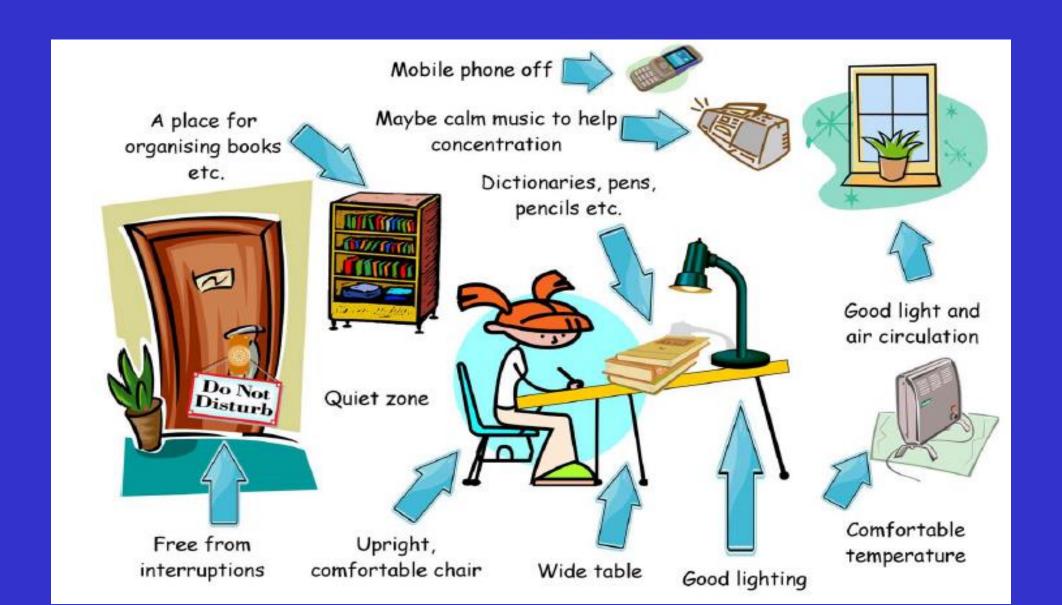
1. Be a Project Manager

The simplest things often get in the way of starting revision - weeks can be lost while pupils 'are going to get some folders soon...' get around these by simply providing:

- files,
- blank revision cards,
- different coloured pens/ highlighters.

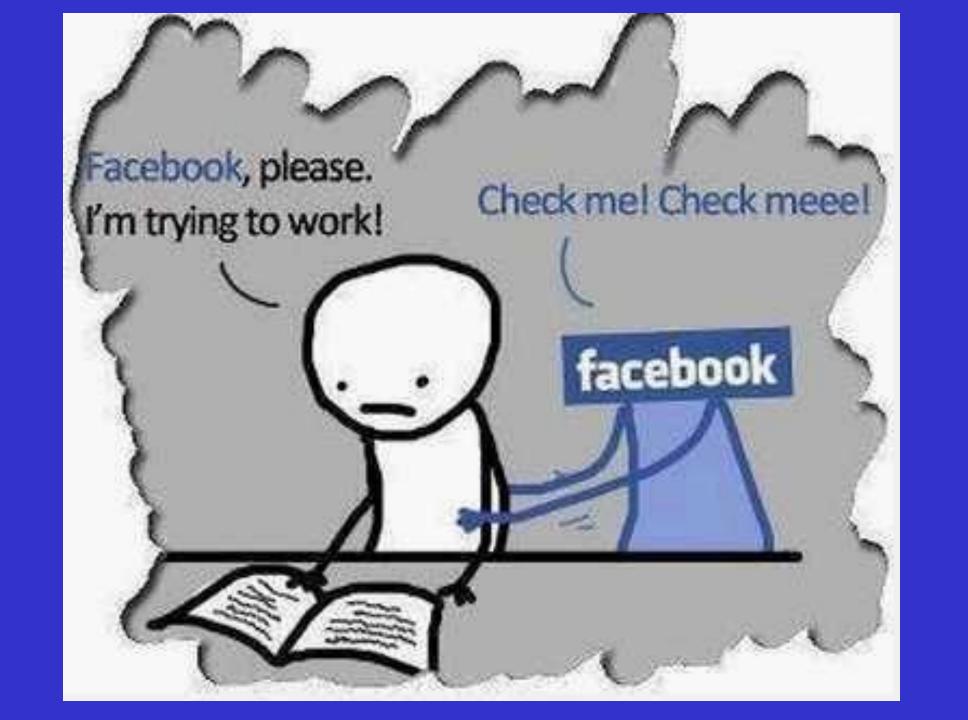


Our Revision Environment





















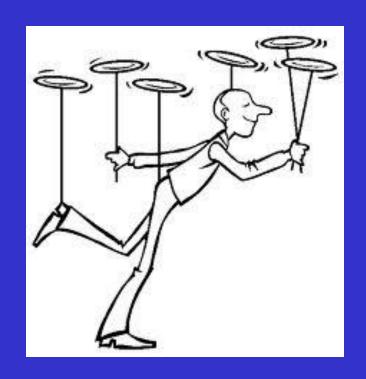
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Support your child in choosing one good revision guide for each subject - it's the best investment you will make. Ensure the revision guide is for the correct exam board. Their subject teacher can offer advice.



Your child may need help in planning a revision timetable





Peabody Ducks	The Windy City	Hollywoodland	Bootleggin g	Luxor
Frank Schutt	Bootleggin g	Fitz Gerald	646 Shows	Willis Tower
That's Alright Mama	The Venetian	Alcatraz	Dakota Buildings	25,000 trees
Stripes	Al Capone	The Rat Pack	Termites	Lorraine Motel
Prohibition	Graceland	Edward Pembroke	Peabody Hotel	1937

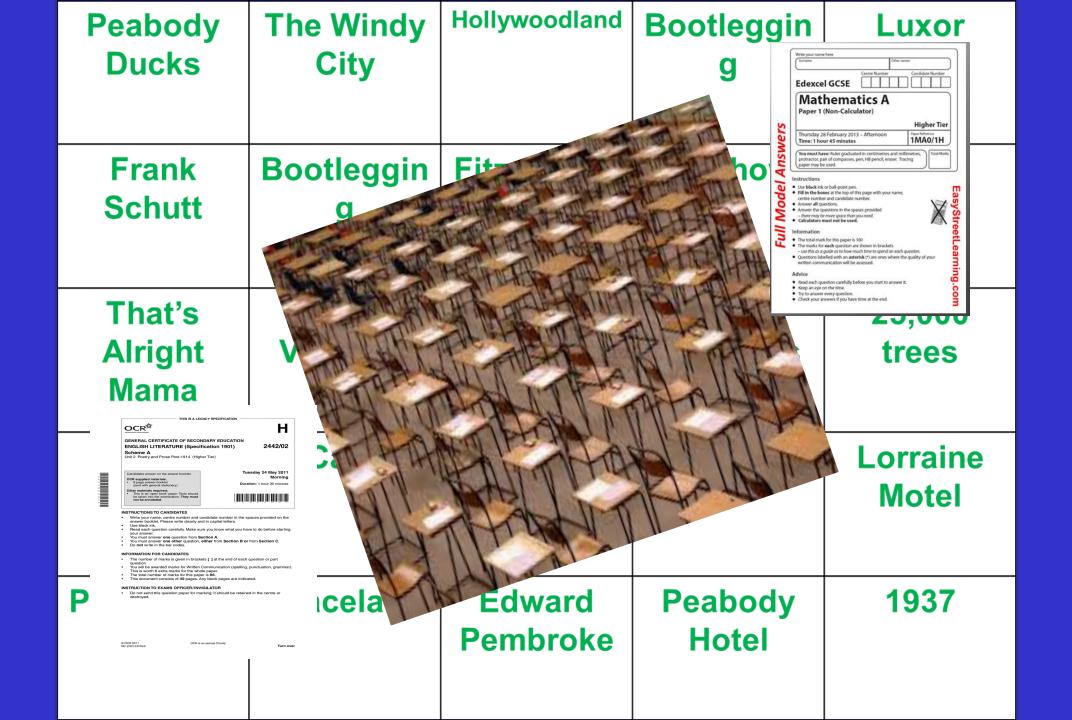
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	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
What to revise	America	Science	English	Geograph y	Spanish
		Maths			America

- Make a revision timetable.
- Revise a specific topic.
- Have a specific active revision method.
- Return to it at least twice more that week. You will forget if you leave it a week!

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Memphis (20 Questions) 30 Mins	English Similarities/differences comparative grids eg comparing poems Comparative Alley	German Revision Cards Key Terms	Swimming Club No revision phew!	Revision Cards History Key Dates 20 Mins
Fractions My Maths 20 Mins	Science Seneca Learning	Memphis 20 Mins Mind Map	Chillax	Fractions 5 Mins!
Photosynthesis 5 mins revision Cards	History Flash Cards	Poems Scan over comparison 5 Mins Photosynthesis		Memphis 5 Mins Revision Cards
		5 Mins		Pizza!

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Be flexible - use the 80/20% rule. If your child is sticking to what they are supposed to be doing 80% of the time, they will be doing alright.

TAKING TIME OUT



Get involved in your child's revision



The capacity of our short-term memory (STM)

Method

- I will show you a list of 10 numbers and I will read them aloud once
- · When I finish, the numbers will disappear
- · When I say "go", pick up your pen and write down as many as you can remember

You may write them down in any order





7, 12, 9, 23, 4, 6, 15, 2, 26, 19

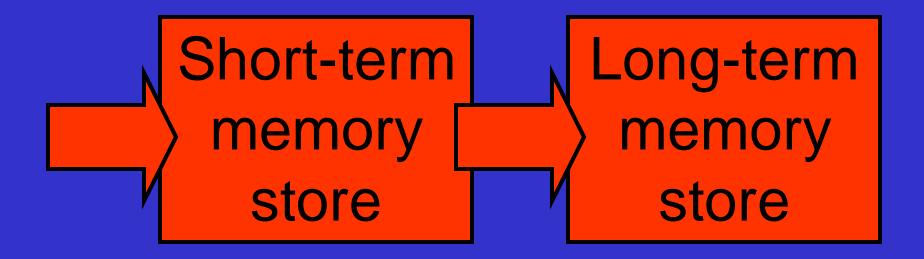
Results

- Most people can only remember between 5 and 9 items
- The average number of items that we can remember is just 7

Why might this be a problem for our learning?

The Memory Process

Revision = Repetition



Note Taking

Highlight key points. Think about the information you are selecting.

Re-write your notes putting what is in the middle at the beginning and end (we tend to forget what is in the middle).

Write 20 WHAT WHY WHERE HOW WHO questions based on your notes then answer them! Get your parents / carers to test you.

Annotate the margins in your exercise books with symbols to help you remember the information.

Relate your notes to exam questions - the higher mark questions do not just ask for factual recall.

Do all of the above! Information will then transfer from your short term memory to your long term memory.

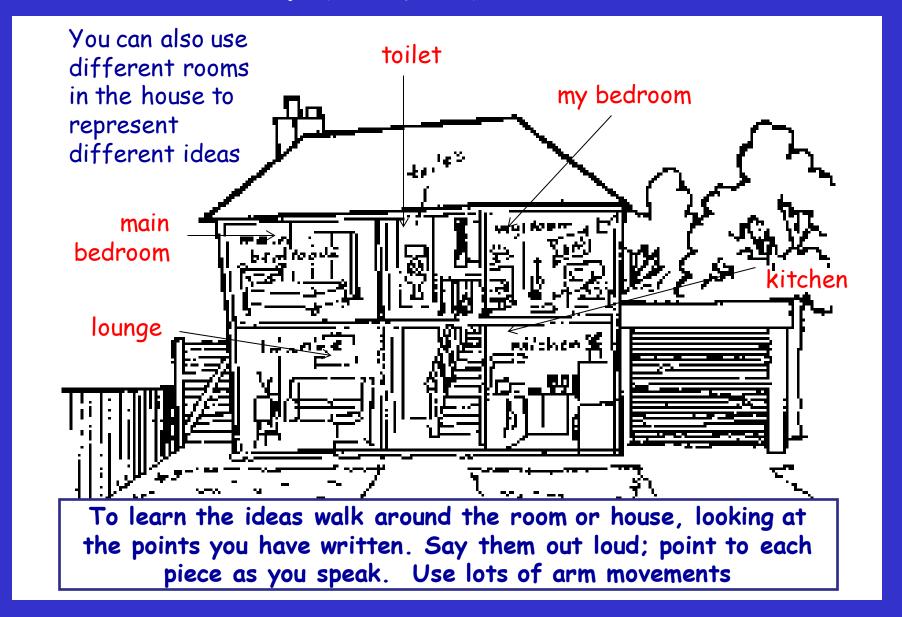


Revision Cards



- When making revision cards, like note taking, we must be careful not to just be passive in making them. The learning really starts when we use them!
- Read/ Cover/ Write/ Check
- Exam question on one side/ bullet point the answer (key words & case studies) on the other side.
- Test each other. The 'winner' keeps the card.

Walk n'Talk









Turn Your House Into A Revision Zone

The 1-minute challenge!

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Memory Pegging



















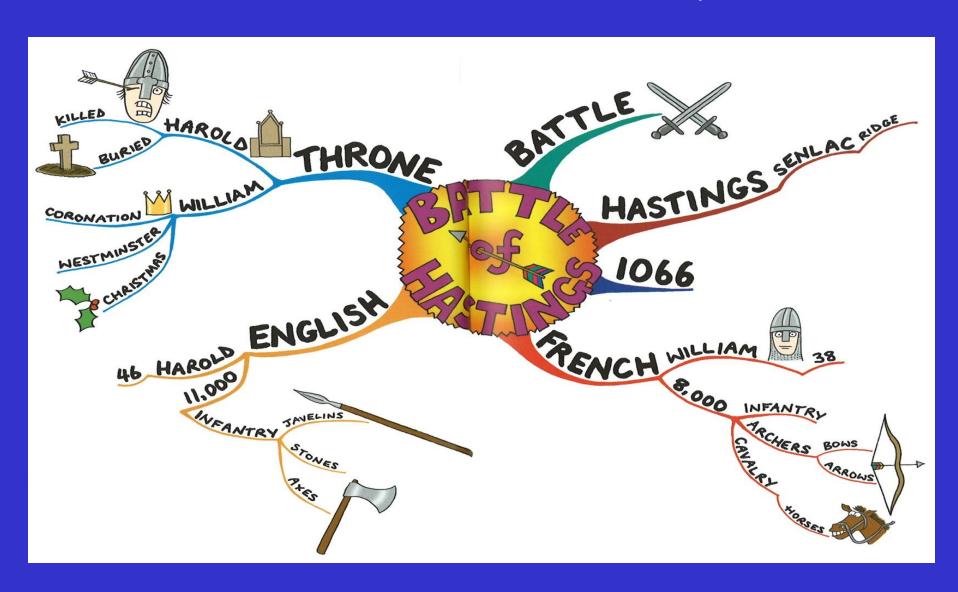


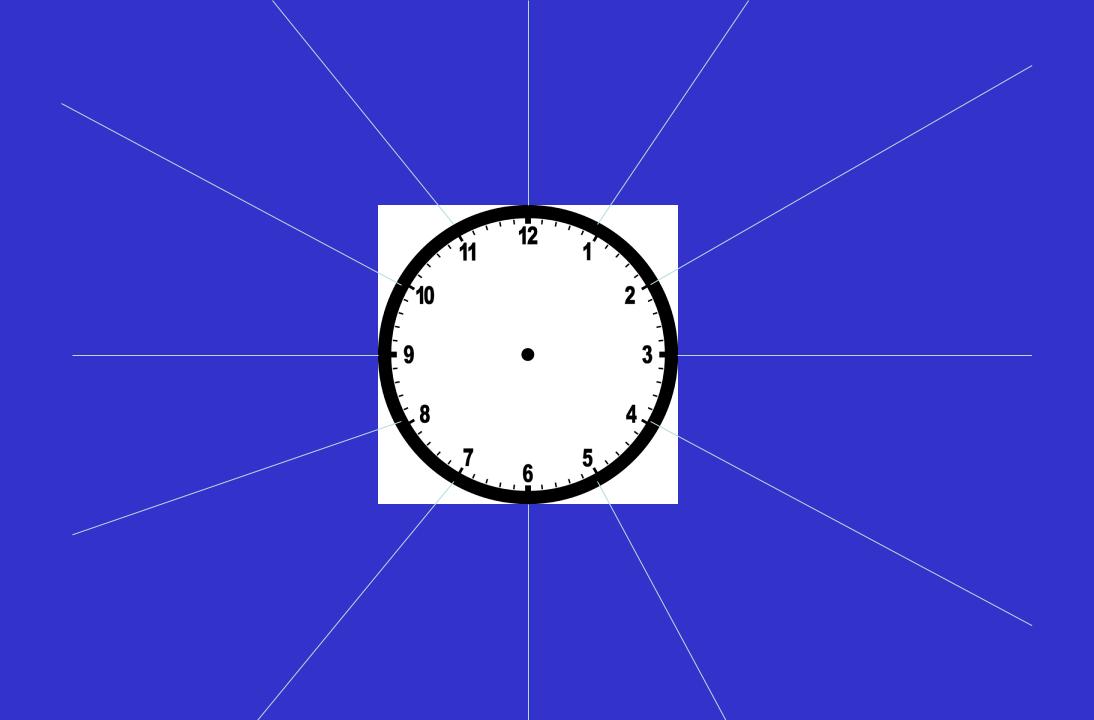
'Chunking'

• If we group information in chunks we can increase the capacity of our memory

• Each chunk takes the same amount of memory power as one number on its own

What is a mind map?





Science Trip to Iceland	Honeywood	Art	School of Rock	
Ready Respect	Home!	'Are you refusing to do what I have asked?'	READY? Leadership Organisation Communication Resilience Initiative	Mental Health
Head Boy & Head Girl	Thorpe Park.	Achievement & Excellence	Willis Block	Ramsey
Orange Card	English	Dress Up Day	Abroad	Student Support Centre
Preforming Arts	Prom	Driving Lessons		My Career
Mr Hyde	School Reports	Ski Trip		A-Levels

Past Exam Questions

- Access past papers on-line or through revision guides.
- Ensure your child knows the assessment criteria (e.g. 4 mark questions/ 12 mark questions)
- Ensure your child know what the command words mean. The command word is 'commanding' you to write in a certain style.
- Do they know some sentence stems to help with the structure.
- · Look at model answers.
- Your child can write their own exam questions using exam command words.



