Year 11 Exams Overview and Preparation

The following document that is to help Year 11 families and students navigate their **GCSE Mock preparation** both before and during the exam season. This resource is designed to help your child sharpen their **memory and retrieval skills**—both in the classroom and at home.

While the specific exam content isn't known in advance, this document should help to keep revision manageable and effective, we have organised the information by Topic Areas and individual Papers. This ensures students are studying the right material for the right exam at the right time. Good Luck.

Subject	Topic Areas for Revision	In class Preparation	Homework preparation (Links to revision resources)
English Lit & Lang	**English Language Paper 1** **English Literature Paper 2**	In lessons students will be: - Revising exam structures, skills and approaches for English Language Paper 1 - Revising plot, character and themes for An Inspector Calls - Revising key themes and ideas withing Power and Conflict Poetry Revising how to approach the unseen poetry section.	- 2026-27 TCA Year 11 English Revision Breakdown.pptx - GCSE English Language Paper 1 6 Week Revision Plan.pdf - GCSE English Literature Paper 2 6 Week Revision Plan.pdf - Annotated Texts - English Podcasts - English Podcasts - 5. Mr Bruff Booklets - 0. AQA Past Papers GCSE English Language - BBC Bitesize
Maths	**A full exam series of 3 papers.** **Revision lists are on the student sharepoint:** **Foundation Revision list** **Higher Revision list**	All lessons begin with recall. In the final week before the exam students will have 4 revision lessons. 1. A non-calculator lesson focused on applying skills to exam questions. 2. A calculator lesson focused on applying skills to exam questions. 3. Revision recall grid. Walk through exam paper.	All Students have been provided with a revision practice booklet, available on the student share point in the folder linked below: Nov 2026 Mock 1 Resources 6th November: All pupils will be given an exam paper for homework. 13th November: All pupils will be given an exam paper homework.

			Exams take place on the 17th, 18th and 20th of November. The Night before each exam students can collect a "night before" sheet from their lesson or the open area afterschool Pupils are invited for brekfast revision at 8am on Tuesday 17th and Friday 20th. -
Science	• **Biology Paper 1:** • **Chemistry Paper 1:** • **Physics Paper 1:**	In lessons, students will be: • reviewing all topics • completing topic specific exam questions • completing exam question booklets and reflecting on them to identify areas of weakness • following modelling of whole/parts of exam papers.	Additional resources students have been provided to be used at home: A5 booklet containing: • Topic specific QR codes for BBC bitesize • Topic specific QR codes for Physics and Maths Tutor • Topic specific QR codes for Exam questions booklets and markschemes. Students have also been given paper copies of the exam question booklets. They can get new copies if needed. • QR code for carousel which are online flash cards for all key points. Students can use these to revise individual topics or whole subjects. Carousel will tailor revision to match individual students' gaps.Carousel Combined Study Pack • QR codes for Educake. Educake identifies gaps in students' knowledge and students can choose revision and quizzes based on their gaps.

			Paper 1 Topics (links to specification points) Biology • Cell biology • Organisation • Infection and response • Bioenergetics Chemistry • Atomic structure and the periodic table • Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter • Quantitative chemistry • Chemical changes • Energy changes Physics • Energy • Electricity • Particle model of matter • Atomic structure
Triple Science	**Biology Paper 1:** **Chemistry Paper 1:** **Physics Paper 1:**	In lessons, students will be: • reviewing all topics • completing topic specific exam questions • completing exam question booklets and reflecting on them to identify areas of weakness • following modelling of whole/parts of exam papers.	Additional resources students have been provided to be used at home: A5 booklet containing: • Topic specific QR codes for BBC bitesize • Topic specific QR codes for Physics and Maths Tutor • Topic specific QR codes for Exam questions booklets and markschemes. Students have also been given paper

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			Physics • 1. Energy • 2. Electricity • 3. Particle model of matter • 4. Atomic structure
Geography	Paper 1 – Physical Full paper 1.5 hours. Friday 20th Nov pm 1. Natural Hazards 2. Living World 3. Physical Landscapes Paper 2- Human/ Physical Fieldwork Hybrid 1 hour. Wednesday 25th Nov pm 1. Economic World 2. Physical Fieldwork •	Geog your memory recall questions- completed at the start of lessons on past taught content. P6 on a Tuesday is also offered.	Students have been making revision materials either flash cards, mind maps or revision clocks for a unit each week then completing practice exam questions on that topic the week after, which is marked and feedback given. Each week students are provided with revision sheets to run alongside what topic they are revising. Nov mock revision homework schedule.pptx
History	Paper 1 – Medicine (all units). Full paper - 1 hr 20 – sat in week 1 of mocks. Questions can be from any unit. Paper 3 – Germany full paper – 1 hr 30 mins – sat in week 2 of mocks (it is called Paper 2 on	• Exam technique for Paper 2 Germany has been covered extensively over the last half term • Do Now activities have recapped prior knowledge of Germany every lesson • Weekly revision HWs have been set for the last 5 weeks on Medicine knowledge • We are pausing content lessons for the first 2 weeks of November. Week 1 we will revise Germany in lessons (with a focus on	Revision HWs this half term: Students have already spent 5 weeks going over key knowledge for medicine (they covered one unit per week). Over half term, they have been asked to revise the two units of Germany (one per week). This will involve black pen red pen tasks in their homework books Useful resources:

	your mock timetable). This will only assess you on units 1 and 2 of Germany	exam application) and week 2 will be on Medicine (with a focus on exam application)	1. Medicine Units 1-4 revision videos (including key individuals): Medicine Revision Videos 2. Medicine Units 1-5 key knowledge - Medicine Key Knowledge x5 units (these are the sheets students have been using for their weekly revision HWs over the last 5 weeks) 3. Optional- Exam Technique Guide videos on Medicine made by Edexcel - Edexcel GCSE History Student Walkthrough - Paper 1: Overview 4. Optional – CGP Medicine revision guide - Optional CGP Medicine Revision Guide 5. Germany Units 1 and 2 key knowledge - Germany Key Knowledge Sheets x2 (these are the sheets they are using for their black pen red pen HW over the holidays) 6. Optional – CGP Germany revision guide (pages 1-13 only) Optional Germany Revision Guide P113-123 7. Optional – Exam Technique Guide videos on Germany made by Edexcel - (6737) Edexcel GCSE History Student Walkthrough Paper 3 - YouTube
French	1 writing paper 1 reading paper 1 listening paper	• Lesson revision on key vocab and the key areas of focus for the papers. • Practice of key reading and listening skills through in-class activities. • Writing practice – I do, we do, you do in lesson + formative assessment	• Students have been issued with a revision sheet summarising the areas that could be covered in the exam. They can download a copy from here: Y11 Mock French Revision Sheet. • Students have "skill booklets" for each topic – key vocabulary and grammar. Questions at the back of the booklet are linked to writing paper – students have made flashcards for each topic. • Active Hub – extra listening and reading practice: Sign in | Pearson **Key grammar:**

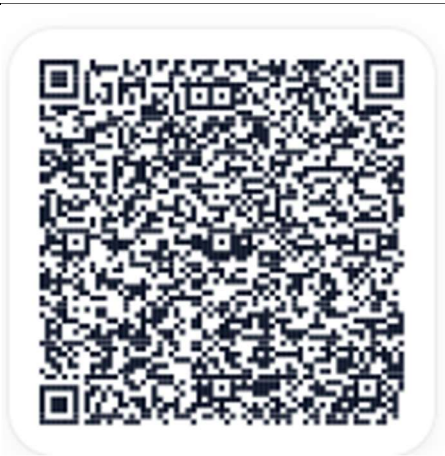
			Present: Present tense verbs - GCSE French - BBC Bitesize Peterite (passé composé) & imperfect: Past tense verbs - GCSE French - BBC Bitesize Future tense: Future and conditional verbs - GCSE French - BBC Bitesize **TOPICS:** M1 Free time & Technology M2 Friends & Family M4 Health M7 My neighbourhood
Spanish	1 writing paper 1 reading paper 1 listening paper	• Lesson revision on key vocab and the key areas of focus for the papers. • Practice of key reading and listening skills through in-class activities. • Writing practice – I do, we do, you do in lesson + formative assessment	• Students have been issued with a revision sheet summarising the areas that could be covered in the exam. They can download a copy from here: Y11 Mock Spanish Revision Sheet • Students have "skill booklets" for each topic – key vocabulary and grammar. Questions at the back of the booklet are linked to writing paper – students have made flashcards for each topic. • Active Hub – extra listening and reading practice: Sign in | Pearson **Key grammar** Present tense: Present tense verbs - GCSE Spanish - BBC Bitesize Past tense: Past tense verbs - GCSE Spanish - BBC Bitesize Future tense: Future and conditional verbs - GCSE Spanish - BBC Bitesize

			TOPICS Module 1 Free time and Technology Module 3 Family and friends Module 4 Health Module 6 My neighbourhood
Business	**One paper 1hr 45m** Section A- Questions for Topic 2.1 & 2.2 Section B & C- Paper 1	In lessons, students will be: • Review topics in "Do Now" activities • Practicing exam questions and formative assessments • DIRTing (reflecting and correcting) completing exam questions with their red pen • Using model answers and structures and applying these to new questions • Directing students to revision resources on share point • Revision clocks for all content areas with guided questioning •	Resources to support: - Tutor2U Knowledge Booklet - Tutor2U Calculations Booklet - Tutor2U Theme 1 Revision Guide - Tutor2U Theme 2 Revision Guide GCSE Business - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize
Computer Science	**Paper 1: Computer Systems** 1.1 Systems Architecture 1.2 Memory and Storage 1.3 Networks 1.4 Network Security 1.5 Systems Software 1.6 Impacts	In lessons students will be practicing: • One a day algorithms • Programming exam techniques and past papers • Do Now tasks for recall • Practicing 6-mark questions to improve skills using PEEL (Point, Explain/Example, Evaluation. Link back)	Resources are all on Teams in the Shared folder 1. Revision check list- Paper 1 2. Revision check list- Paper 2 3. Revision Clocks 4. Revision Mats 5. CSnewbs 6. Craig and Dave smart revise

	Paper 2: Computational Thinking 2.1 Algorithms 2.2 Programming Fundamentals 2.3 Producing Robust Programs	• DIRTing (reflecting and correcting) completing exam questions with their red pen. • Revision Mats and Revision clocks	7. Gizmo - online tutor, quizzes and flash cards. Click the link or use the QR code located in MS Teams
Sociology	**Paper 1: Understanding Social Processes** • Key concepts and processes of cultural transmission • Families • Education • Sociological research methods Mock exam: Thursday 18th November 2025 -PM 1 hour 45 minutes	In lessons, students will be: • Complete Yippee revision program • Completing weekly 'Do Now' questions recapping 5 questions from last year, 5 questions from last lesson • Practicing 15-mark and 12-mark questions to improve skills using: • A) PEEL (Point, Explain/Example, Evaluation. Link back) • B) PET the method (Practical, Ethical, Theoretical) • C) Expanding on explanations (Then, Now, How?) • Practicing exam questions and formative assessments • DIRTing (reflecting and correcting) completing exam questions with their red pen	Resources to support: 1. Revision check list- Paper 1 2. Revision check list- Paper 2 3. Link to lesson resources on student sharepoint 4. Topic overview sheets 5. Past exam papers 6. Bank of exam questions- Paper 1 7. Bank of exam questions- Paper 2 8. Structure sheets 9. YouTube video 10. Course podcasts 11. Revision clock topic lists 12. How to answer each type of question 13. Gizmo - online tutor, quizzes and flash cards. Click the link or use the QR code below

		• Using model answers and structures and applying these to new questions • Directing students to revision resources on share point • Revision clocks for all content areas with guided questioning	
Psychology	**Paper 1: Cognition and behaviour** • Memory • Development • Perception • Research Methods Mock exam: Thursday 18th November 2025 -PM 1 hour 45 minutes	In lessons, students will be: • Complete Wahoo revision program • Completing weekly 'Do Now' questions recapping 5 questions from last year, 5 questions from last lesson • Practicing 9-mark questions to improve skills using: • A) PEC (Point, Explain/Example, Conclusion) • B) GRAVE (Generalisability, Reliability, Application to real life, Validity and Ethics) • C) Theory evaluation (Application to real life, Supporting study, Criticism of supporting study, Alternative theory) • Practicing exam questions and formative assessments • DIRTing (reflecting and correcting) completing exam questions with their red pen	Resources to support: 1. Revision check list 2. Link to lesson resources on student share point 3. Topic overview sheets 4. Past exam papers 5. YouTube videos- Psych boost 6. 'Pass'port - overview of the basic knowledge of the course to secure a pass 7. Revision guide booklets for paper 1 and paper 2 8. Key studies and theories booklets and information sheets 9. Gizmo- online tutor, quizzes and flash cards. Click the link or use the QR code below

		• Using model answers and structures and applying these to new questions • Directing students to revision resources on share point • Revision clocks for all content areas with guided questioning	
Child Development	**Child Development exam** **Thursday 26th November AM** **1hr 30 mins** **Child development Paper** Content areas to be assessed 1: Child development 2: Factors that influence the child's development 3: Care routines, play and activities to support the child 4: Early years provision Content area 6: Expectations of the early years practitioner 7: Roles and responsibilities within early years setting 8: Observation 9: Planning Cycle	• Using revision guide to consolidate learning • Complete hooray program • In class revision using extended formative assessments • Practicing 9-mark questions to improve skills using A) PEED (Point, Evidence, Explain, Development) B) BETH (Because, Example, Therefore, However) C) PILES development • Directing students to revision resources on share point • Revision clocks for all content areas with guided questioning • Key revision areas based on exam question tracking – predictive paper	Resources for support: 1. Knowledge organiser 2. Podcasts for Units 1-9 3. Core questions and vocabulary 4. Exam preparation 5. Exam revision booklet 6. Flashcards 7. Revision Checklist 8. You tube links 9. Exam papers – note if you look at the old specification questions then ignore questions on learning styles and preparing for work experience 10. Revision AI videos on key content 11. Revision clocks Units 1-9 12. Gizmo – online tutor , quizzes and flash cards. Click the link or use the QR code below

		• P6 intervention	
D&T	Materials and properties Manufacturing processes Scales of production Production aids and quality Sustainability and environmental impact Design and developing products Ergonomics, anthropometrics and inclusive design	Weekly home learning worksheet with exam focus In class assessments on key topics. Practicing long response questioning In class DIRT opportunities for reflection on exam questions. •	AQA GCSE D&T Knowledge Organiser.pdf (students have printed copy) AQA D&T GCSE Booster Full content.pptx Assessment booklets - full curriculum Assessment booklets (Exam board questions) Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 Seneca (choose AQA D&T) Revision clocks - revision clocks for all units.pdf (students have printed copy) Revision Video GCSE POD Revision videos

	Aesthetics, culture and innovation Mechanisms and systems Technical drawing D&T maths and calculations		
Textiles	Materials & Properties Knowledge & Manufacturing Fabric Finishes, Treatments & Dyeing Textile Techniques & Processes Components, Fastenings & Fittings Ergonomics, Anthropometrics & Inclusive Design Aesthetics, Fashion & Textile Trends Commercial Manufacture Textile Care, Maintenance & Life Cycle Practical & Maths Skills	Weekly home learning worksheet with exam focus In class assessments on key topics. Practicing long response questioning In class DIRT opportunities for reflection on exam questions.	GCSE Design and Technology - Edexcel - BBC Bitesize Seneca- Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 Collins - GCSE DT - https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3dlLzA2y58gCJJsHPJl0knOR3XUDWVgH&si=BIpuIK0cJyRlF7B7 GCSE DT Textiles - https://youtu.be/EkD9i6U3Sng?si=ze_aknRLgb7s1EQQ Link to Student SharePoint - Revision
Catering	The hospitality and catering industry	Weekly home learning worksheet with exam focus In class assessments on key topics.	Knowledge organiser unit 1.docx Unit 2 Knowledge Organiser.pptx

	Equipment and functions Ingredients, nutrition and dietary needs Food safety and hygiene Cooking methods and food preparation Menu planning and recipe development Customer service and communication Factors affecting business success Sustainability and the environment Health and safety in the workplace Planning, time management and costing	Practicing long response questioning In class DIRT opportunities for reflection on exam questions. Revision clock document with (Mrs Williams/Miss Dyer-Ince)	Workbook for knowledge organiser.docx Hospitality and Catering 26-27 (Lesson Resources and content)
Food	Food, Nutrition and Healthy Eating Food Choice Food Preparation and Cooking Techniques	Weekly home learning worksheet with exam focus In class assessments on key topics. Practicing long response questioning	Free Homework & Revision for A Level, GCSE, KS3 & KS2 Seneca (choose OCR FPN) Past Papers OCR GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition Past Papers - Revision World

	Food Safety and Hygiene Food Science Recipes, Planning and Time Management Nutritional Analysis and Calculations Special Diets Sensorial Properties and Food Presentation Food Provenance, Sustainability and Ethics Food, Culture and Cuisines	In class DIRT opportunities for reflection on exam questions.	GCSE Home Economics: Food and Nutrition (CCEA) - BBC Bitesize BBC Teach - Food Preparation & Nutrition - https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcvEcrsF_9zInjxnoPbjRXHScwzEKTuGr&si=rUrLifyDYK1ARlp9 collins food preparation and nutrition - YouTube Quizlet: Study Tools & Learning Resources for Students and Teachers | Quizlet Gizmo - Get addicted to learning https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXVl8Mt9AJ_qll4FVE41vterGuB87YZT1&si=AuBmKoFZqHmWfSu2 Link to Student SharePoint - Revision
Engineering	Materials & Their Properties Manufacturing Processes Tools, Machines & Equipment Joining Techniques	Weekly home learning worksheet with exam focus In class assessments on key topics. Practicing long response questioning In class DIRT opportunities for reflection on exam questions.	Knowledge Organisers Specific Topic Revision KS4 Homework Booklet (2) (4).pdf WJEC Engineering Student WorkBook.pdf

	Components, Standard Parts & Systems Engineering Design & Drawing Forces, Stresses & Movement Measurement & Calculations Quality, Testing & Evaluation Health, Safety & Risk Assessment Sustainability, Environment & Modern Engineering		
Art	Project 2: Portraiture	Checklist supplied. In lesson- investigative journey and skill refinement: - Artist studies- inspirational sources - Recording ideas (Photos/ drawings) - Media exploration - Planning personal responses	Revise your skillset: Homework to further consolidate skills. Students are working to individual checklists and using teacher feedback to fully complete preparational work objectives. This preparational work counts for 60% of the mock exam award.
Photography	Project 2: Surreal Portraiture	Checklist supplied.	Revise your skillset:

		In lesson- investigative journey and skill refinement: - Photographer studies- inspirational sources - Recording ideas (Photo shoots/ contact sheets) - Image manipulation & Editing processes - Planning personal responses	Homework to further consolidate skills. Image gathering Editing via Pixlr E- free online image editing tool Students are working to individual checklists and using teacher feedback to fully complete preparational work objectives. This preparational work counts for 60% of the mock exam award.
Media Studies	**Paper One: 1hr30** - Set Texts - Theories - Exam Papers	In lessons students will be: - Reviewing set texts - Taking a look at exam questions and responding to them - There will be live modelling - Revisiting of theories - Revision tasks will be set as homework now students have finished their coursework	Resources for revision: - Mrs Fisher - YouTube - The Media Insider - YouTube - Resource (Fact Sheets) - https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/media-studies-gcse/#tab_pastpapers (Past Papers) https://senecalearning.com/en-gb/revision-notes/gcse/media-studies/eduqas (Seneca)
Music	Listening & Appraising paper	• Weekly listening and past paper questions • Weekly dictation • Weekly check on MADTSHIRT key terms and understanding • Key area focus (film, pop, ensemble and western classical) All the little things programme – focus on fundamentals with links to exam questions and what to expect.	• Revision of set works (Africa & Badinerie) using youtube rap revision from Mr C https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s4ieMiDCvjI&list=RDs4ieMiDCvjI&start_radio=1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eibTvGpBCus&list=RDeibTvGpBCus&start_radio=1 • Duolingo music for support with pitch and basic notation • https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbmct39 Constant revisiting MADTSHIRT. You can test yourself on any pieces of music/songs using these as headings.

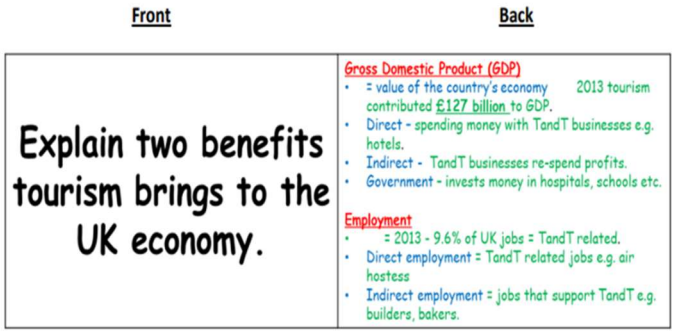
Music Tech		• Focused revision on content areas and answering extended questions	Revision of all content Areas, focusing on progress checks • Music - Student Area - Year 11 - Music Tech - All Documents
GCSE PE	Paper 1: 1 hour Physical Factors Affecting Performance Paper 2: 1 hour Socio-cultural issues and Sports Psychology	In lessons students will be: • Reviewing all topics for both papers • Using Past Paper Questions for revision and practise of exam technique • Participating in memory and retrieval tasks both written and verbal and as homework • Creating suitable revision materials individually • Completing DIRT tasks	Resources will continue to be added to the PE student share point: GCSE PE Revision KMA LGR Past Papers and Markschemes GCSE Physical Education - Cambridge OCR - BBC Bitesize
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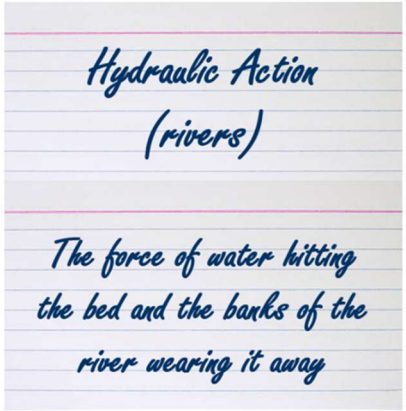
Techniques to help you revise

1. Flashcards

MAKE

- Create flashcards by writing a key term or question on the front of a flashcards
- Write the answer on the back
- Use colours to represent different things (e.g. red is for ideas you might forget, green for explanation, blue for statistics).
- Don't use full sentences.
- Underline keywords and spellings.
- Use images if they help you to remember.
- You might use different coloured cards – but have a reason for using different coloured cards





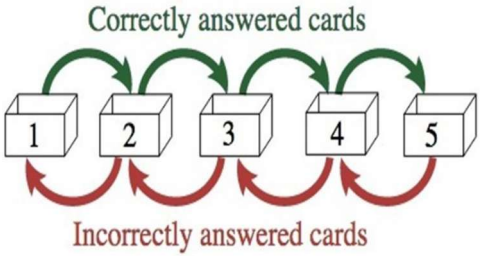
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MEMORISE

LIETNER BOXES:

flashcards into box 5 over time after answering them correctly

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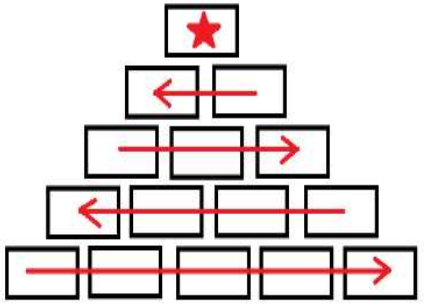


-Move all the

TURNOVER GAME:

- Place all the cards with the question facing up in the pattern on the right →
- Take it in turns to work out what is on the other side.
- Turn over to see if you are right.
- If Yes remove the card, if No start again and the card stays in play until you reach the top

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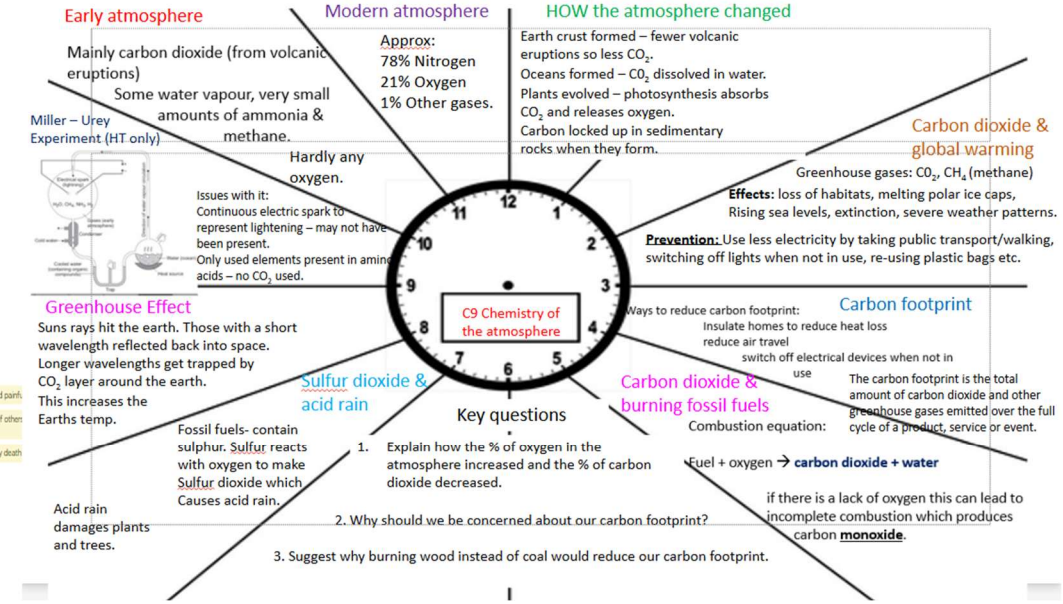


2. <u>Mind maps/Revision Clocks</u>

<u>MAKE</u>

- Use plain paper landscape style.
- Start with a central image/title preferably using different colours.
- Thick branches radiate from the centre with the big ideas and then become thinner with the supporting details. Use different colours for each branch.
- Write single words along the branches. Try to make the words fill up the branch length.
- Draw simple pictures or symbols to help create associations.
- Make any links you can see between the bigger branches.
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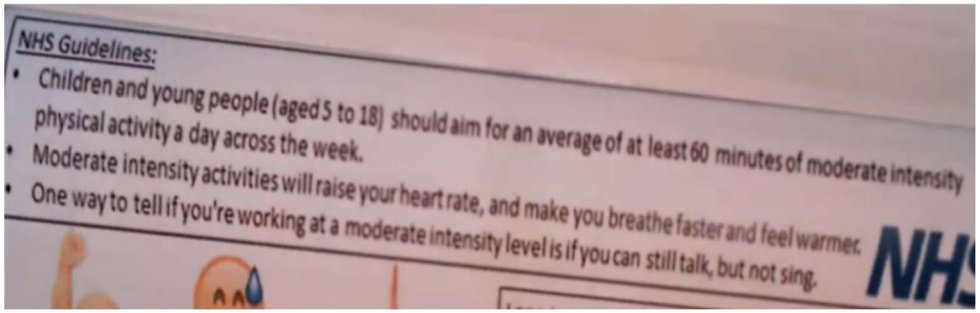


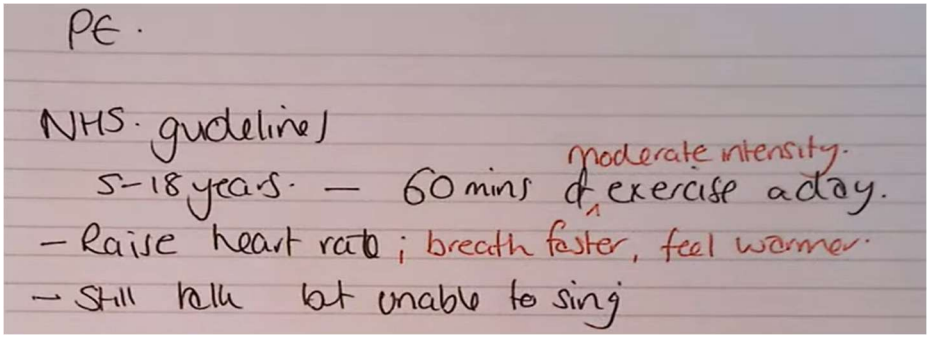
<u>MEMORISE</u>

Red pen, black pen

- Study a section of your knowledge information and try to remember it. Give yourself 30 seconds to do this
- Cover the knowledge information and write what you can remember in black pen.
- Check your knowledge organizer/mind map/revision clock and add anything that you had forgotten in red pen.
- Repeat the whole process, but use your red pen, black pen page this time → Focus your attention on the parts you had written in red pen to try and ensure that you remember those this time.
- Repeat until all of the information is memorised correctly.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJCb-wFvi1Q&list=PLygQp1w0d-L8vZ_0WmycHwE7q6TF6o8nc&index=4





3. Quizzes

MAKE

- Use your information and turn it into a list of questions that you need to know the answers to
- Once you have written the questions, cover the information and answer the questions

MEMORISE

- Check your answers and correct any that you got wrong
- Repeat the process OR → MAKE
- Try folding your page in half and cutting slits to the halfway line
- Write the question on the left side of the paper, fold the right side over and write the answer
- MEMORISE
  Use to quiz yourself or ask someone at home to help

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utxs3-sDBIQ

