

Revision that works!

QUIET PLACE TO WORK AT HOME, WORK AND SOCIAL LIFE BALANCE AGREED, REVISION BOOKS PURCHASED, POSITIVE GOALS IN PLACE

Family support is central in determining a child's academic success. The good news is that you don't need to be an expert in any of the subjects your child chooses to make a real difference.

.....WHAT NEXT???

Securing knowledge

Putting information in your long term memory.

- Learning key facts
- Learning quotes
- Learning key words
- Learning story lines and plots
- Learning formulae
- Learning vocabulary and grammar rules

Productive strategies:

- 👍 Make flash cards. Use 'Quizlet' App.
- 👍 Use mnemonics. (e.g. SOHCAHTOA)
- 👍 Put post it notes with key information around your home.
- 👍 Use **colour**, pictures and images.
- 👍 Make recordings and play them back.
- 👍 Read revision notes aloud.
- 👍 Vary how you present your revision notes.
- 👍 Get someone to test you!

Building understanding and extending skills

Retrieving and making sense of knowledge and information helps pupils remember it. This means it is ready to use in exam questions. No one has ever found a better way to develop skills than to

practise, practise, practise!

Productive strategies:

- 👍 Do something at least 40 times to master it!
- 👍 Practise exam questions. Redo answers to questions in response to feedback. (This really works!)
- 👍 Practise exam questions in timed conditions.
- 👍 Make your own quizzes.
- 👍 Make mind maps to see how facts and topics link together.
- 👍 Get someone to cross out key parts of your notes and try to fill them in again.
- 👍 Ask 'Why..?' 'How..?' questions to test understanding.
- 👍 Discuss the facts and ask questions so information is regularly retrieved and explored.
- 👍 Put key words into a sentence.
- 👍 Put facts on post-it notes and cluster them. (Clustering information into categories really helps!)
- 👍 Summarise notes and summarise the summaries!
- 👍 Access and use on-line resources, e.g. 'Mymaths', 'Mathswatch', 'Mygcsescience', 'Mr Bruff', Youtube', 'BBC bitesize', 'My studyplan'.
- 👍 Don't just write out notes – do something with them!

How can parents help?

- ✓ Make sure your child has a folder for each subject to keep key information in. This helps organisation and builds motivation as more notes are added.
- ✓ Suggest that they revise in 30 minute bursts with short breaks in between.
- ✓ Allow your child time to revise; they may have less time for family commitments when revising. **Build in rest days.**
- ✓ Encourage your child to focus on what is most difficult and what they least enjoy doing first (primacy recency effect).
- ✓ Sit and listen if your child wants to read their work aloud to you. Test them on key points using a revision guide.
- ✓ Good hydration, nutrition and rest are all important when your child is revising, as is fresh air!