

## USEFUL WEBSITES

[www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize)

<https://www.examtime.com/gcse/revision-tips/>

<https://www.o2learn.co.uk/index.php>

<http://www.gcse-science.com/index.html>

[http://www.spanishrevision.co.uk/gcse/gcse\\_index.htm](http://www.spanishrevision.co.uk/gcse/gcse_index.htm)

<http://www.mathsrevision.net/gcse-maths-revision>

<http://studymaths.co.uk/>

<http://www.wildfrench.co.uk/GCSERevision.htm>

<http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/>

# Hetton School



## HOW TO REVISE



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## THE DOS!

- Create a revision timetable. Be specific: don't just write in 'maths' – write in 'maths, algebra', for example.
- Make sure you devote extra time to those areas you find more difficult and, possibly, less interesting.
- Plan your revision in half hour chunks with built-in breaks of at least 5 minutes.
- Ask someone in your family to test you or be the teacher! Once you have revised a topic, try teaching it to someone else.
- Revise in a quiet environment. Close the door. Ask your friends not to call, text or e-mail you, tell your brothers and sisters to stay out and PUT DOWN YOUR PHONE!!!
- Examination time is not a good time to go on a diet! Eat breakfast, lunch and an evening meal. Your brain needs energy and burns calories. So feed it!
- Upload your recording to your MP3 or MP4 and listen to it on the way to and from school etc.

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- Learn and use the key words for each of your subjects. It is important to spell these words correctly, so take time to learn them if you need to.

- Use post-it notes, strategically placed around your home, to remind you of tricky facts. This is a good place!



- Go to revision classes offered by your teachers.
- Don't forget the internet! If you have a computer at home, there are many excellent revision websites.

## THE DON'TS!

- Don't imagine you can learn everything you need to know the night before the exam.
- Don't think it will be enough simply to read through your notes.

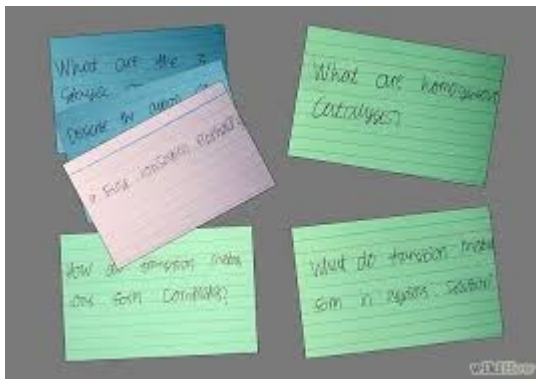
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## CARDS/POST-ITS

Small cards can be used in a variety of ways.

- write yourself questions on one side and then the answer on the back to test yourself.
- write small pieces of information on them, read it, cover them up then test yourself.

Post-its can be used to write important information on. Place them on the wall, door, large sheets of paper etc. You can then rearrange them according to topics or what you know and what you don't.



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## COMMAND WORDS

Learn what the common exam command words are asking you to do.

<p><b><u>ANALYSE</u></b> Explain the main ideas or techniques used, give examples and show why they are important.</p>	<p><b><u>SUMMARISE</u></b> Give the main points of an idea or argument in your own words. Leave out unnecessary details.</p>	<p><b><u>DESCRIBE/ EXAMINE</u></b> Give a detailed account in your own words, giving examples.</p>
<p><b><u>DISCUSS</u></b> Explore the subject by looking at the advantages and disadvantages. Attempt to come to some sort of judgement.</p>	<p><b><u>JUSTIFY</u></b> Give good reasons for offering an opinion or reaching a conclusion.</p>	<p><b><u>EXPLAIN</u></b> Describe giving reasons and causes.</p>
<p><b><u>EVALUATE</u></b> Give an opinion by exploring the good and bad points.</p>	<p><b><u>COMPARE</u></b> Show the similarities and differences.</p>	<p><b><u>DEFINE</u></b> Give the meaning of.</p>

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# CHUNKING

Chunking is breaking up a big piece of information into smaller chunks; Often students use bullet points to break up information.

For example:

The average person can take in four numbers or words at a time, can concentrate on revision for a maximum of 45 minutes at a time and remembers information best shortly before bedtime.

This chunked would be:

- Remember 4 words at a time.
- Revision max 45 mins.
- Remember best before bedtime.

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# MNEMONICS

Mnemonics help you remember facts by using a word, sentence or rhyme to stand for the information you are revising.

## **E.g. the planets**

My Very Excited Mother Just Served Us Nine Pies  
Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus,  
Neptune, Pluto.

## **The spelling of because**

Big Elephants Can Always Understand Small Elephants

## **Persuasive techniques**

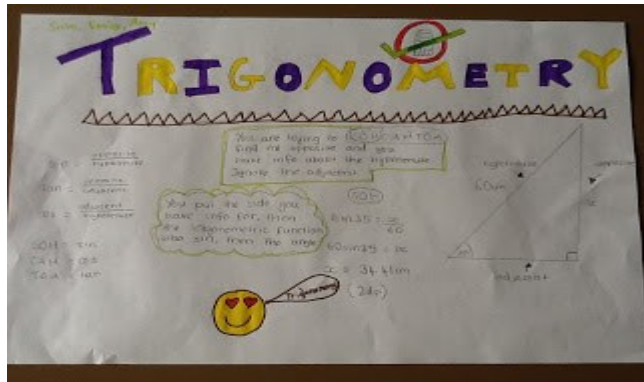
Some Questions Are Solid Really Crazy Really Crazy Eh

= Statistics, Quote a reliable source, Anecdotes, Statistics, Rhetorical Questions, Consider the opposite opinion, Repetition, Cluster of three, Emotive Language, Hyperbole.

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## POSTERS

Creating posters can help you organise revision and make it clearer with the use of images



## USE COLOUR

Your brain just adores **colour** and will **remember** things much more easily **if you use it**.

E.g. put all the important words in **red**, the important facts in **green**, important dates in **purple** etc.

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## MIND MAPS

A mind map can also be called a spider diagram and brainstorming. The basic idea is to place the main idea/topic in the middle of the page and then add relevant information or images.



## BY ROTE

Learning by rote is simply reading the text over and over until you remember it. Make it less boring by reading out loud.

Read your revision notes out to a particular rhythm – this could be set by music playing in the background or tapping your foot or by walking calmly and steadily.

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# REVISION TIMETABLE

	8AM-8:30AM	3-4PM	4-6PM	6-8PM	8-10PM
MONDAY					
TUESDAY					
WEDNESDAY					
THURSDAY					
FRIDAY					
SATURDAY					
SUNDAY					