

## Practical ideas to help your child to revise.



You play a vital role in supporting your child organising their exam revision. A positive, frequent nudge to complete the activities in this guide can make a huge difference. Research suggests that, in just four or five weeks, students who regularly carry out these activities start to see a rapid improvement in their grades.

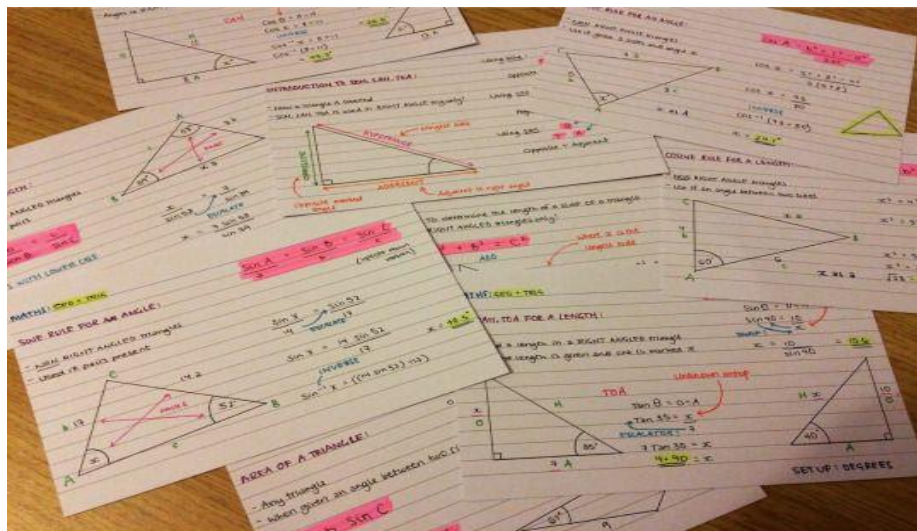
### 1. FLASH / KEY CARDS

Read a section of information, close the book and summarise information onto key or cue cards. Use a highlighter pen to pick out key words or formulae.

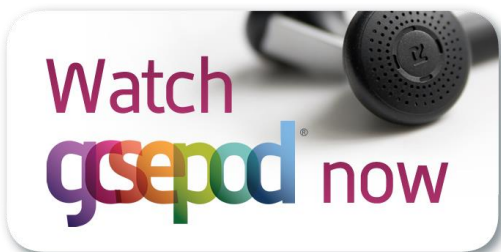
Colour code, add shortcuts or tricks to help make facts stick.

Use the flash cards to quiz your child.

There are now Apps that will create these cards!



### 2. GCSEPod

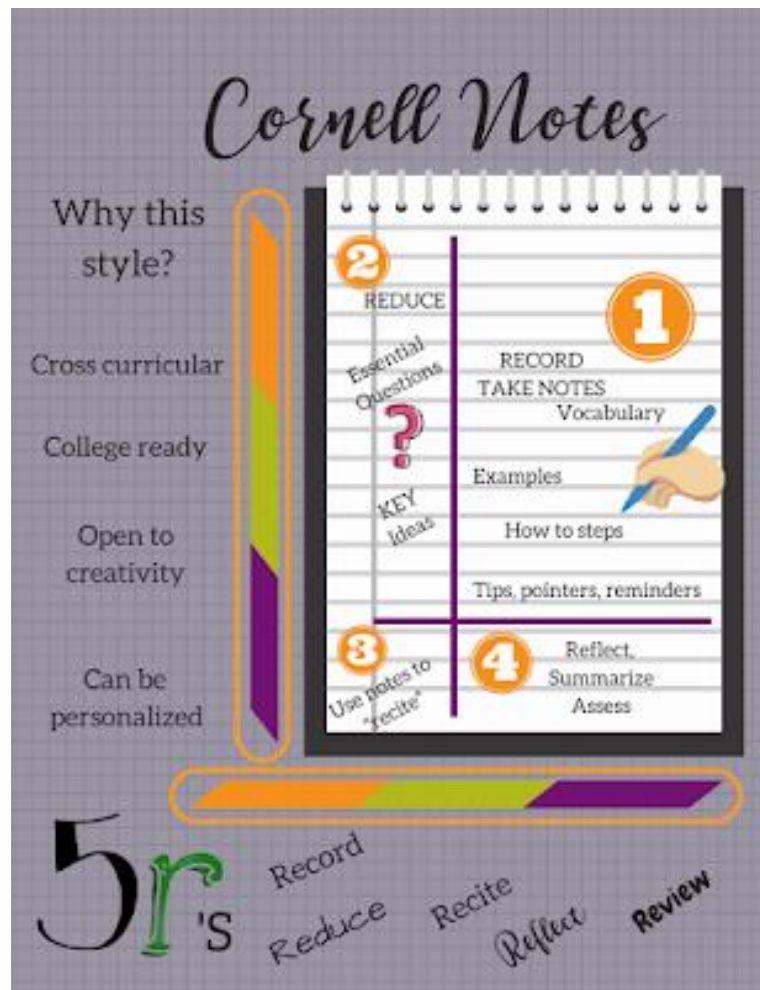


All students have access to GCSEPod and manage their own account and password.

You have access and information on <https://www.gcsepod.com/parents/>

The most effective way to use GCSEPod is to watch the short pods regularly and then **do something** with the information— make flash cards, list all key words, rewrite the five most essential pieces of information, make a Cornell note page.

### 3. Cornell note-taking



Large amounts of information can be turned into Cornell notes. The layout is shown in this image. The key idea is to pick out the important ideas and rework them into this format. The summary section at the bottom could be used as a prompt for a discussion – what did you learn from this Cornell note? Can you explain it in two or three sentences to me?

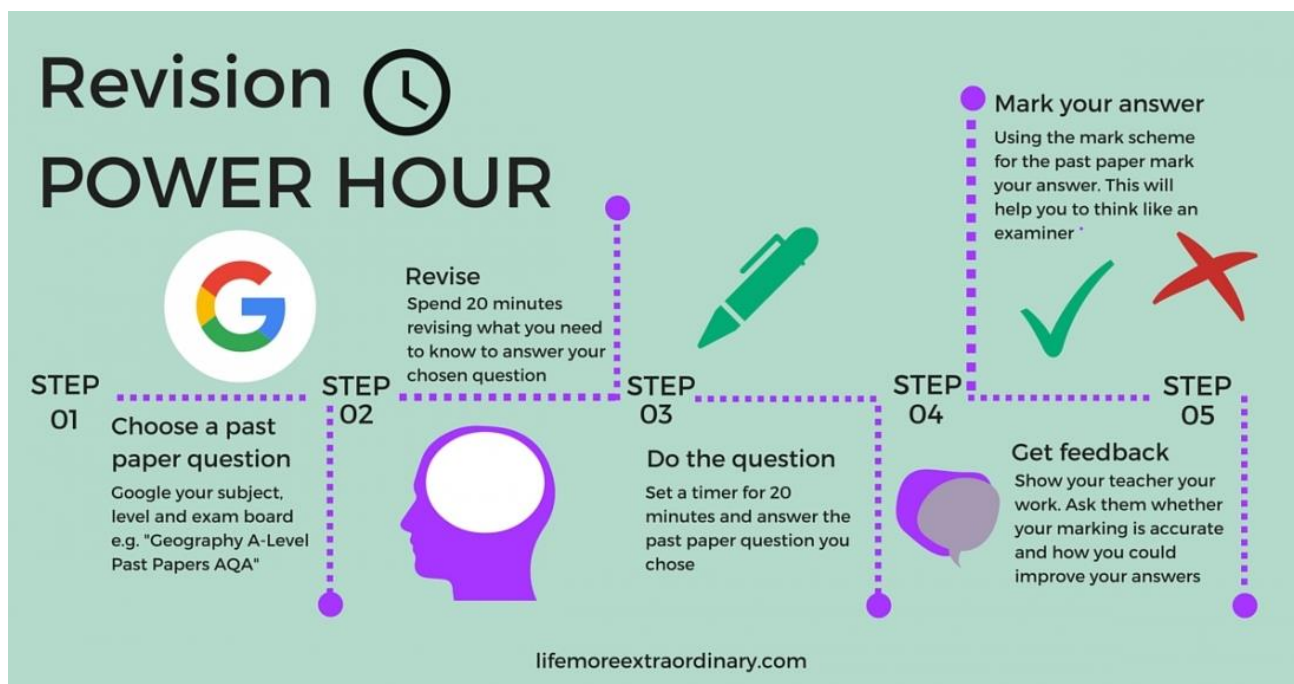
### 4. Mind maps, sketching and drawing.



Many students are visual learners. This technique is useful for visual learners to summarise a whole topic onto one sheet. Colour and images help – the more the better. There are useful YouTube videos that teach mind-map techniques but there is no better way than to have a go.

## 5. Past papers and mark schemes

Passing exams is sometimes as much about exam technique and understanding the question as it is about knowledge and understanding. It is important to practice timing as well as comparing your answers to those in the mark scheme. Some students use the 'revision power hour' idea:



All past papers and mark schemes can be download from the exam board website, as well as being provided by teachers for every subject area. Many past papers have been uploaded onto our Show My Homework site – for example in Maths, Science and English.

## 6. Create a revision timetable

A template is provided in this pack, on our website and on GCSEPod:  
<https://www.gcsepod.com/parents/>

Helping to complete a study calendar that fits into your family schedule would be very helpful.

**GCSE Revision Timetable**  
Don't forget to take regular breaks!

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Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9am							
10am							
11am							
12noon							
1pm							
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