

Year 11 parent and carer information evening



Working together to ensure your child fulfils
their potential and improves their life
chances.



Tonight's agenda



- Introduction – outline the plan for the remainder of Year 11.
- Information from Mathematics, Science and English on how to support your child in these 3 core subjects.
- Revision techniques and revision methods your child should be implementing.
- Summary.



Important dates



- 9th May – RS Exam (1ST GCSE Exam)
- 10th May – Science – Biology
- 10th June – Study Leave to start
- 19th June – Food (last GCSE)
- 20th June – Leaver's Assembly (9:20)
- 28th June - Prom



Study habits



- Quiet area with no access to mobile phone or social media.
- Revision timetable. Revision broken down in to 20 minutes sessions – revise/recall/re-test
- Work/Rest and relax - balance in life.
- Diet/Food/Drinks.
- Sleep -(phones/X-Box). 8 hours needed.
- 'Academic fitness' - being able to write for 2 hours and 15 minutes maximum, 1 hour 30 minutes minimum.
- Attendance – those with 95% attendance or better achieve, on average, a grade higher in at least 4 subjects.
- THOSE BELOW 90% ATTENDANCE ACHIEVE A GRADE LOWER IN ENGLISH, MATHS AND SCIENCE.
- Responsibilities at home/Part-time job.

GCSE English Language and Literature



GCSE English Key Dates:



- Literature Paper 1 – 13th May 2024
- Literature Paper 2 – 20th May 2024

- Language Paper 1 – 23rd May 2024
- Language Paper 2 – 6th June 2024



GCSE English Language



Your child will sit **two** English Language exams.

The first exam (**Fiction** and **Imaginative Writing**) is **1 hour 45 minutes**.

The second exam (**Non-fiction** and **Transactional Writing**) is **2 hours 5 minutes**.

- ★ In total, 80 out of 160 marks are for writing skills.
- ★ You will be asked to explore unseen extracts, meaning they need to be confident readers. Paper one will always include a 19th century text.



Interesting 19th century texts



Oliver Twist - Charles Dickens
Wuthering Heights - Emily Bronte
Great Expectations - Charles Dickens
A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens
Treasure Island - Robert Louis Stevenson
Black Beauty - Anna Sewell
Sherlock Holmes - Arthur Conan Doyle
Dracula - Bram Stoker
Frankenstein - Mary Shelley
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll
Short stories - Edgar Allan Poe



GCSE English Literature



Your child will sit two English Literature exams.

- The first exam (Shakespeare and Animal Farm) is **1 hour 45 minutes** and is worth **80 marks**.
- The second exam (Jekyll and Hyde, Poetry and Unseen Poetry) is **2 hours 15 minutes** and is also worth **80 marks**.



Set texts



- Animal Farm - George Orwell
 - Macbeth - William Shakespeare
 - Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde - R.L. Stevenson
 - Poetry Anthology (given to each student)
- *audio books also available
- * many versions of Macbeth available to watch

Suggested Revision Guides:

CGP study guides for each set text (around £5 each on Amazon as new, though second-hand copies can be purchased).



Resources



As a department, we pay for two brilliant websites for your child to revise from for English:

**MASSOLIT
GCSE POD**

Your child can access both sites by using your school 'Google' Logins.





GCSE Maths Information Evening



GCSE Mathematics (Edexcel)



Students will sit three Mathematics exams. Sets 1, 2, 3 sit the higher tier and sets 4, 5 and 6 sit the foundation tier. All students need a pen, pencil, compass and protractor for all maths exams.

- All three papers on both tiers are 90 minutes long and are worth 80 marks each.
- The papers individually, are not graded. Instead, the final grade is determined by the total out of 240.
- Paper 1 is non-calculator and papers 2 and 3 calculators are needed.



Maths exam dates



- Paper one – 16th May
- Paper two – 3rd June
- Paper three - 10th June



Support from the exam board



In previous year's exam, students were given 'Advanced Information' which detailed which topics were being assessed on each paper.

For your child's maths exams, there is **no** advanced information.

However, students will still receive a comprehensive formula sheet so no pressure to learn formula, they just need to know how to apply them.



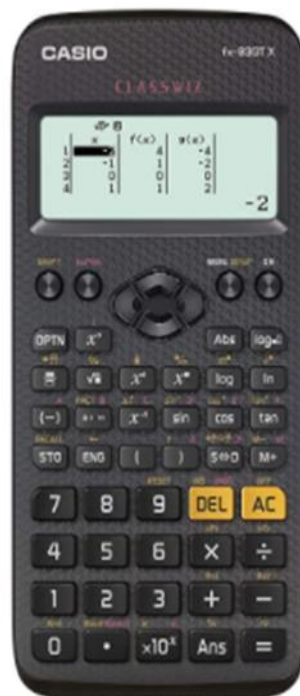
Helping your child to revise



Some strategies and questions you could try at home

- Coach the child to watch the video clips and take notes on Mathswatch / Youtube first before trying questions. Perhaps even watch them together.
- Coach the child to write down full workings out.
- Coach the child to break up long solutions with boxes or subtitles.
- Can they explain their workings out to you?
- Have they actually answered the question?
- Could they teach you or a sibling a topic to consolidate their learning?
- Ensure they have the appropriate equipment (calculator).

Recommended calculators



New Casio FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator

Visit the Casio Store

★★★★★ 16,779 ratings

Amazon's Choice for "casio calculator"

-17% £12.50

RSP: £15.19

& FREE Returns

Available at a lower price from other sellers that may not offer free Prime delivery.

Note: This item is eligible for **FREE Click and Collect** without a minimum order subject to availability. Details

New & Used (27) from £12.50 & **FREE Delivery** on your first eligible order to UK or Ireland.

Style Name: **FX-83GTX**

Pattern Name: **Single**

• Ballpoint Pens £21.29

Single £12.50

Power source: Battery

Brand: Casio

Colour: Black

Number of batteries: 1 AAA batteries required. (included)

Model name: FX-83GTX Scientific Calculator

Material: Plastic



Roll over image to zoom in

CASIO FX-991EX Advanced Engineering/Scientific Calculator (UK VERSION), Black

Visit the Casio Store

★★★★★ 7,199 ratings

Amazon's Choice for "casio fx-991ex"

-15% £27.99

RSP: £32.99

& FREE Returns

Available at a lower price from other sellers that may not offer free Prime delivery.

Note: This item is eligible for **FREE Click and Collect** without a minimum order subject to availability. Details

New & Used (14) from £25.83 & **FREE Delivery**.

Style Name: **FX-991EX**

Pattern Name: **Single**

• Ballpoint Pens £36.78

Single £27.99

Power source: Solar, Battery

Brand: Casio

Colour: Black

Number of batteries: 1 CR123A batteries required. (included)

Model name: FX-991EX

Material: Plastic

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Helping your child if they get stuck



- Reassure and encourage.
- Can they find the relevant video on Mathswatch/Youtube
- Have they highlighted the key words?
- Do they know what the keywords mean?
- Have they used all of the information in the question?
- Is there a first step they could take instead of leaving the page blank? If a question is worth more than two marks, it is usually a multi-step answer.



Ask in school

Revision material



- Revision guide. Lots to choose from but CGP books are student friendly
- Mathswatch (sign in with google)
- Youtube (GCSEmathstutor is particularly good)
- Official Edexcel past papers (easy to google).



In school support



In order to further support students in the lead up to the 2024 examinations, the Mathematics department will:

- ★ make resources/homework/additional reading available on Show My Homework;
- ★ run revision sessions on Tuesday afternoons;
- ★ give weekly past papers to build exam technique
- ★ complete mock examinations to prepare students for the rigour of the reformed examinations, providing students with personalised feedback afterwards.





GCSE Science Information Evening



Science exam information (AQA)



PAPER	DATE	TIME
Biology P1	Friday 10th May 2024	am
Biology P2	Friday 7th June 2024	pm
Chemistry P1	Friday 17th May 2024	am
Chemistry P2	Tuesday 11th June 2024	am
Physics P1	Wednesday 22nd May 2024	am
Physics P2	Friday 14th June 2024	pm

Science exam information



The science exams consist of:

- 6 exams, 1 hour and 15 minutes each for the combined scientists
- 6 exams, 1 hour and 45 minutes each for the separate scientists.



Science – additional revision resources



- Intervention every Wednesday, rooms sent on Edulink
- Checklist are given out at the beginning of each new topic
- Seneca
- Kuizical
- Studymind.co.uk
- GCSE pod
- BBC bitesize
- AQA website



Revision at Appleton



Revision



This term we have been introducing and practicing the following revision techniques:

- Cornell method
- Precis
- Mind-maps
- Flash cards
- Past paper techniques
- Revision planning.



Why revise



Revision is the act of going over information.

When we learn something new our brain makes new connections.

If these connections are not fired again, then they will disappear, and we will lose that skill or knowledge.



Why revise



- **66%** of material is forgotten after **7 days**
- **88%** of material is forgotten after **6 weeks**.



The Cornell Method



Cues

This section is for **key ideas**, bits of **vocab** & **doodles** that help explain the content in the main body.

The diagram shows a spiral-bound notebook with a page titled "Cornell Notes". The page is divided into three main sections by horizontal lines. The top section is labeled "Cues" and contains a list of bullet points: "Main Idea", "Key", "Question (after notes are completed)", "Key words & ideas", "Important dates/people/places", "Repeated/Stressed Info", "Ideas/brainstorming written on board / overhead projector", "Info from textbook/stories", "Diagrams & Pictures", and "Formulas". The middle section is labeled "Main body" and contains the text "Summary of your notes in your own words". The bottom section is labeled "Summary" and contains the text "Summary of your notes in your own words". A blue arrow points from the "Cues" section to the text "This section is for key ideas, bits of vocab & doodles that help explain the content in the main body." Another blue arrow points from the "Main body" section to the text "This section is the equivalent of a page in your exercise book, but it is smaller, so you have to summarise." A third blue arrow points from the "Summary" section to the text "This (short!) section should wait until at least a few days after the lesson. This gives you the opportunity to revisit & review."

Cornell Notes

Name
Date
Class
Period

- Main Idea
- Key
- Question (after notes are completed)
- Key words & ideas
- Important dates/people/places
- Repeated/Stressed Info
- Ideas/brainstorming written on board / overhead projector
- Info from textbook/stories
- Diagrams & Pictures
- Formulas

Summary of your notes in your own words

Main body

This section is the equivalent of a page in your exercise book, but it is smaller, so you have to summarise.

Summary

This (short!) section should wait until at least a few days after the lesson. This gives you the opportunity to revisit & review.

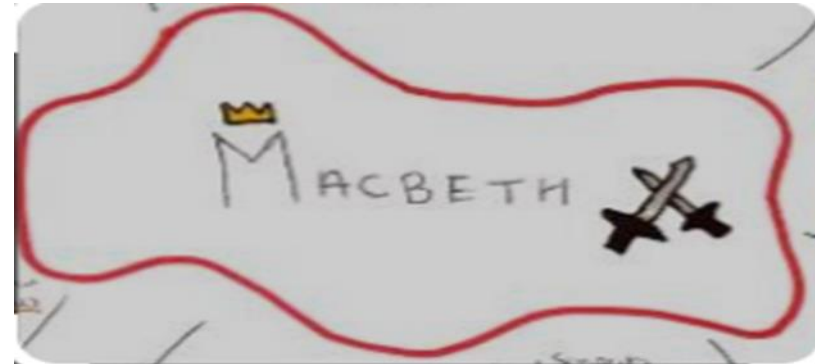
How to create a mind map



There are five key steps to creating a successful mind map:

1 - Start with a central image.

Here you will need to think of a topic that you would like to revise.

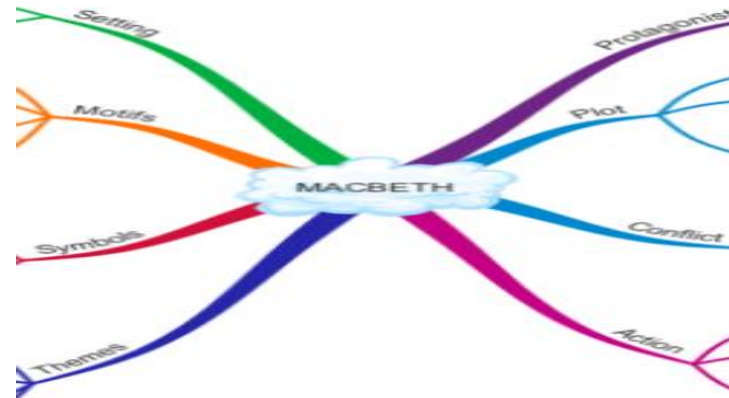


How to create a mind map



2. Add branches to your map (these should be curved and start thick and end thin).

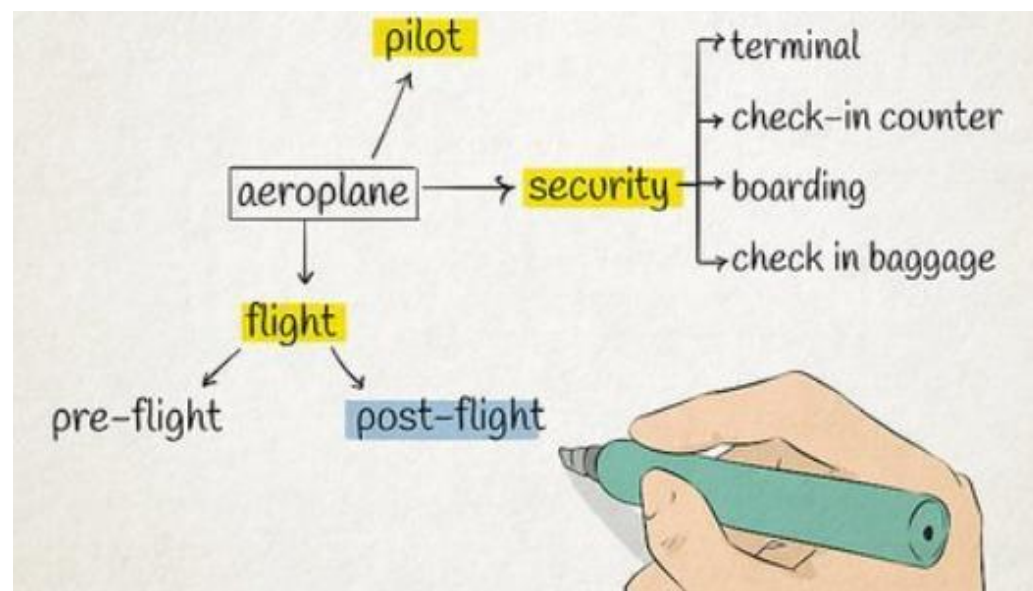
Add related keywords or phrases all around this, then use lines to connect these 'first level branches' to the starting point.



How to create a mind map



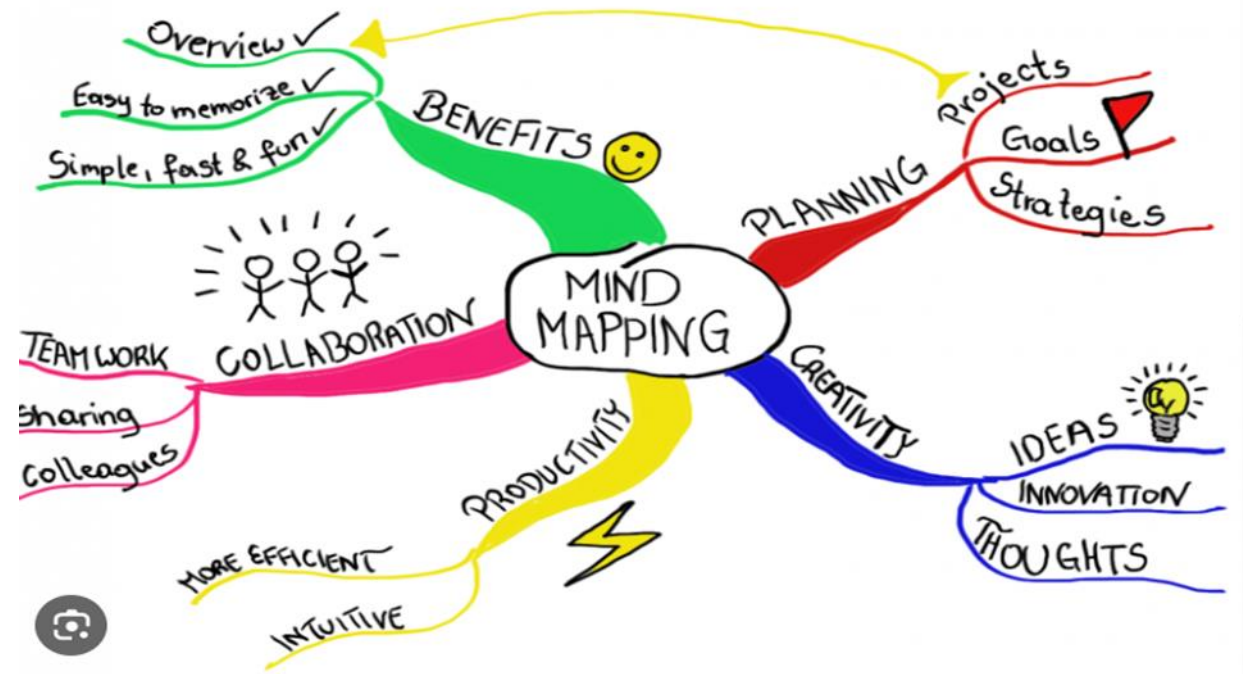
3. Add key words (one key word per branch).



How to create a mind map

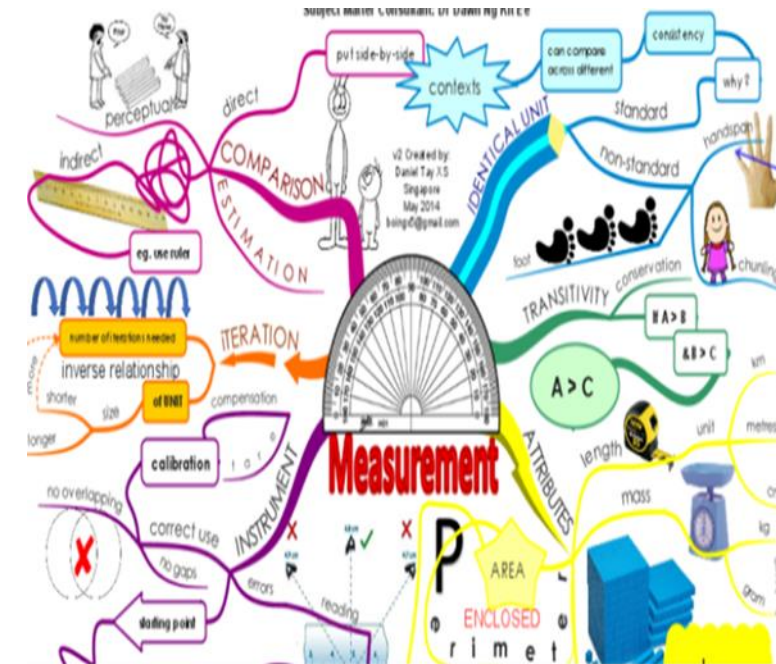
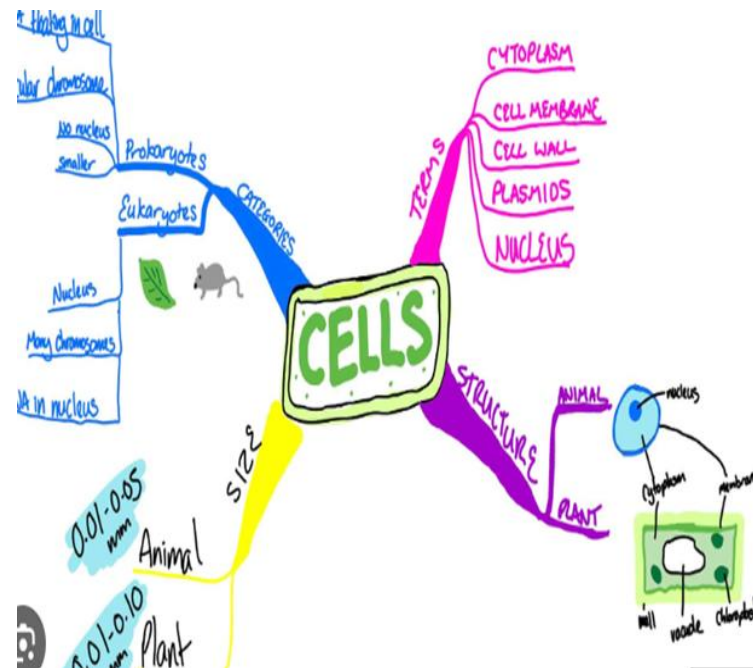


4. Colour code branches (easy to organise and visually appealing).



How to create a mind map

5. Include images (1 picture is worth a thousand words).



Past papers



Downloading past papers from the specification's website is the best way to apply knowledge.



Top tips



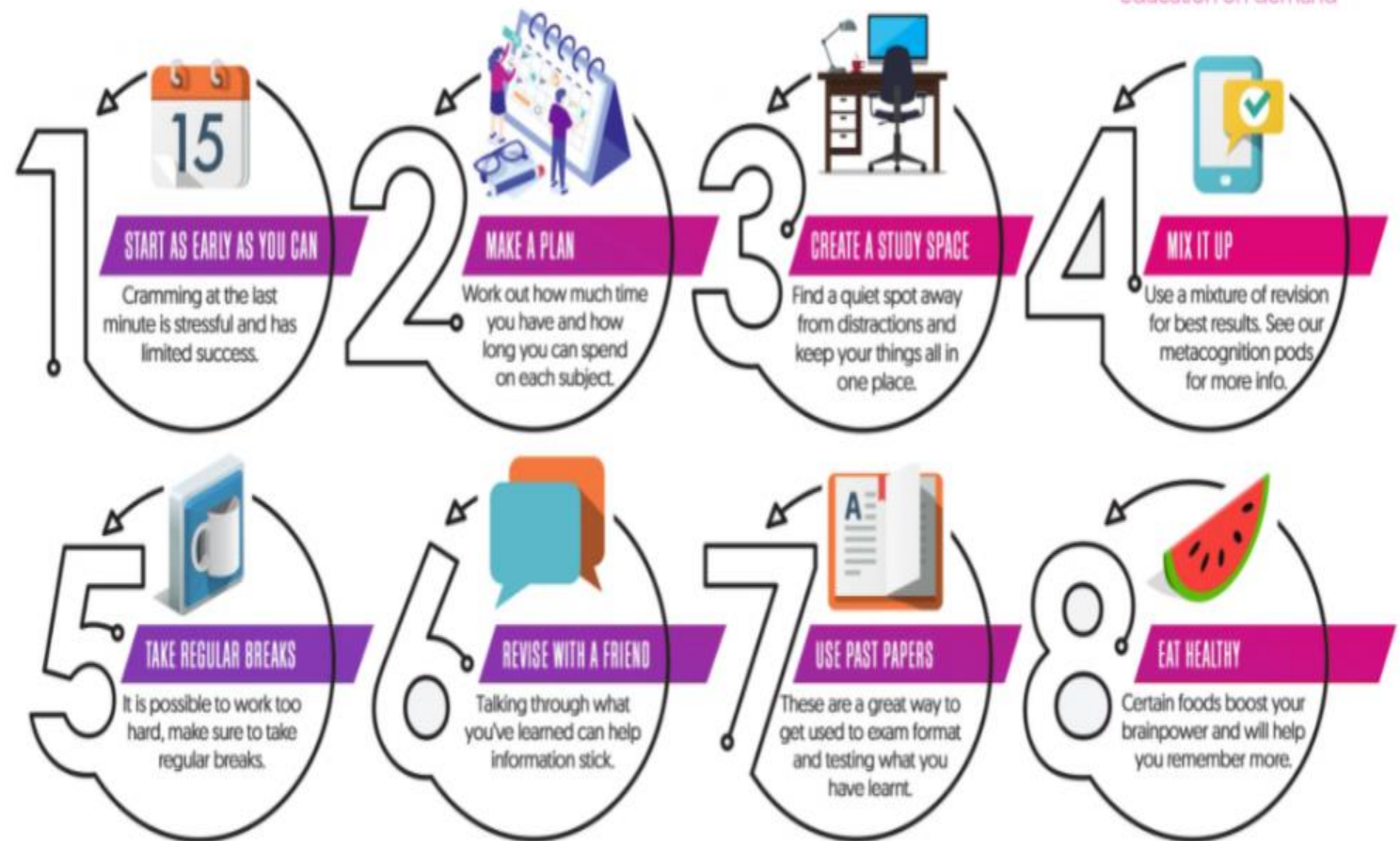
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TOP REVISION TIPS

Don't let the stress of revision overwhelm you. Stay in control with these top tips.



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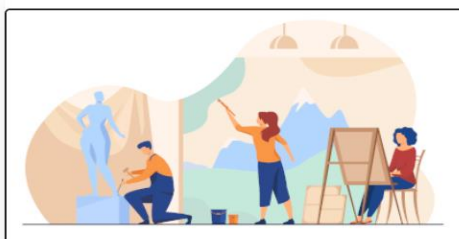
Appleton's revision webpage



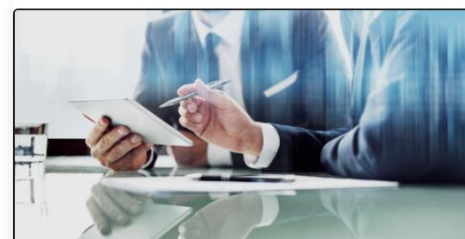
Please head over to our revision web page, where you will find more specific revision resources and techniques.

Subject Resources

Below are subject materials and action plans that detail what will be covered in the run up to the exam and useful resources to aid revision. Please bear in mind that these are live documents and are subject to change.



Art
[BBC Bitesize](#)
[Technology Student](#)
[Pearson Standards Booklet](#)



Business
[Revision Centre](#)
[Personal Learning Checklists - Theme 1](#)
[Personal Learning Checklists - Theme 2](#)

[GCSEPod](#)



Computer Science
[Revision Centre](#)

