

Preparing for the Mock Exams 2025

Written exams
Monday 24th November – Tuesday 9th December

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Get organised and be stress free!

- Including half-term, you have **5 weeks** until the mock exams begin.
- The key to effective revision is active retrieval and spaced practice.
- You need to plan your study time and start early!



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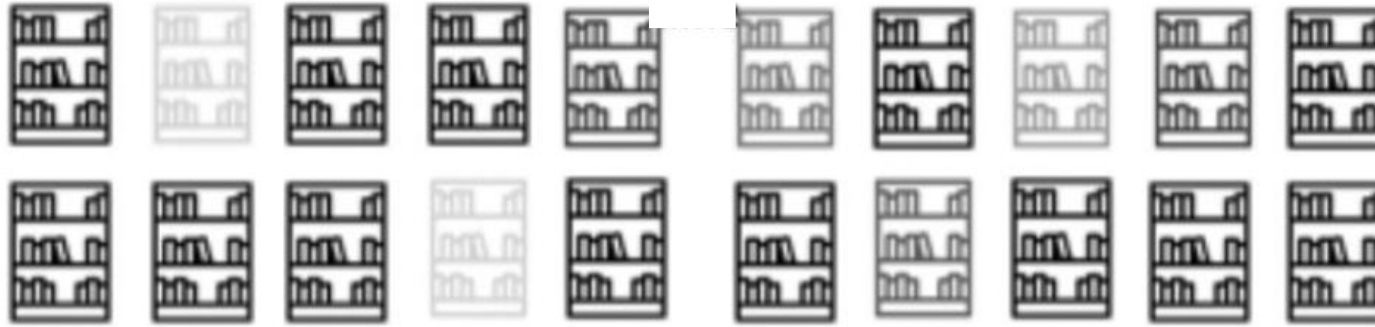
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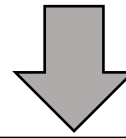
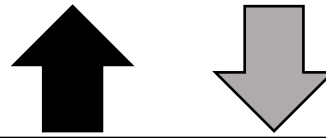
Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path (Psalm 119:105)
Highlight the path to excellence today. A commitment to excellence.

Long term memory: Like an endless library.
It's written with ink that fades over time



Learning

When you learn something new it gets filed in your long-term memory

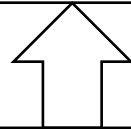


Short term / working memory

Your 'mental desk'.
What you are currently thinking about

Remembering

When you remember something, you are rewriting the ink, so the memory doesn't fade



New information –
Anything you have read, heard or experienced

Re-framing forgetting

- We need to change our mindset around forgetting - forgetting is normal!
- When teachers set retrieval quizzes, Educake quizzes, do now activities etc they are helping you to identify what you do remember and what you have forgotten, so they can help you in the future and help you to be more aware for your independent study.

Teachers do not expect you to know everything!

The key to effective revision is **active retrieval** and **spaced practice**.

Active Retrieval

- Revision needs to be effortful. Makes you think. Can feel difficult. Actually do something with your notes.
- Flash cards
- Quizzes / tests
- Past paper questions
- Writing everything you can remember
- Mind maps – cover a section and recreate

Spaced Practice

- Don't cram! Don't leave all your revision until the night before.
- Routine – two hours every night
- Allow yourself forgetting time
- Plan your revision over time – have a timetable and tick it off as you do it

Next steps ..

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- Which subjects do you need to prioritise?
- Study timetable – decide when to study and what to study.
Space your time out and plan for breaks! Treat yourself when you reach milestones
- What are you studying? Speak to teachers
- How will you study? Active revision is needed and have all the resources you need to hand

Making Best Use of GCSEPod



Easy access to the content you have covered in class. Watch the pods but then do something active with the content!

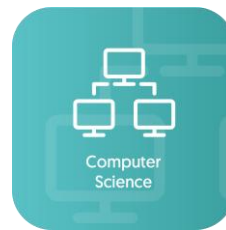
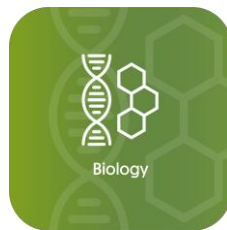
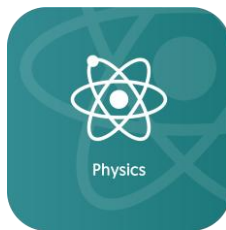
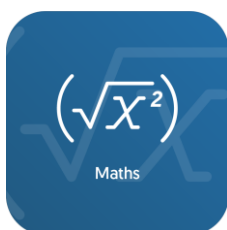
Check & Challenge



- Allows you to test your knowledge after watching a Pod
- Provides scaffolded support like a teacher would
- Helps identify misconception in knowledge and prepare for exams
- Get hints, win diamonds and watch your progress improve

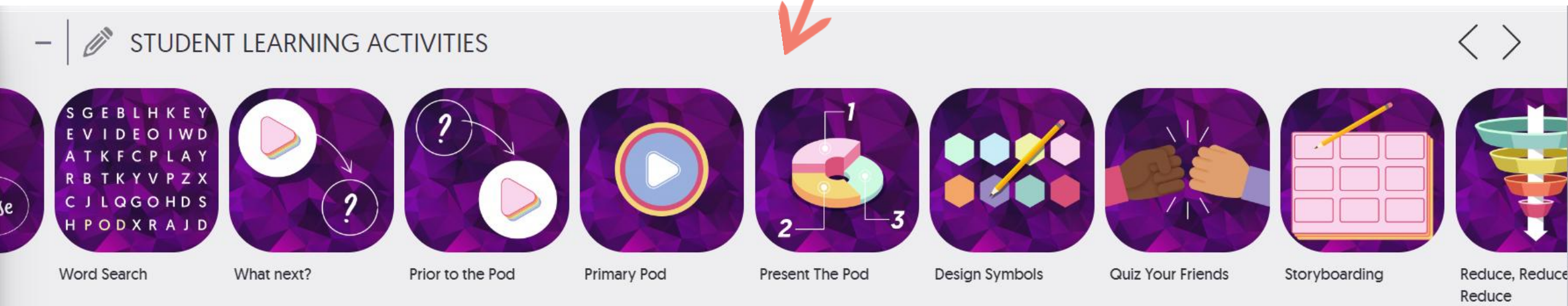
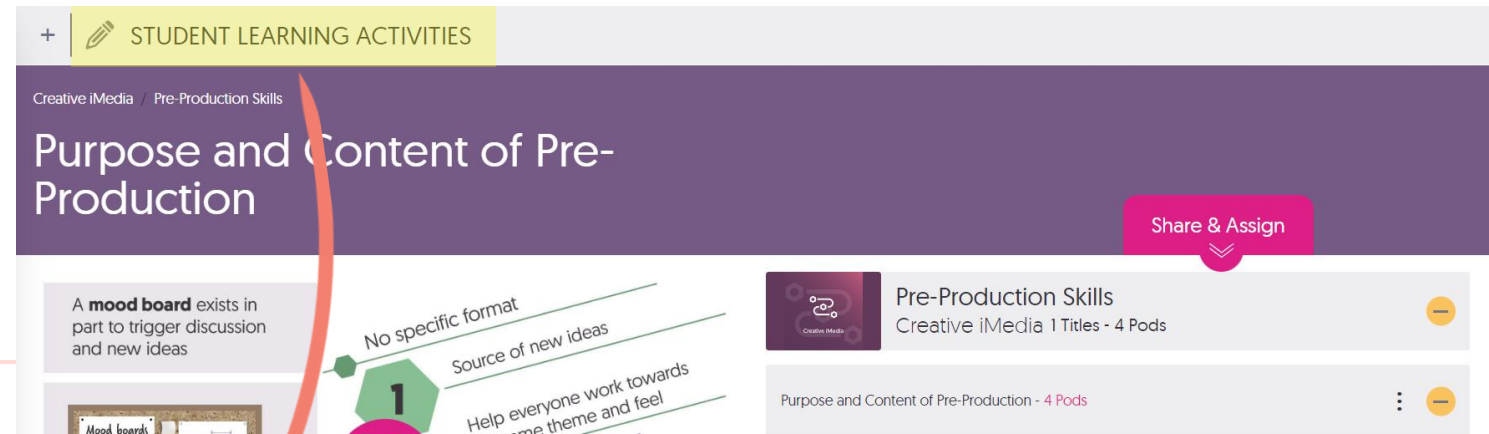
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Available for the following subjects:



Student Learning Activities

- For each Pod you watch Student Learning Activities are suggested above the title bar
- These provide a wide range of ideas and things to do to help you embed the information contained in the Pod into your long term memory

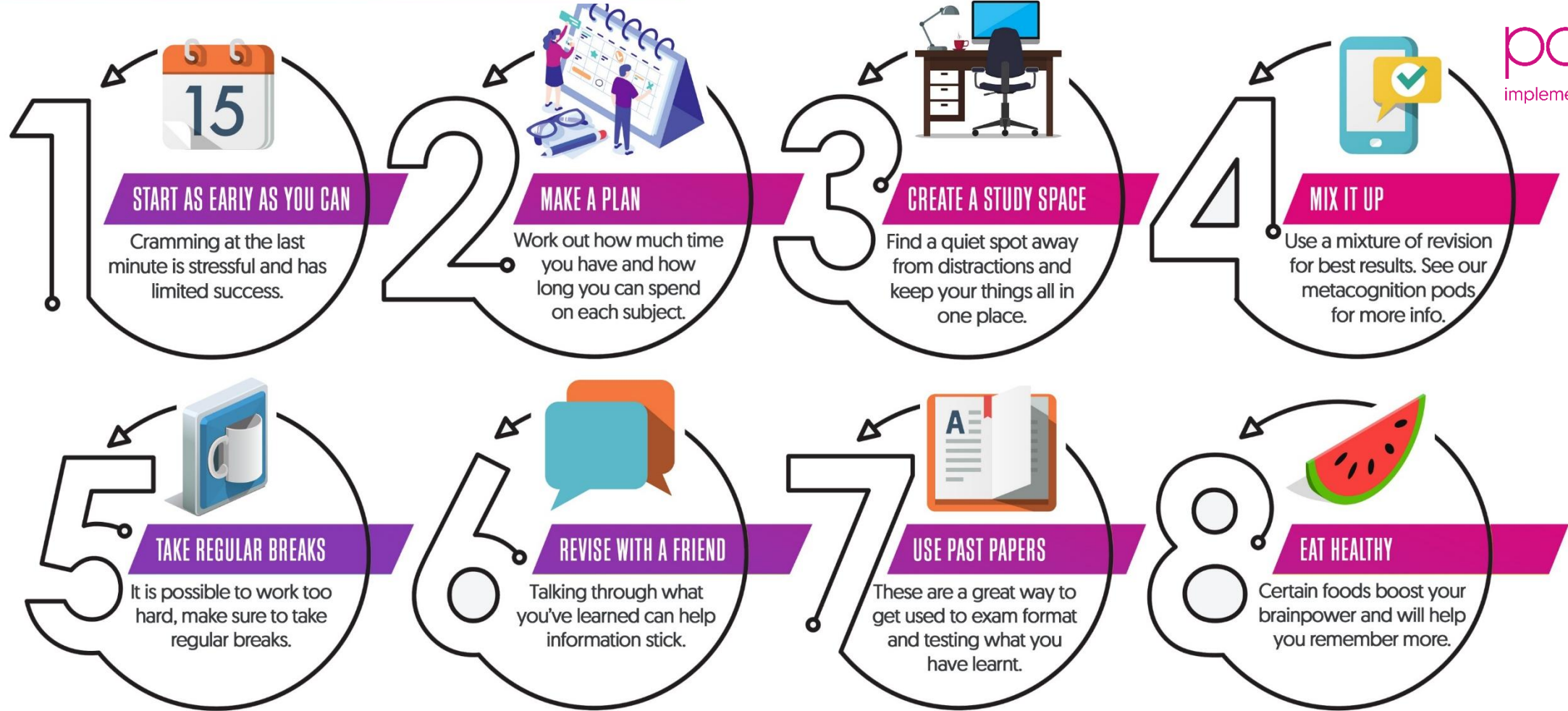


TOP REVISION TIPS

Don't let the stress of revision overwhelm you. Stay in control with these top tips.



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implement, inspire, impact



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