



Preparing for GCSE Exams

Guidance for Parents and Carers



26 weeks until the first
exam in May 2022

136 days until the first
exam in May 2022

What's happening in school?

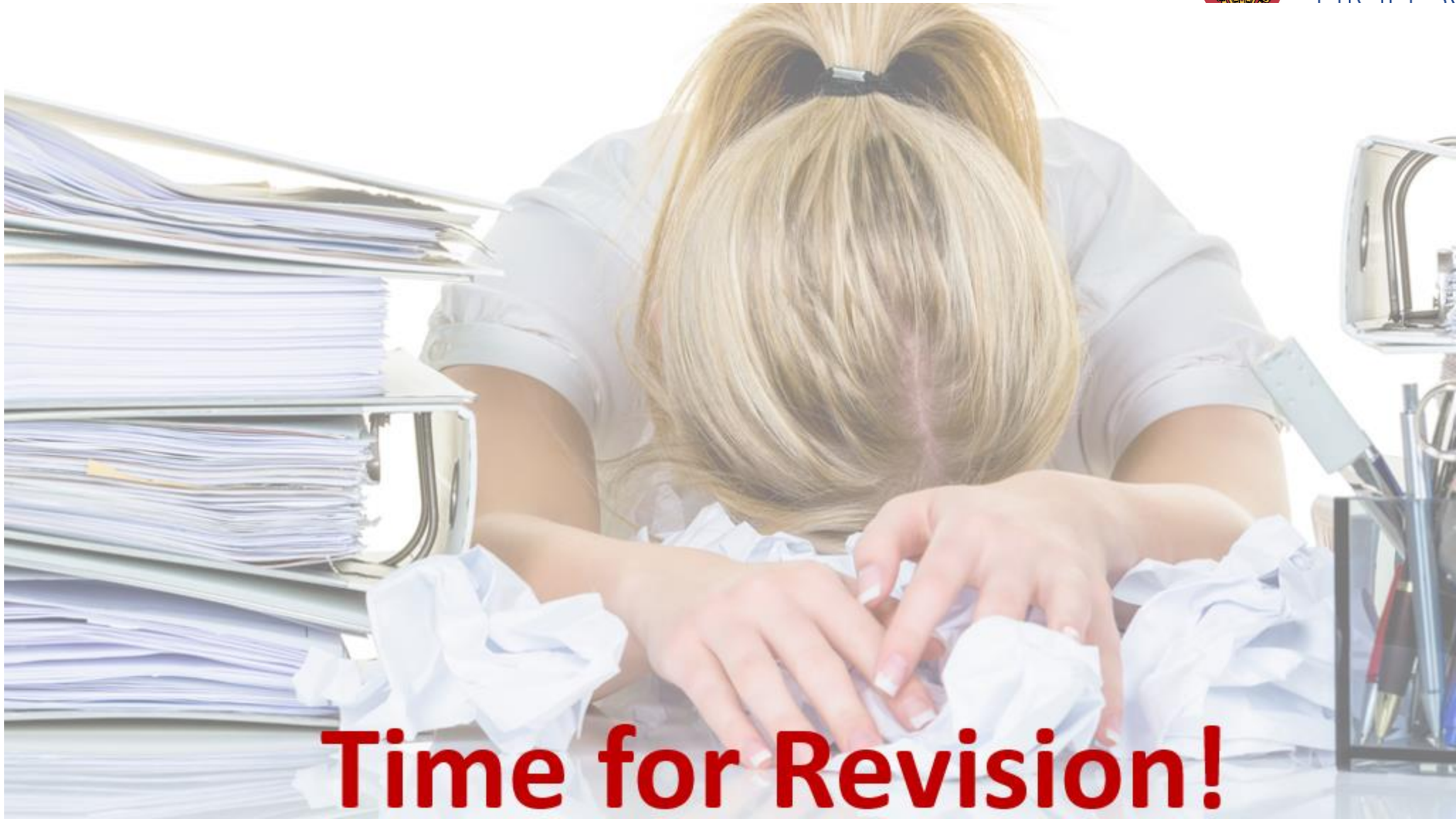


- Mock exams starting Monday 29th November until Wednesday 15th December
- P6 Sessions
 - Monday-Science, Tuesday-English, Wednesday-Maths and Friday-Options
- Saturday morning sessions
- Year 11 Parents Evening on 18th November
- GCSE Exam hub on the school website
- Assemblies from colleges to support with motivation
- 1-1 Careers advice and guidance meetings
- SLT mentoring
- SLT Reviews
- Mock results day January
- Form time revision focused around strategies and support from the booklet
- Every lesson counts

Support available



- Progress Leader Mrs Mawdsley, Assistant Progress Leader Miss Ayrton
- Form tutor, every morning students can speak to their form tutor
- Mentor support for well-being from Miss Lord and Miss Rylands
- Career guidance support from Jane Conlon
- College applications information from Mrs Lappin
- Peer support from friends
- Parents/Carers
- Subject leaders, if the class teacher isn't available speak to the subject leader
- The best support you can get is from your class teacher for each subject, you can always send your teacher a synergy message
- Feedback from your class teacher



Time for Revision!

Mock Timetable



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Week	Date	Registration	Period 1	Period 2	Year 11 Break	Period 3	Year 11 Lunch	Period 4	Period 5
		8.45 to 9.00	9.00 to 10.00	10.00-11.00	11.00-11.15	11.15 to 12.15	12.15 to 12.45	12.45-1.45	1.45 to 2.45
A	Mon 29 Nov	Registration	<u>English Language Comp 1 (1h 45m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>P.E 1 (1h)</u> <u>Sports Studies Yr 10 (1h)</u> <u>Music (1h 15m)</u>	
A	Tue 30 Nov	Registration	<u>History 1 (2h)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Maths Paper 1 (Non Calc) (1h 30m)</u>	
A	Wed 1 Dec	Registration	<u>Science - Biology (1h 15m / 1h 45m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Business 1 (1h 30m)</u>	
A	Thur 2 Dec	Registration	<u>French Reading (45m/1h)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Geography 1 (1h 30m)</u>	
A	Fri 3 Dec	Registration	<u>Maths Paper 2 (Calc) (1h 30m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Design & Technology (2h)</u>	
B	Mon 6 Dec	Registration	<u>English Language Comp 2 (2h)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Information Technologies (1h 45m)</u>	
B	Tue 7 Dec	Registration	<u>Science - Chemistry (1h 15m / 1h 45m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Geography 2 (1h 30m)</u>	
B	Wed 8 Dec	Registration	<u>Computer Science 1 (1h 30m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>History 1 (2h)</u>	
B	Thur 9 Dec	Registration	<u>Maths Paper 3 (Calc) (1h 30m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>P.E 2 (1h)</u>	
B	Fri 10 Dec	Registration	<u>Science - Physics (1h 15m / 1h 45m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Geography 3 (1h 30m)</u>	
A	Mon 13 Dec	Registration	<u>French Writing (1h 5m/1h 20m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Business 2 (1h 30m)</u>	
A	Tue 14 Dec	Registration	<u>Food Preparation & Nutrition (1h 45m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Creative iMedia (1h 15m)</u>	
A	Wed 15 Dec	Registration	<u>Drama (1h 45m)</u>		Break	Normal Lessons	Lunch	<u>Computer Science 2 (1h 30m)</u>	

Key information:

-First exam- Monday 29th November
English Language

-Last exam- Wednesday 15th December
Computer Science

-All exams are periods 1-2 and 4-5.

-No exams period 3

-Students must still go to form before an AM exam

-The seat number will be provided by the class teacher

Helping your child to revise *effectively*

Effective Revision:

- Carefully planned and structured
- Focused on areas of weakness
- Starts well in advance of exams
- **Active** and varied
- Reduces info to key points
- Frequent but 'chunked'
- Collaborative and social

Ineffective Revision:

- Ad hoc and unstructured
- Ignores key weaknesses
- Passive and repetitive
- Does not involve 'transformation'
- Long periods without a break (or not enough time to engage fully)
- Done in isolation

Retrieval is key!



Having a 'revision toolkit'
creates a positive mind-set

Create a positive, quiet and
purposeful space to revise



Week beginning: 27th Dec 2016

REVISION TIMETABLE

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EARLY MORNING	English Maths	Maths Chemistry	Chemistry Biology	Physics Maths	Maths English	
LATE MORNING	Maths English	Maths Biology	Maths Chemistry	Maths Physics	Maths English	
EARLY AFTERNOON	Maths English	Maths Biology	Maths Chemistry	Maths Physics	Maths English	
LATE AFTERNOON	Maths English	Maths Biology	Maths Chemistry	Maths Physics	Maths English	
EVENING	Maths English	Maths Biology	Maths Chemistry	Maths Physics	Maths English	

Biology Geography
 Chemistry English Lit

Create a revision timetable.
Ensure a balance of work, rest
and fun.

Ensure a healthy diet. Buy in
healthy snacks for revision
sessions. Try a less 'sugar-
centric' diet.



See school website!

Mark exam dates and times onto a calendar on your fridge. A simple but effective strategy to help with organisation of study!



Getting Revision Right



Passive

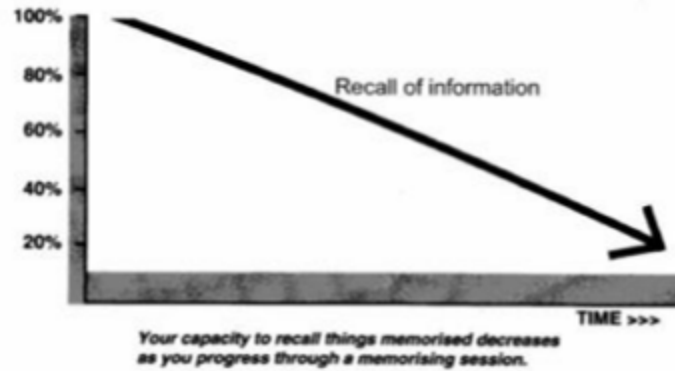


Active

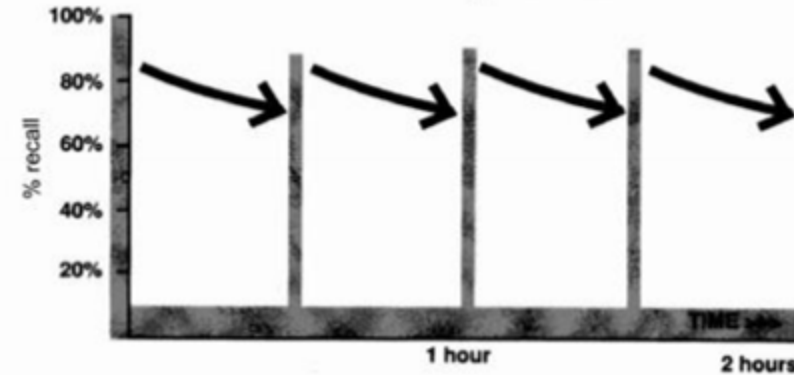


Encourage regular short breaks

The effects of not taking a break



The effects of taking a break



The 'Timer Technique' helps to break up study



1.
Choose task

2.
Set 25 min
timer

3.
Work on task
until timer
rings

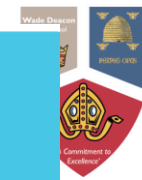
4.
Put a mark
on a piece of
paper

5. Take a
short break.
Move
around a bit.
Go back to 1.

6. When you
have completed
4 cycles, take a
longer break
and let your
brain rest.

How should I prepare?

- Six effective strategies



Online Resources

- GCSE Pod
- Hegarty maths
- MYGCSE Science
- Seneca
- GCSE Bitesize



GCSEPOD



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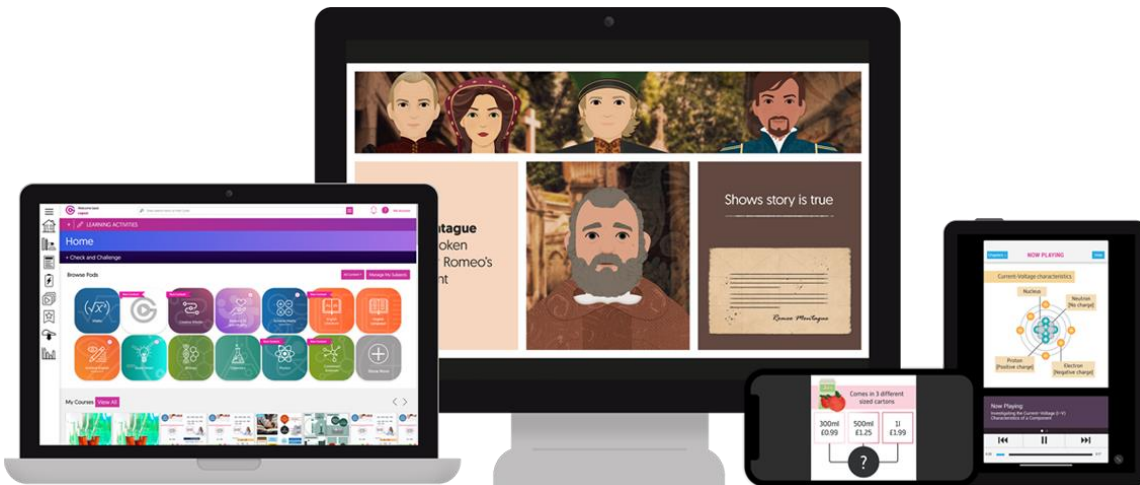
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3-5
minute
'Pods'

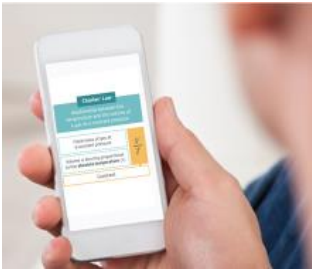
28+
subjects

Easy
to use

- 10 years experience as an award winning educational publisher
- Available for all, even Year 7 and 13
- Mapped to the curriculum
- Available on all platforms
- 1 in 3 secondary schools in the UK subscribe
- In use across 40+ countries



How to use GCSEpod



Watch a Pod



Transform the information into a mind-map, flash card or list of bullet points.



Reduce the information into a few key points or words

Retrieval



Exam Hub on the Webs

- How to succeed in each subjects
- Video clip to talk through how to prepare
- Information on each subject specification



GCSE Exam Hub

Information and Guidance

[Mock Exam Timetable Dec 2021](#)
[Mock Exam Study Pack](#)
[Subject Revision Guidance](#)
[Tips for Language & Literature](#)

Period 6 Support

One of the strategies to be used to support students are after-school 'Period 6' sessions. The first term will focus mainly on the core subjects English, Maths and Science. All students are encouraged to attend. The below table sets out the subjects and times of the sessions. We believe that this approach will accelerate learning, enabling teachers to focus on revisiting and reinforcing key learning to ensure that students are well prepared for their examinations. Your class teacher will communicate in more detail about the P6 sessions.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Science	English	Maths	Options
2.45pm-3.45pm	2.45pm-3.45pm	2.45pm-3.45pm	2.45pm-3.45pm

How to Study Effectively

