



**Arthur Mellows Village College**

# **YEAR 11 PARENT AND STUDENT REVISION SUPPORT BOOKLET**





# Revision: Key strategies

Being a student in the final year of GCSEs and Level 2 study can be challenging. Finding the right way to revise is really important to ensure success and also application of knowledge in exam scenarios. Much research has been done on this area and in this booklet, we will share with you key strategies that students are being taught in tutor time and in lessons so that you can also help them at home.

The main strategies used for revision fall under these areas:

**1.Retrieval Practice :** this is retrieving knowledge from memory, without any cues.

**2.Spacing :** this is leaving a gap between learning information and revisiting it.

**3. Elaboration :** this is using 'how' and 'why' questions to explain our learning.

**4.Dual coding :** this is using images to help remember our learning.

**5.The Pomodoro method :** this is a time management technique that enhances productivity by breaking work into 25-minute intervals, called "Pomodoros," followed by short breaks.

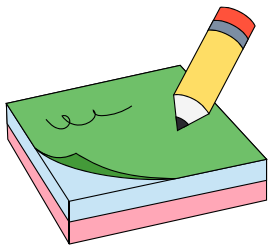
All students in Year 11 have been given 'Study Skills' booklets which work through and teach the above methods.



# Revision: Note-taking

Note taking is an important skill in school and beyond. It is useful for students to have a set of abbreviations to use for note taking:

Abbreviation/Symbol	Meaning
	result of/consequence
∴	Therefore
=	equal to/the same as
:	Causes
	increase/decrease
Cont'd	Continued
Dev'p	Develop/development
Sim/diff	Similar/different
W	Writer
R	Reader
Bc	Because
e.g.	For example
Ch	Chapter
Ln	Line
3.1	Act 3 Scene 1
i.e.	In other words
Gov't	Government
Max/min	Maximum/minimum
P	Page
Re:	Regarding
Vs	Versus
w/	With
*	Important
()	Less important/extra information
#	Number
@	At
£	Money/financial



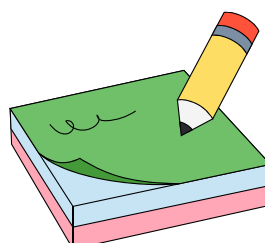


# Revision: Cornell Notes

Cornell Notes is a way of taking notes where students write key information and add cues (e.g. questions). They include a summary and a title. This method can be used when reading a text (lots of great revision articles on the British Library website) or watching a revision video. By writing 'how' and 'why' questions, this strategy makes use of elaboration .



Cornell Notes		Name
		Date
		Class
		Period
• Main Idea	• Key words & ideas	
• Key	• Important dates/people/places	
• Question	• Repeated/Stressed Info	
(after notes are completed)	• Ideas/brainstorming written on board / overhead projector	
	• Info from textbook/stories	
	• Diagrams & Pictures	
	• Formulas	
Summary of your notes in your own words		





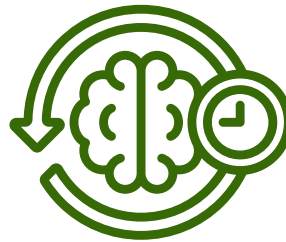
# Revision: Self-Quizzing

Students can use their notes and key materials from lessons to self-quiz. This strategy makes excellent use of retrieval. The process works in four key steps:

**Step one:** Students read the key information- for example their key notes on enzymes from Science.



**Step two:** Students conceal the information.



**Step three:** Students write down everything they can remember (if using a page of Cornell notes, they can use the questions they have written as cues).



**Step four:** Students look back over the information to see how well they remembered it. This is the most important stage as it is where they evaluate their learning. They should use a different colour pen to fill in any gaps which become their focus for the next revision lesson.

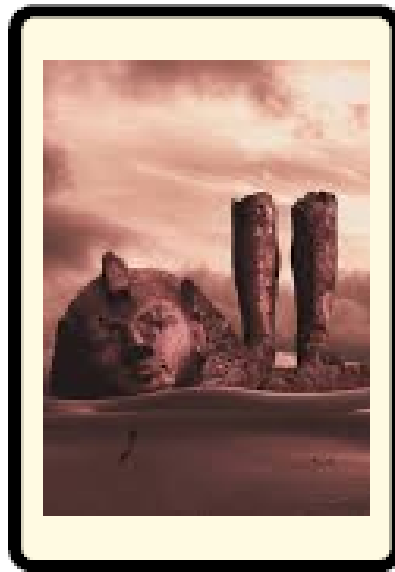
This is also a great method they can do at home with you or a peer, with you or a partner questioning them.



# Revision: A game of snap

Creating cards in this version of snap, can be great for memory boosting. One card has an image and one card has a definition or explanation. Students have to match these up.

You can even hold them up, play pairs or do memory recall with them.



**...'A SHATTERED VISAGE  
LIES...'**

**'SNEER OF COLD  
COMMAND'**

**'COLOSSAL WRECK'**

**A RULER WHO SEES  
HIMSELF AS THE 'KING  
OF KINGS'**

**DOWNFALL OF TYRANTS**



# Revision: The Leitner Method

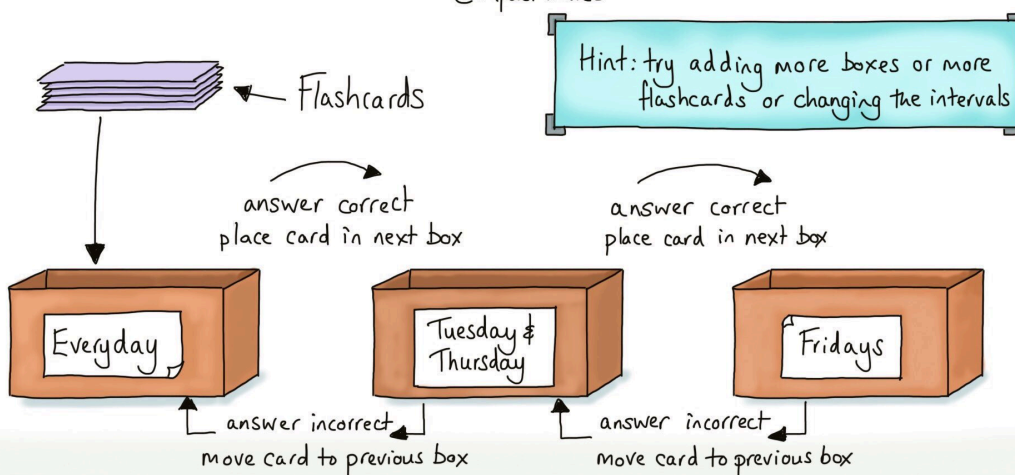
The Leitner Method is a way of quizzing with flashcards where students move the cards to different compartments depending on whether or not they recalled the information correctly. This strategy makes use of retrieval and spacing.

<p>1. Split a box into 3 compartments and number them or have three separate numbered boxes:</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>1. Every Day</td><td>2. Tuesday and Thursday</td><td>3. Friday</td></tr></table>	1. Every Day	2. Tuesday and Thursday	3. Friday	<p>2. Place all your flashcards in compartment/box 1</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>1. Every Day</td><td>2. Tuesday and Thursday</td><td>3. Friday</td></tr></table>	1. Every Day	2. Tuesday and Thursday	3. Friday
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<p>3. Test on the flashcards in box one. If you recall the information, move the flashcard to compartment/box one. If not, place it back in compartment/box one</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>1. Every Day</td><td>2. Tuesday and Thursday</td><td>3. Friday</td></tr></table> <p>← incorrect      ← correct</p>	1. Every Day	2. Tuesday and Thursday	3. Friday	<p>4. On Tuesday and Thursday (or every other day), test on boxes one and two. If you answer correctly, move the flashcard one box on. If incorrect, place the flashcard back in compartment/box one to be reviewed daily:</p> <table border="1"><tr><td>1. Every Day</td><td>2. Tuesday and Thursday</td><td>3. Friday</td></tr></table> <p>← incorrect</p> <p>→ correct      → correct</p>	1. Every Day	2. Tuesday and Thursday	3. Friday
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## LEITNER Flash card method

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# Revision: Past Papers

For those subjects where students are sitting a formal exam, using past papers to practise the skills in timed conditions can also be excellent revision and allows them to apply their learnt knowledge.

You can view past papers on the exam board websites including mark schemes. On the next page you have a list of all the subjects taught in school, their respective exam boards and suggested revision websites.

Here are some excellent general revision websites:



<https://revisionworld.com/gcse-revision>



<https://www.revisely.com/gcse>



<https://studyrocket.co.uk/>



<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>



<https://getrevising.co.uk/>



# Revision: Subject Information

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Awarding body</u>	<u>Faculty</u>	<u>Specification title</u>	<u>Specification code</u>	<u>Revision Website</u>
11	AQA	Art/Textiles	Art and Design (Art, Craft and Design)	8201	Not applicable
11	AQA	Art/Textiles	Art and Design (Textiles)	8204	Not applicable
11	Edexcel	Business	Business	1BS0	<a href="#">Business   tutor2u</a>
11	AQA	Business	Economics	8136	<a href="http://www.tutor2u.net">www.tutor2u.net</a>
11	(WJEC) Eduqas	Design Technology	Design and Technology: Product Design	C600QS	Revision guide: Wjec Eduqas GCSE(9-1) Design and Technology ISBN:978 1 5104 7169 6, <a href="https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=8&amp;lvlId=2">https://resources.eduqas.co.uk/Pages/ResourceByArgs.aspx?subId=8&amp;lvlId=2</a> , <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4nfwty">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4nfwty</a> , <a href="http://ddedu.co.uk/dt-gcse">ddedu.co.uk/dt-gcse</a>

11	OCR/RSA	Engineering	Engineering	J823	Revision guide/knowledge organisers provided as part of workbooklets, digital revision guide available via Sharepoint.
11	AQA	Food	Food Preparation and Nutrition	8585	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/food-preparation-and-nutrition/gcse/food-preparation-and-nutrition-8585/specification">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/food-preparation-and-nutrition/gcse/food-preparation-and-nutrition-8585/specification</a>
11	OCR	Drama	Drama	J316	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbpwd6f">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zbpwd6f</a>
11	AQA	English	English Language	8700	AQA: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4</a> Mr Bruff on YouTube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OllwGb7bSOI&amp;list=PLqGFsWf-P-cBkIVTQseR1pQtuKeQTfXNk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OllwGb7bSOI&amp;list=PLqGFsWf-P-cBkIVTQseR1pQtuKeQTfXNk</a> CGP AQA English Language Workbooks Seneca <a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8700/specification">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-8700/specification</a>
11	Edexcel	English	English Literature	1ET0	EDEXCEL: Massolit: <a href="https://massolit.io/users/sign_in">https://massolit.io/users/sign_in</a> CGP study guides on each Literature text and the Conflict poetry <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z2whg82">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z2whg82</a> Seneca <a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/english-literature-2015.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/english-literature-2015.html</a>
11	AQA	Geography	Geography	8035	Seneca CGP range- revision guide ISBN 978-1782946106, knowledge organiser ISBN 978-1789087215 BBC Bitesize
11	OCR/RSA	Health & Social	Health and Social Care	J835	Cambridge National Level1/2 Health and social care. My revision notes -Judith Adams. Hodder education. for practice exams questions answers are given <a href="http://hoddereducation.co.uk/myrevisionnotesdownloads">hoddereducation.co.uk/myrevisionnotesdownloads</a>

11	Edexcel	History	History A	1H10	Audiopi has revision materials to listen to about Elizabeth I. We use Seneca all the time and BBC Bitesize is very good. All this info went home in a letter at the start of September (including how to log in to Audiopi and the Historical Association is they wanted to do extra reading)
11	OCR	Computing	Computer Science	J277	<a href="https://smartrevise.online/">https://smartrevise.online/</a> <a href="https://adacomputerscience.org/">https://adacomputerscience.org/</a> <a href="https://isaacomputerscience.org/">https://isaacomputerscience.org/</a> <a href="https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/computing-secondary-ks4-gcse-l/units">https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/computing-secondary-ks4-gcse-l/units</a> <a href="https://time2code.today/python-course">https://time2code.today/python-course</a>
11	OCR/RSA	Computing	IT	J836	<a href="https://boost-learning.com/">https://boost-learning.com/</a> , all PowerPoints and worksheets are also in Teams files, collection of past paper questions and mark schemes also in Teams files, revision book given to each students to revise at home. External (real) exam is in January so students should be revising now.
11	Edexcel	Maths	Mathematics - Higher	1MA1	<a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/mathematics-2015.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcse/mathematics-2015.html</a>
11	AQA Cert	Maths	Further Maths	8365	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/aqa-certificate/mathematics-8365/specification">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/aqa-certificate/mathematics-8365/specification</a>
11	Edexcel	Media	Media	RCM3	No external revision materials required due to controlled assessment tasks for 100% assessment in school
11	AQA	MFL	French - Foundation	8652	AQA GCSE French Revision Workbook (Pearson)/ AQA GCSE French Revision Guide (pearson) / AQA GCSE French Vocabulary, Grammar and Translation workbook (Pearson)/ <a href="http://www.activehub.pearson.com/New">www.activehub.pearson.com/New</a> GCSE French AQA Exam Practice Workbook with CGP RevisionHub (for exams from 2026): Includes Audio & Online Tests
11	AQA	MFL	French - Higher	8658	AQA GCSE French Revision Workbook (Pearson)/ AQA GCSE French Revision Guide (pearson) / AQA GCSE French Vocabulary, Grammar and Translation workbook (Pearson)/

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11	AQA	MFL	Spanish - Foundation	8692	AQA GCSE Spanish Revision Workbook (Pearson)/ AQA GCSE Spanish Revision Guide (pearson) / AQA GCSE Spanish Vocabulary, Grammar and Translation workbook (Pearson)/ <a href="http://www.activehub.pearson.com/">www.activehub.pearson.com/</a> New GCSE Spanish AQA Exam Practice Workbook with CGP RevisionHub (for exams from 2026): Includes Audio & Online Tests
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11	AQA	PE	AQA Physical Education	8582	Physical revision guiden held by students, <a href="https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DawnpiPldd_c&amp;data=05%7C02%7Ctneaverson%40arthurmellows.org%7C486e8efcde5a41a558bd08ddfea5a3f8%7C9cdffd99a39144928b8b03b8ef1da48c%7C0%7C0%7C638946709575328674%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIiIAiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=atD0j1o52o5Z4C07QPki35mbDseYVBWZhzgHzzhGY%3D&amp;reserved=0.">https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DawnpiPldd_c&amp;data=05%7C02%7Ctneaverson%40arthurmellows.org%7C486e8efcde5a41a558bd08ddfea5a3f8%7C9cdffd99a39144928b8b03b8ef1da48c%7C0%7C0%7C638946709575328674%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIiIAiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=atD0j1o52o5Z4C07QPki35mbDseYVBWZhzgHzzhGY%3D&amp;reserved=0.</a> ; <a href="https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3De6jtvH6DDlo%26list%3DPLc4cxUpeG52PyFvyg5LGdZuxcx09qAhWR%26index%3D3&amp;data=05%7C02%7Ctneaverson%40arthurmellows.org%7C486e8efcde5a41a558bd08ddfea5a3f8%7C9cdffd99a39144928b8b03b8ef1da48c%7C0%7C0%7C638946709575343839%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIiIAiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=jzomo3BbGQx4SUIWsqSRPFAAdZdYWRl5S5hDoNXKwco%3D">https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3De6jtvH6DDlo%26list%3DPLc4cxUpeG52PyFvyg5LGdZuxcx09qAhWR%26index%3D3&amp;data=05%7C02%7Ctneaverson%40arthurmellows.org%7C486e8efcde5a41a558bd08ddfea5a3f8%7C9cdffd99a39144928b8b03b8ef1da48c%7C0%7C0%7C638946709575343839%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIiIAiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbClldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&amp;sdata=jzomo3BbGQx4SUIWsqSRPFAAdZdYWRl5S5hDoNXKwco%3D</a>

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11	Edexcel	PE	BTEC Tech Award in Sport	RSP3	Physical revision guiden held by students
11	Eduqas	RE	Religious Studies Route A Full course	C120P2	Seneca, <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z3xvfcw">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z3xvfcw</a> - BBC Bitesize for WJEC OR Eduqas spec (Christianity and Hinuism sections only) , class booklets for each topic, A5 revision guides that we produce, Quote and Case Study sheets for each unit that we have produced and A3 revision sheets that we produced
11	AQA	Science	Biology	8461	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/biology/gcse/biology-8461/specification/specification-at-a-glance">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/biology/gcse/biology-8461/specification/specification-at-a-glance</a>
11	AQA	Science	Chemistry	8462	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/chemistry/gcse/chemistry-8462/specification">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/chemistry/gcse/chemistry-8462/specification</a>
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11	AQA	Science	Combined Science: Trilogy -	8464	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/science-8464/specification">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/science-8464/specification</a>

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11	Edexcel	Travel	Travel and Tourism (2022)	RTT3	<a href="https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-international-level-2/travel-and-tourism-2022.html">https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-international-level-2/travel-and-tourism-2022.html</a>
11	AQA	Citizenship	GCSE Citizenship Studies	8100	<a href="https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/citizenship-studies/gcse/citizenship-studies-8100/specification/specification-at-a-glance">https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/citizenship-studies/gcse/citizenship-studies-8100/specification/specification-at-a-glance</a>
11	(WJEC) Eduqas	Film Studies	Film Studies	C670 QS	<a href="https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/film-studies-gcse/#tab_keydocuments">https://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/film-studies-gcse/#tab_keydocuments</a>