



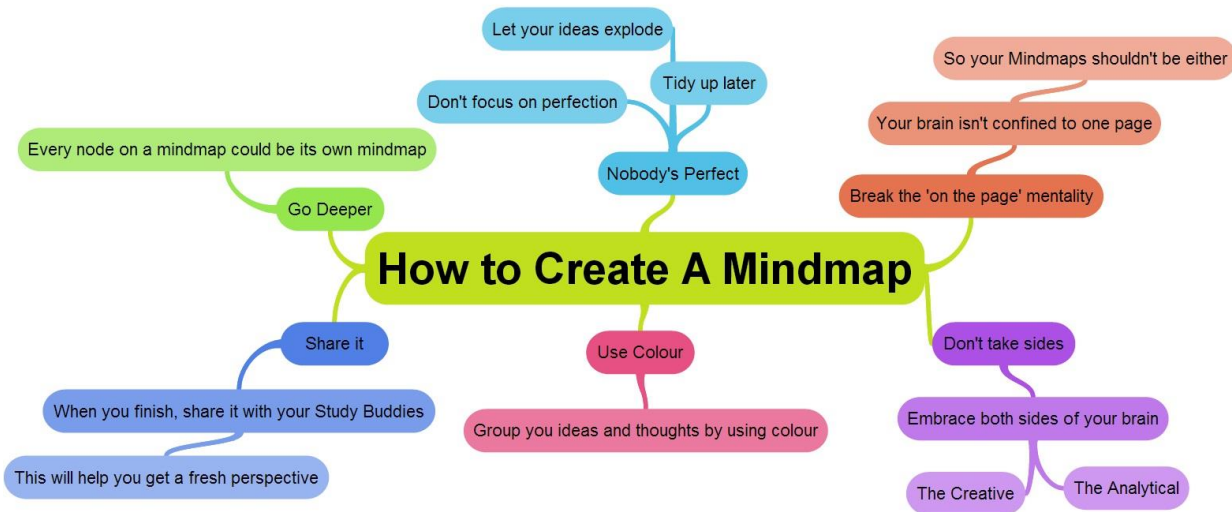
# **Y11 Revision evening**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2021  
5.30-6.30pm



## Aims of evening:

- To share some advice about how to support your son/daughter's revision
- To share information about the summer GCSEs 2022
- To share a range of revision techniques



# Attendance



If your child achieved 90% in an exam or an assessment, we would all be delighted. However, 90% attendance at school means they are missing one in every ten days. This would translate to four weeks out of one academic year.



Attendance %	Approximate number of AM/PM sessions missed
100	0
95	10
90	20
85	30
80	40

Studies show that 10% absence can bring a student down by one grade at GCSE.

# Routines



Establish routines at home: times for revision, meals, relaxation, exercise and socialising - these will help to create a secure framework within which your son/daughter can achieve.

Students with part-time jobs should be applauded, though parents ought to be mindful of the numbers of hours spent. Earning potential in adult life is significantly influenced by the level of academic success achieved, so earning now at the expense of studying and revising, could be costly in the long run.

Teenagers need to sleep in order to fully function and make the most of their time in school. Late bed times mean lost time the next day as students are not working at their capacity.

Mobile devices being used late into the night should, wherever possible, be discouraged, so that a good night's sleep of at least 8 hours can be achieved.



# Praise



Students have got to start revision somewhere and everybody likes to be praised, so praise their efforts in getting on with their revision even if they only do 20 minutes at first. With encouragement they will do more. Discuss their work in school and praise their achievements. Help them to organise their time effectively with a [revision schedule](#).....

## An example of a long term revision timetable

Week commencing	Subjects and topics	Day to revise them	Time to revise them
	e.g. English – Short Stories	Monday	8-9pm





## Hints for an Ideal Revision Area

providing some of these will go a long way to helping your child...



## Environment & Equipment

Helping your son/daughter to create a 'workspace' at home that is quiet, organised and free from distractions, such as social media, will be of enormous benefit.

### Recommended equipment:

#### Revision guides....

Pens, pencils, ruler, rubber and coloured pens ... and in the "goodie bag":

- Highlighters
- Post-it-notes
- Blank flash cards
- Paper

# Summary of adjustments for GCSEs 2022



The Department for Education have announced that students will be sitting GCSE examinations next summer. They have also stated that there will be **adjustments** and **additional support** for specific subjects

- No **exam in Art or Photography** - GCSE based on portfolio work only
- Formula sheet for **Maths**
- Revised equation sheet for **Physics**

# Summary of adjustments for GCSEs 2022



- **English Literature** – only two of these three components will be examined: ~~Anthology~~, Modern Text, 19th Century Novel.
- **History** - Only three out of four studies required (~~American West~~).
- **Geography** - No fieldwork, option over which sections of paper 2 are answered, no fieldwork questions.



# Further Adjustments



- Advanced information about the exam content for subjects - to enable teachers to plan lessons and students to plan revision.
- Released by 7th February next year (or earlier if 'circumstances require').

## Key dates



GCSE Exams (provisional):

**Monday 16th May and Friday 17th June 2022 (with  
contingency dates to 24<sup>th</sup> June)**

Results Day:

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

# Contingency plans



- What if the exams don't go ahead?
- The government is proposing a 'tweaked' TAG process, similar to the one used to determine the grades this year.
- **Planned assessment points** from which **robust evidence** is gathered will replace exam board papers – in other words Practice Exams in **exam conditions with exam concessions**

# Practice exams



- The Practice Exams are scheduled for:

**Monday 6th December to Thursday 16th December**

- There is at least 1 exam in each GCSE subjects 9 apart from Art and Photography).
- Timetable to come out shortly.
- Practice Exam Results Day in January (week beginning 24<sup>th</sup>)

# Revision support



Revision Skills Evening **10<sup>th</sup> November**

“Goodie bag” and GCSE revising for exams booklet

Booklet contents:

Contents	
Year 11 key dates and contacts	1
Qualifications and Exam Boards	2
College open days and contact information	3
<b>Recommended revision guides</b>	4-6
Content to be examined in the December Practice Exams	6-8
Subject specific revision advice for parents	8-11
Subject specific revision advice for students	11-14
General revision advice	14-16
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Orders up to Friday



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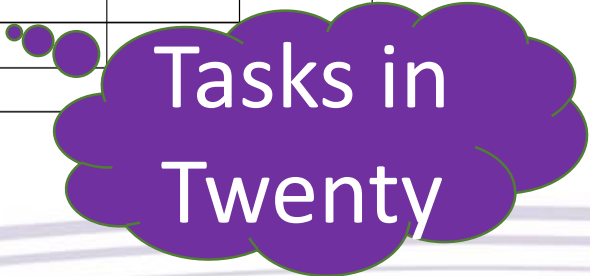


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STUDY TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
3.30							
4.00							
4.30							
5.00							
5.30							
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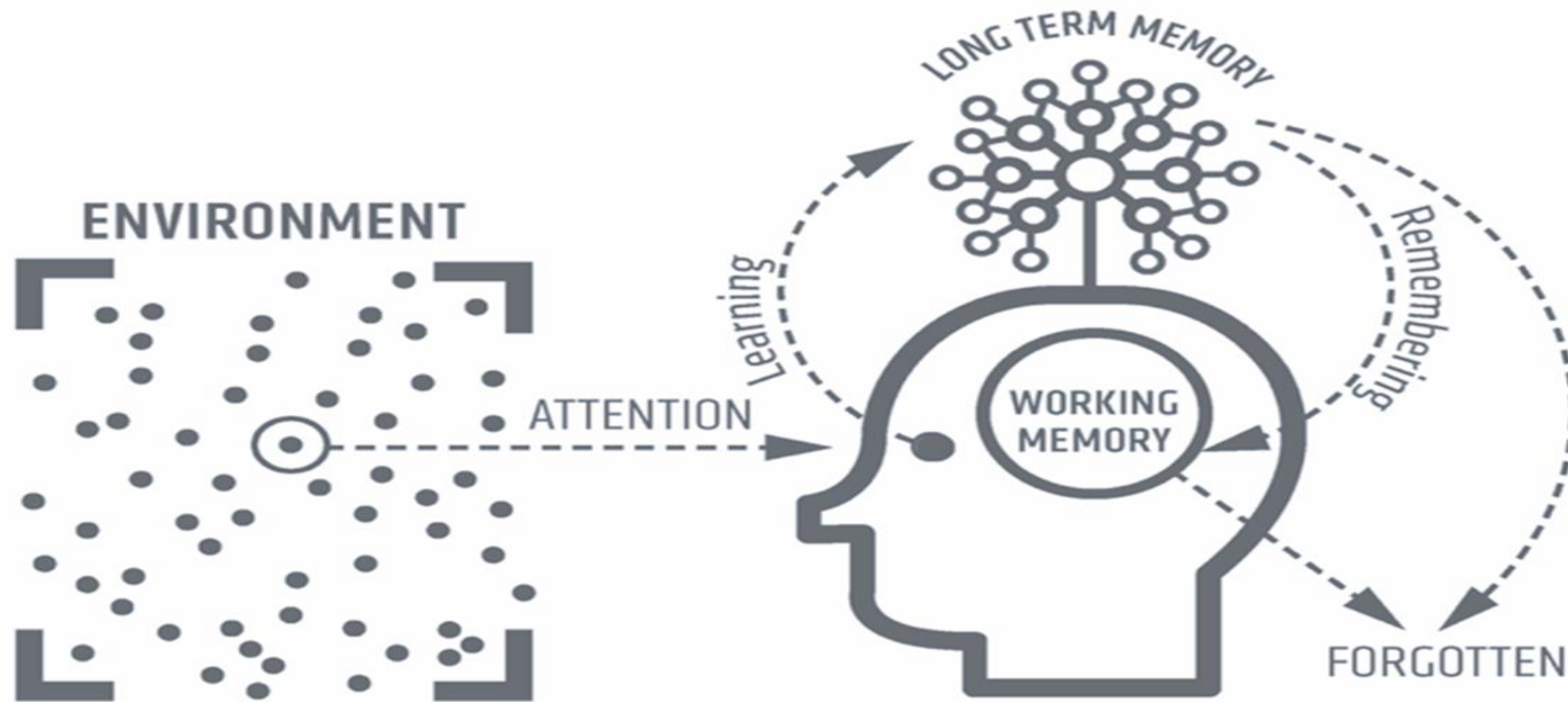


- Revision portal – link on ClassCharts – tasks in 20 minutes included

<https://sites.google.com/wellfieldacademy.org/revision-portal/home>

- **PHSCE Day 24<sup>th</sup> November**
  - Independent learning skills
  - Revision Advice
  - CV writing

# What is learning?



Learning = a change in long-term memory  
'if nothing has changed nothing has been learned'

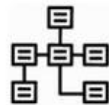
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Meaningful learning is about producing organised, coherent and integrated mental models that allow people to make inferences and apply their knowledge. (Karpicke, J. 2012)

## THE BENEFITS:

- ① Retrieval practice aids later retention  
'every time you retrieve a memory it becomes deeper, stronger and easier to access in the future'
- ② Testing identifies gaps in knowledge
- ③ Testing causes students to learn more from the next learning episode
- ④ Testing produces better organisation of knowledge



- ⑤ Testing improves transfer of knowledge to new contexts



- ⑥ Facilitates retrieval of material that wasn't tested



- ⑦ Improves metacognition



- ⑧ Prevents interference from previous material when learning new content



- ⑨ Provides valuable feedback to teachers



- ⑩ Regular testing encourages students to study more





# What is learning?

## Typical Forgetting Curve for Newly Learned Information

