

SCHOOL —

Year 11 GCSE Information Evening

How you can best support your child in preparation for their GCSE exams



Maths - GCSE - EdExcel

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Course Structure

Four main strands Number, Algebra, Geometry & Statistics

Exam Structure

Paper 1 (Non Calculator)- 1hour 30 minutes - 80 marks

Paper 2 (Calculator) - 1 hour 30 minutes - 80 marks

Paper 1 (Calculator) - 1 hour 30 minutes - 80 marks

Higher or Foundation?

At Higher level you can achieve grades 3-9 At Foundation you can achieve grades 1-5

Why Maths?

Maths is needed for most career pathways post Key Stage 4.

If students do not pass this year they will be required to attend 4hrs of classroom based Maths per week even if they go to college.





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Scientific Calculators



Casio Classwiz

Be careful when choosing a calculator as many say they are Scientific but end up being more of a hindrance than a help! We recommend getting a Casio Classwiz which will be useful right up to A-Level.

These usually retail for around £10. You can get them from Amazon and all large shops. I recommend shopping around first as often you can find a good deal.

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Grade 4

Videos	Exam Questions	Exam Questions Booklet	Solutions
Compound Interest and Depreciation	Exam Questions	Compound Interest and Depreciation	Solutions
Indices	Exam Questions	Indices	Solutions
Prime Factors, HCF and LCM	Exam Questions	HCF, LCM	<u>Solutions</u>
Real Life and Distance Time Graphs		Real Life Graphs	<u>Solutions</u>
Inequalities	Exam Questions	Inequalities	<u>Solutions</u>
Forming and Solving Equations	Exam Questions	Forming and Solving Equations	<u>Solutions</u>
Sequences (Nth Term)	Exam Questions	<u>Sequences (nth term)</u>	<u>Solutions</u>
Expanding and Factorising	Exam Questions	Expand and Factorise	<u>Solutions</u>

Revision

Use <u>www.mathsgenie.co.uk</u>

Here you will find the topics needed broken down by grade.

Alongside these there are videos to help support revision, exam questions and worked solutions.

English:



- Pupils sit and are accredited with two subjects across Year 10/11 → English Language and English Literature
- The following slides offer a brief summary per subject
- Essentially, students will sit a total of 4 exams (2 for Language and 2 for Literature), focusing upon their reading and writing skills, and applying this over a range of literary and non-literary fiction and non-fiction texts.

What's assessed

Section A: Reading

· one literature fiction text

Section B: Writing

descriptive or narrative writing

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Questions

Reading (40 marks) (25%)- one single text

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)



English Language



Paper 1 1 hour 45 minutes Worth 50% of the Language grade

Reading section – based on one fiction source – 40 marks Writing section – 40 marks English Language

Paper 2 1 hour 45 minutes Worth 50% of the Language grade

Reading section – based on two non-fiction sources – 40 marks Writing section – 40 marks

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

What's assessed

Section A: Reading

one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

Section B: Writing

· writing to present a viewpoint

Assessed

- · written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50% of GCSE

Questions

Reading (40 marks) (25%) - two linked texts

- · 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

There is also a separate qualification for Spoken Language.

Students achieve either a Pass, Merit or Distinction which will appear on their exam results in August, 2023.





Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

What's assessed

- Shakespeare plays
- The 19th-century novel

How it's assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 marks
- 40% of GCSE





Questions

Section A Shakespeare: students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

Section B The 19th-century novel: students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

English Literature



Paper One 1 hour 45 minutes 40% of GCSE

Shakespeare play (*Macbeth*) 19th Century Text (A *Christmas Carol*) **English Literature**

Paper Two 2 hours 15 minutes 60% of GCSE

Modern Text ('Blood Brothers' or 'An Inspector Calls) Poetry Anthology & Unseen Poetry

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

What's assessed

- · Modern prose or drama texts
- The poetry anthology
- Unseen poetry

How it's assessed

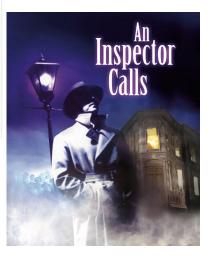
- · written exam: 2 hour 15 minu
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

Questions

Section A Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.

Section B Poetry: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.

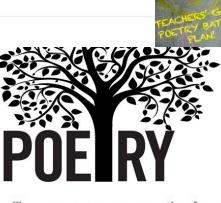
Section C Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.





NEW AQA GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

POWER & CONFLICT POETRY CLUS





What our students must do to succeed: Revise from now for BOTH Language and Literature

- Attend targeted intervention
- Study and act on the feedback given on in-class assessments and Mock exams
- Re-read exam texts for Literature (loaned from the department, to be returned on the day of the Lit exams)
- Memorise short, important quotes from the texts that they will be able to use an analyse in their answers
- Use feedback from the Examiners' reports to inform how they answer questions
- Purchase reduce priced revision guides
- Ask their teacher if there is something which they are finding difficult or an element of their mocks or assessments they don't understand
- Complete extra questions and give them to your teacher to mark

English Topics List

English Language x 2 paper Both 1 hour, 45 mins each

- Each paper encompasses: Section A Reading and Section B

 Writing
- <u>Reading</u> 4 Qs about 1 x fiction source text for Paper 1 and 4 Qs about/ comparing 2 x non-fiction sources for Paper 2. The three sources are taken from either the C19th, C20th or C21st. 40 marks per paper for reading
- <u>Writing</u> Q5 Writing a creative (fiction text) for Paper 1 and writing a non-fiction text, with a specific audience and purpose (transactional writing) for Paper 2. 40 marks per paper for writing
- **<u>Tips:</u>** Practise, practise, practise.
- Use the past papers given to you.
- Visit GCSE Bitesize (exam board AQA)
- Visit AQA and look at/practise past papers even if it is just practising reading time or planning responses.
- Check out Mr Bruff on "Youtube" he's got a video for everything!

English Literature x 2 Papers

→ Paper 1 - 1 hour, 45 mins; 64 marks



- 1 x 'Macbeth' extract based Question (30 marks, plus 4 x SPAG marks)
- 1 x 'A Christmas Carol' extract based Question.

\rightarrow Paper 2 – 2 hours, 15 mins; 96 marks

- Modern Text ('Blood Brothers' OR 'An Inspector Calls) theme/topic/character-based Q. Choice of 2. Answer 1.
- Power and Conflict Poetry (anthology) comparison of one poem (provided) and a second poem of choice.
- Unseen Poetry two questions focused on 2 unseen poems
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- Create character / theme / context mind-maps / flash cards
- And most importantly, re-read the texts and know them well. Watch productions if you can!

Finally, we are here to support!



You can email us if you need anything!

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Edexcel Combined Science

Biology Paper 1 Key concepts in biology Cells and control Genetics Natural selection and genetic modification Health, disease and the development of medicines	Biology Paper 2 Key concepts in biology Plant structures and their functions Animal coordination, control and homeostasis Exchange and transport in animals Ecosystems and material cycles	 Students will sit 6 example papers (1hr 10 minutes each) Exams questions will assess these objectives: AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and
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Physics Paper 1 Motion and forces Conservation of energy Waves Light and the electromagnetic spectrum Radioactivity	Physics Paper 2 Energy - Forces doing work Forces and their effects Electricity and circuits Magnetism and the motor effect Electromagnetic induction Particle model Forces and matter	

• Students will sit 6 exam

Edexcel Separate Sciences (Triple)

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Biology Paper 2

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 - AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding
 - **AO3:** Analyse information and ideas

Revision strategies

- Educake quizzes
- Edexcel core practical videos
- Making the most of your science revision guide
- PMT Physics and Maths Tutor (covers all three sciences)

1.	Choose a diagram from a particular page of the revision guide – now can you try and describe it with words?
2.	Use the keywords on the revision cards made by the science department – now try and find the relevant page for these words in the revision guide
3.	Sketch a "picture" to summarise a chapter, section, double paged spread. Then swap your picture with a partner – now try and put their pictures into your own words.
4.	Use post-it's to hide the labels for a diagram. Write on the post-it's what you think the label should read.
5.	Find a page on the revision guide – write down 5 answers and the page reference of the revision guide for these answers. Now swap with a partner - they have to write the questions for those answers.
6.	Find a particular section of the revision guide - write an exam question and a mark scheme for this section (make it even harder by choosing an area you find really challenging!)
7.	Choose 5 key words from a page of the revision guide. Can you write an expanded sentence of 20 words or more that includes all of these words?
8.	Look in the index under "a" and choose a keyword. Now write a sentence including the keyword. Now choose a second key word beginning with a different letter in the index and repeat. See how far you can get.
9.	Pick a diagram and try to describe it to a partner. They need to draw it from just your description, then compare it to the actual diagram.
10.	On revision cards make some very brief notes to summarise a topic. Now explain to a partner what is written on these cards.



Categorise the following list into:

Highly effective Ineffective

- Reviewing notes from lessons
- Creating mindmaps from memory

Highly effective

Ineffective

- Mixing up different subjects in one revision session
- Highlighting revision guides/notes
- Testing yourself with friends
- Creating revision cards/mindmaps to read
- Listening to music whist you revise to avoid distractions
- Leaving time to forget before revising again
- Watching revision videos
- Practice exam questions
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How to revise effectively – 3 principles

Triple S – (Start-early, Space-out-and-repeat

Switch-subjects)

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Ebbinghaus' forgetting curve and review cycle.



Practice retrieving memories

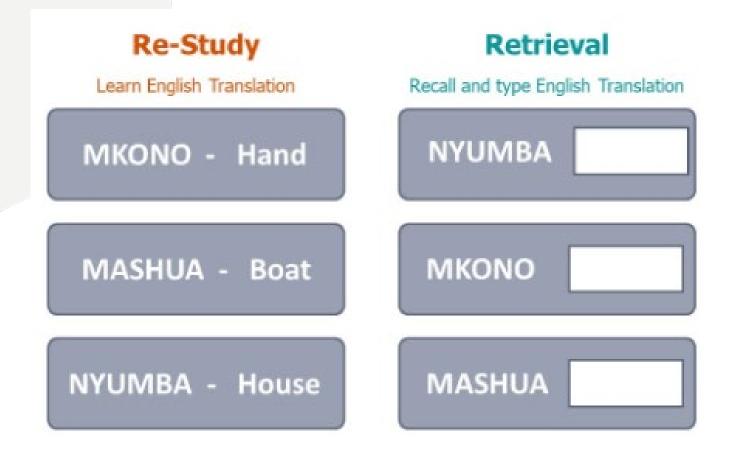
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Adults... can you remember your home telephone number from childhood?

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Principle 2: Practice retrieving memories

Revision should be effortful

(in the same way as going to the gym must be effortful otherwise you have wasted your time)

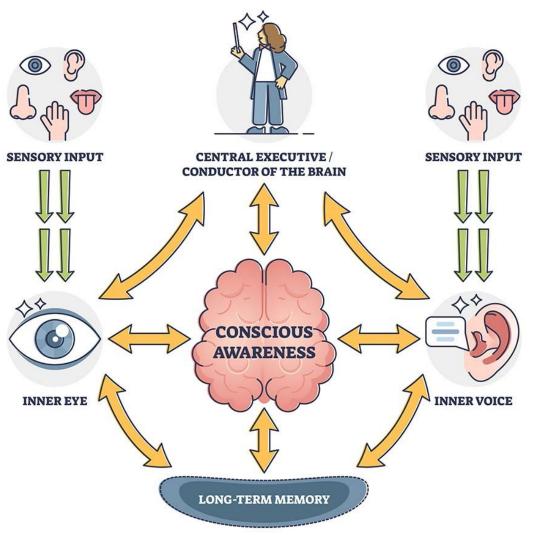
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Be prepared to get things wrong!

A mistake is the first step to understanding

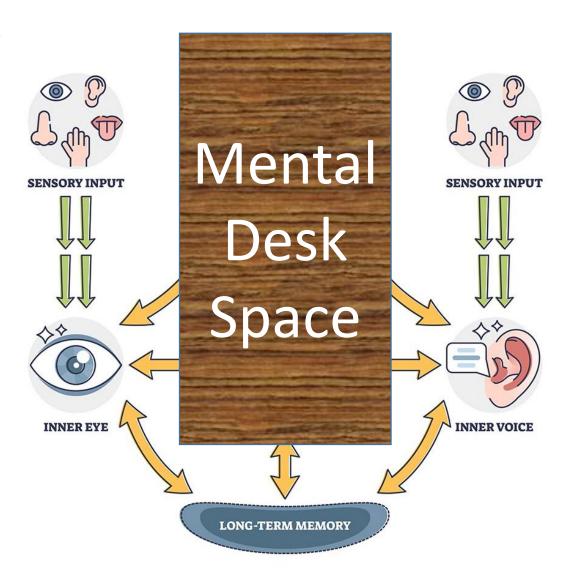
Manage your brain

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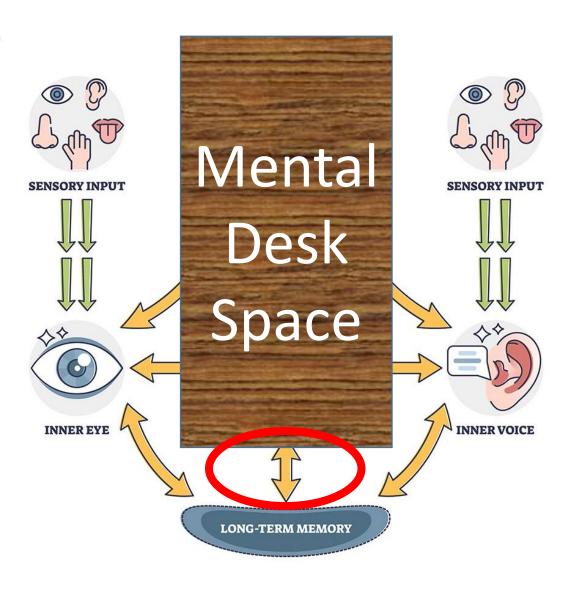
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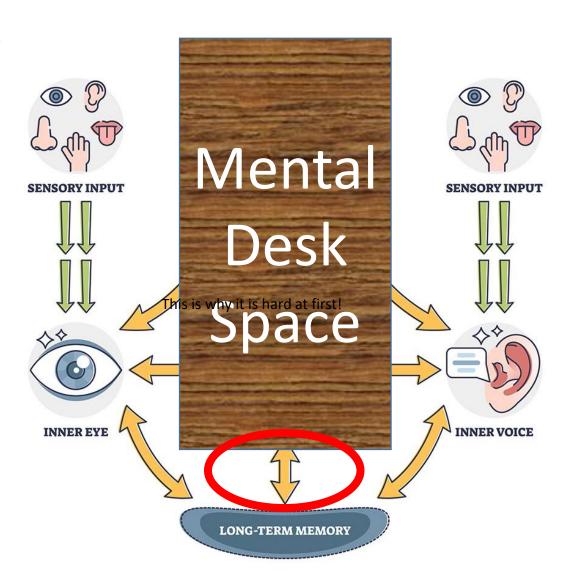
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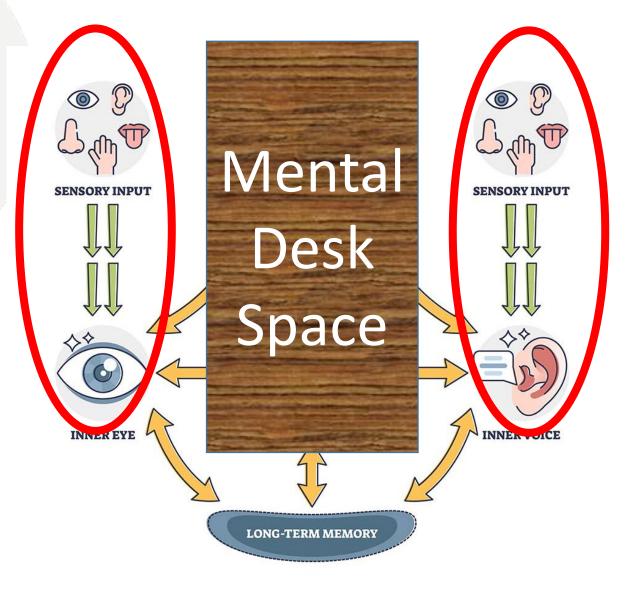
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...and why you find things hard at the start or if you miss lessons

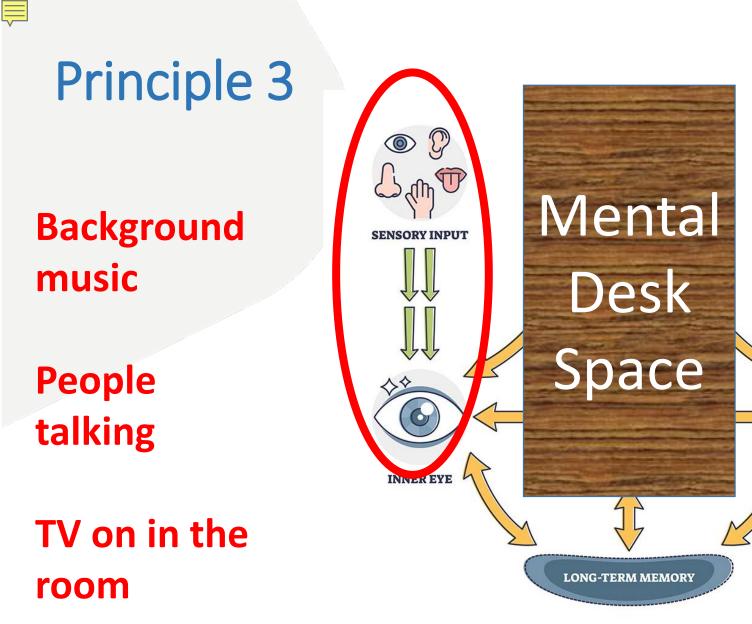
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Using visual notes and written/audio increases your desk space

Words and images together helps

(Dual Coding)



Visual and auditory things that are unrelated to the learning can take up capacity to think

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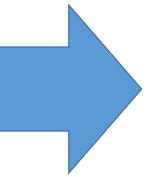
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- Reviewing notes from lessons
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Ineffective

 Watching revision videos



- Closed book recreation of notes of by heart
- Take the highlighted parts and turn into flashcards with images from memory
- Listen to instrumental music on low
- Pause videos every minute and recall the key points on paper, check that you are correct



Students:

Parents:

School:

- Create a revision timetable that schedules topics to revise and repeat x5
- Start now for any students who haven't!!!
- Make your revision active – practice retrieving memories
- Manage distractions and how you are taking in the material

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School:

- Support in lessons with revision structure
- Use retrieval practice quizzes and questions
- Exam question access
- Study Skills
 Programme

How to make A Good Flash Card 😟

- <u>Two-sided</u> flashcards are good; one side for the title and the other for the content.
 - Try to include between five and ten points on each card.

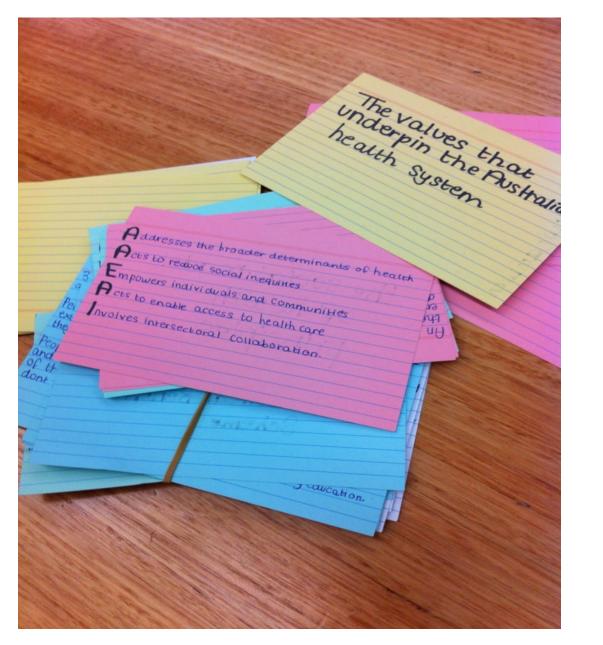


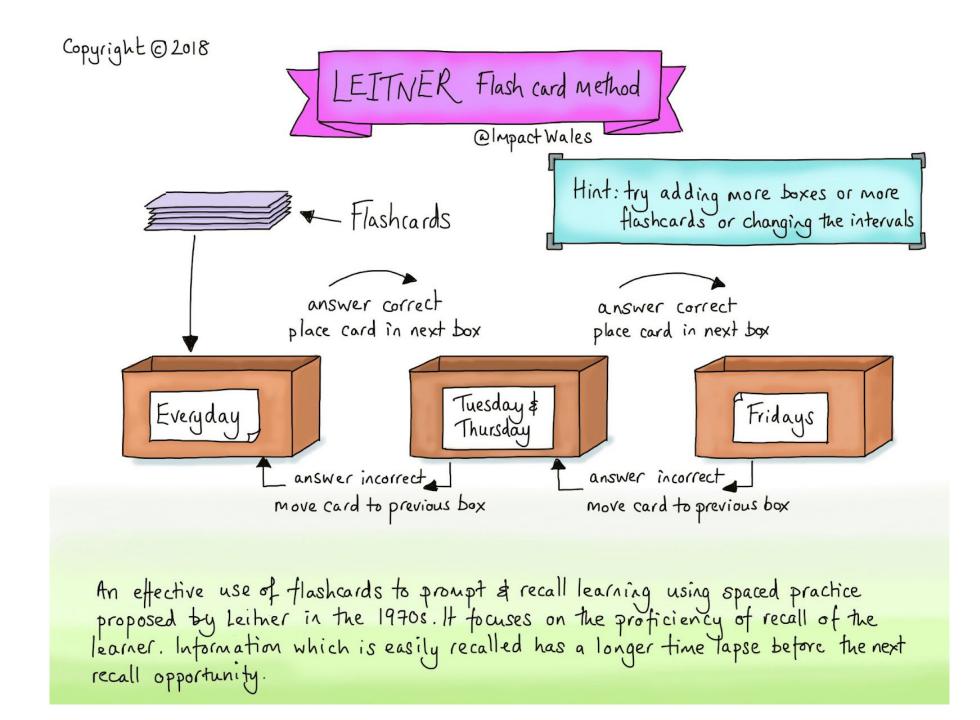
ourful! You could highlight or <u>underline</u> key words, odles, photos and even colour code cards for each subject.

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by using your exercise book, textbook and revision guide.

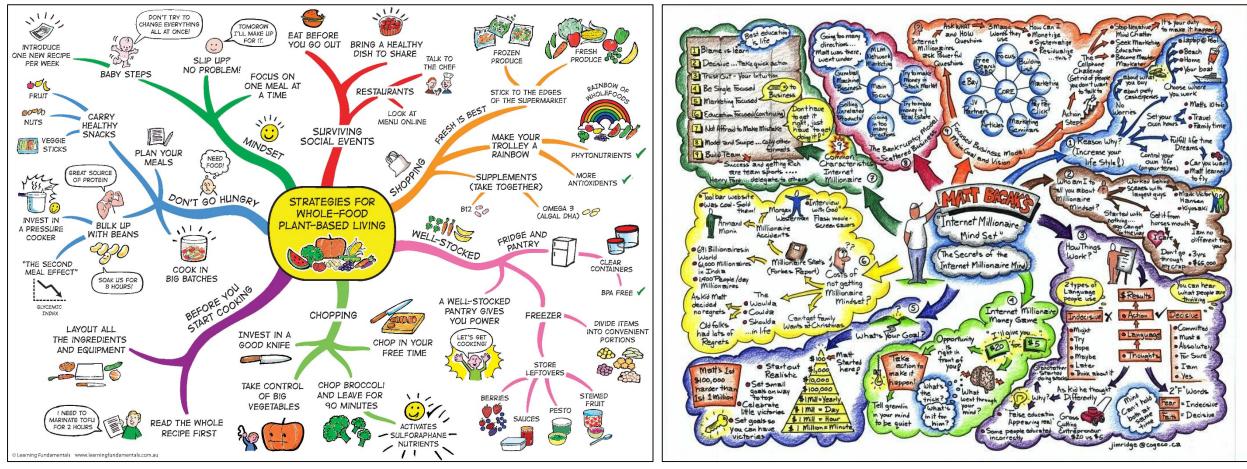


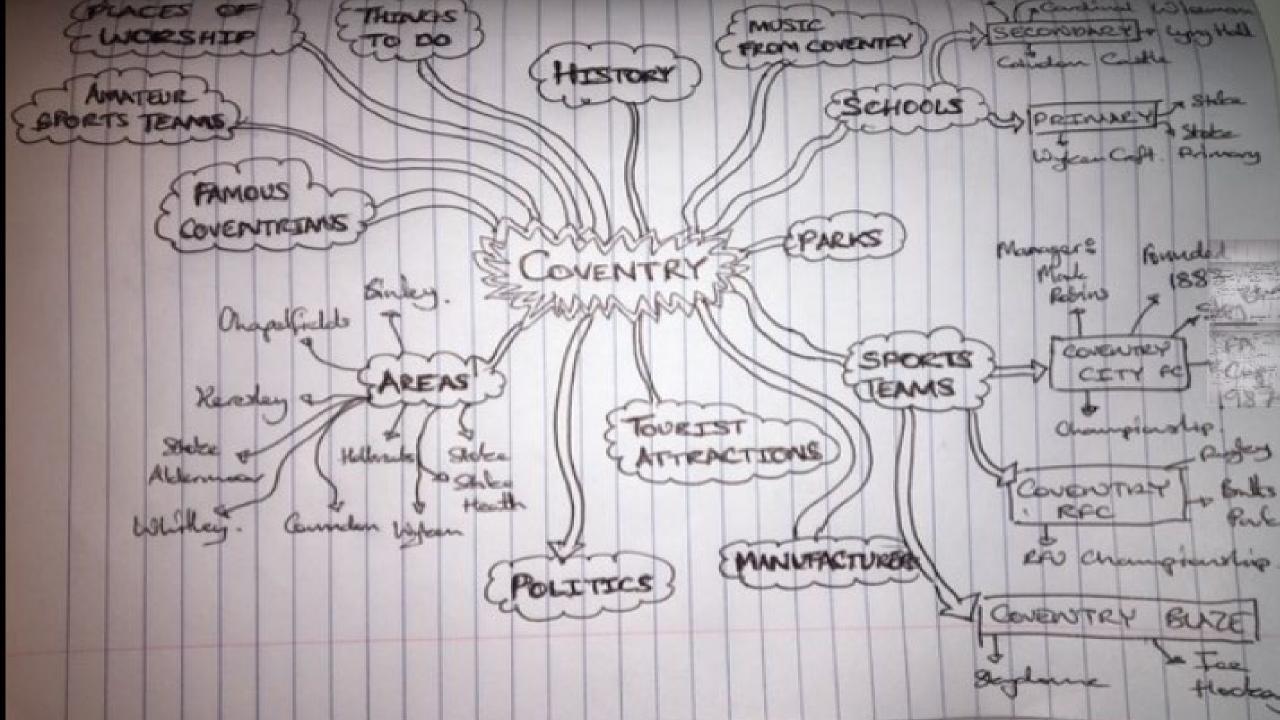




Mindmaps







Past Papers & Mark Schemes



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2 Work out 3 ²	(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)
3 Work out 20 ÷ (3 + 2)	(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)
4 Write down a factor of 60 that is between 8 and 14	(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

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Revision timetable - Easter holiday

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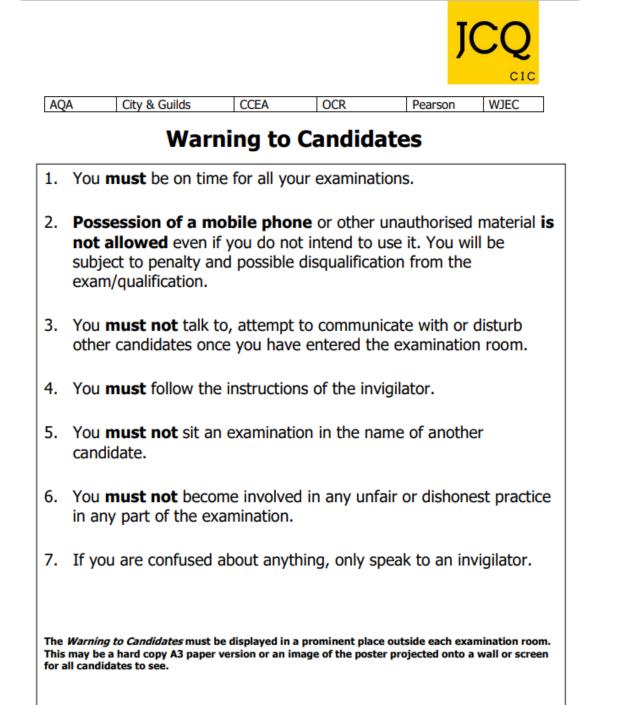


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Written examinations

With effect from 1 September 2023





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NO POTENTIAL TECHNOLOGICAL/WEB ENABLED SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Possession of unauthorised items, such as a mobile phone or any watch, is a serious offence and could result in

DISQUALIFICATION

from your examination and your overall qualification.



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If you have any questions please write them in the chat. Thank you for your time and have a good evening!