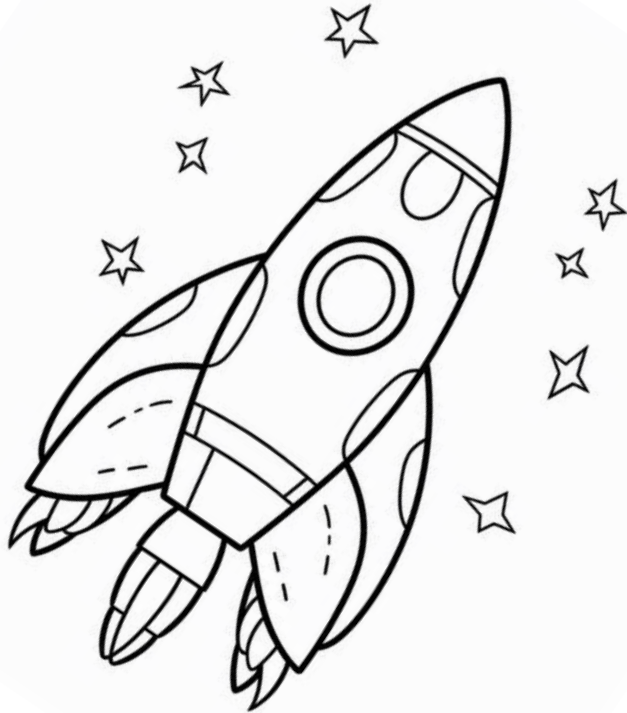


# **Year 11 Information Evening 11 September 2025**



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# Key landmarks for 2025-26



- ✳️ **Sixth Form Open Evening – Thurs 2nd October**
- ✳️ **Autumn Mocks – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**
- ✳️ **Parents Evening – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**
- ✳️ **MFL speaking mocks – January 2026**
- ✳️ **Spring Mocks – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026**
- ✳️ **Public Exams - May to June**
- ✳️ **Prom – Tuesday 7th July 2026**
- ✳️ **Results – Thursday 20th August 2026**

# 8 ways to support your child



- ✳️ **Set goals**
- ✳️ **Keep active**
- ✳️ **Eat healthily**
- ✳️ **Time out**
- ✳️ **Sleep**
- ✳️ **Study environment and equipment**
- ✳️ **Staying relaxed**
- ✳️ **Belief!**





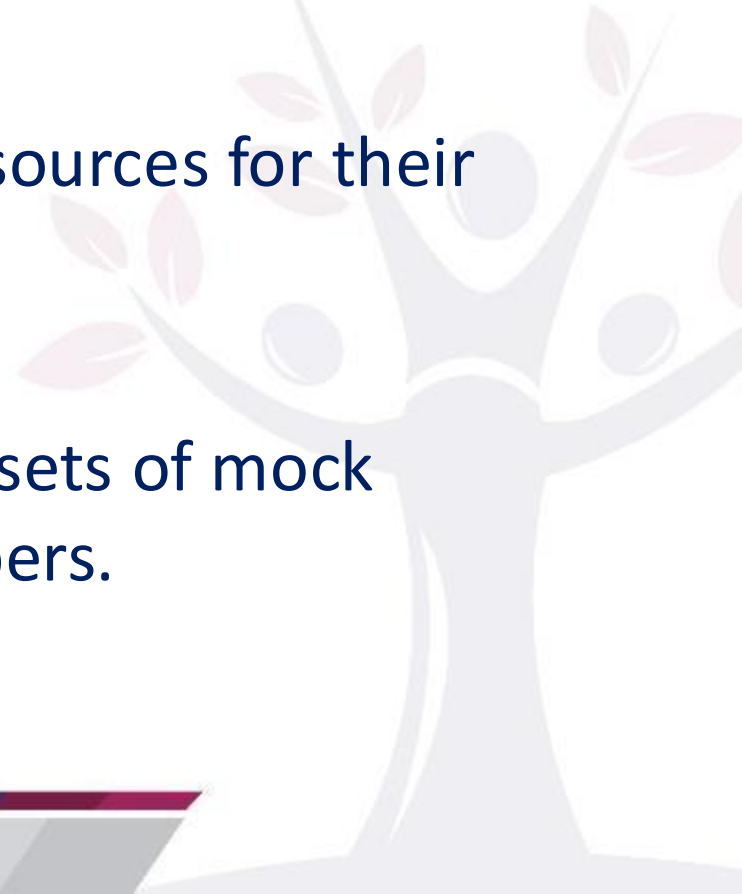
# Maths - Year 11



# Work expectations



- ✧ Completing homework to a good standard is crucial, homework will be set weekly on Sparx between and an exam paper once a fortnight.
- ✧ Students should use additional resources for their own practise.
- ✧ In year 11 all students will sit two sets of mock exams, this will consist of all 3 papers.



# Exams



- ✧ Foundation Edexcel Certificate in Maths GCSE.
- ✧ Higher Edexcel Certificate in Maths GCSE
- ✧ Both qualifications involve three exams at the end of year 11; one non-calculator and two calculator, all with equal weighting.
- ✧ Expected distribution of students studying Higher to Foundation on the 9-1 exam is 60% to 40%

# Foundation Edexcel Certificate



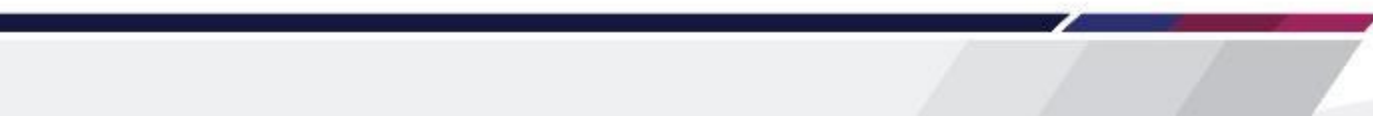
- ✧ This course has a heavy emphasis on number and functional skills of mathematics needed in adult life.
- ✧ Possible grades achieved from the foundation course are 1-5 (5 being an old high C, low B).



# Higher Edexcel Certificate



- ✧ This course has a heavy emphasis on algebra and application of mathematics.
- ✧ Possible grades achieved from the higher course are 9 - 4.

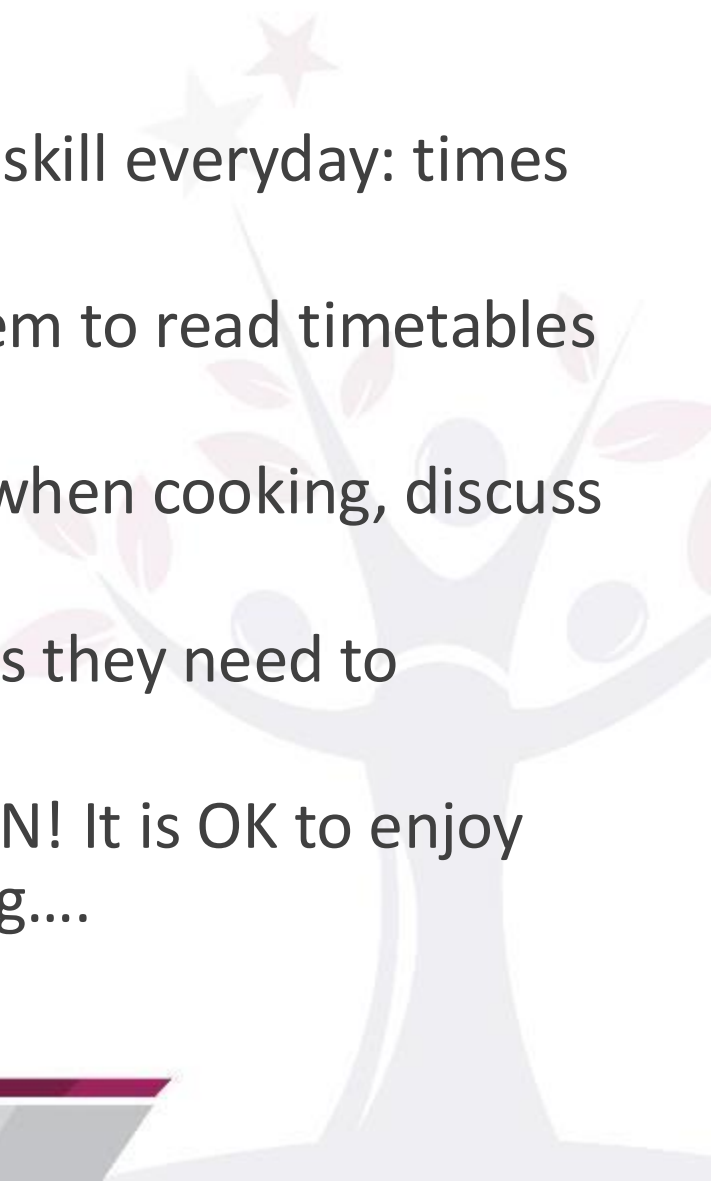


# How can you help?



## ★ A little maths everyday helps!!!

- Encourage your child to practice a skill everyday: times tables, long multiplication.
- Talk about time with them: get them to read timetables for bus routes or trains.
- Ask them to measure ingredients when cooking, discuss metric measures.
- Revise with flashcards the formulas they need to remember.
- And please remember maths is FUN! It is OK to enjoy Maths, like it is OK to enjoy reading....



# Next steps – Apprenticeships, A levels and degrees



- ✳ A significant amount of courses, that you would not necessarily relate to maths require a grade 4 in maths and in some cases a grade 6.
- ✳ For instance to become and Art teacher you need to have passed maths at GCSE.
- ✳ Another example: To study psychology at some of the top universities you need a grade 6 in maths.

# Online Help available



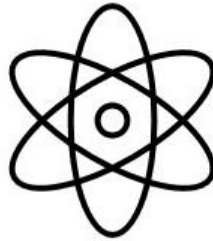
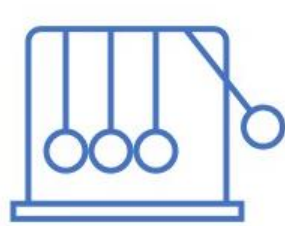
✪✪ Corbett Maths <https://corbettmaths.com>

✪✪ MathsMadeEasy  
<https://mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/>

✪✪ Sparx maths [www.sparxmaths.com](http://www.sparxmaths.com)

✪✪ Login to sparx is via the Microsoft link





# St Ivo Science

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Head of Science: Ms Caroline Marshall  
Second in Science: Dr Lucy Smith



# Exams- AQA Sciences



Students sit two exam papers for each of the science subjects (six papers in total) covering different content from the course (paper 1 and paper 2).

- ★ Combined science (AQA Trilogy) papers are 1h 15mins each; Separate science are 1h 45 mins.
- ★ Combined students must sit the same tier for all 6 papers.
- ★ Separate science students will receive a grade for each science; Combined students receive a double award for combined science eg. 4/4, 5/5

# Current teaching



- Students will sit a paper 1 mock in October.
- We are currently teaching paper 2 content.
- Paper 2 content will be completed by January/February with paper 2 mocks taking place in Jan/February.
- In March and April, we will focus on intensive exam practice, with exams taking place in May.

# Tiers of entry



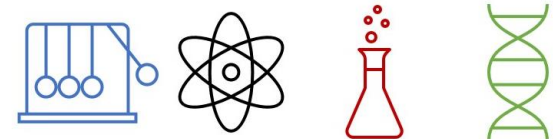
- ✧ Students have been given tiers of entry based on their year 10 mock. This may be amended with further data.
- ✧ Final tiers for the summer exams will be decided in January based on mock performance.
- ✧ Students not gaining at least a grade 5 on the higher paper are likely to be recommended for the foundation paper in line with guidance.
- ✧ Combined science students must sit the same tier for all papers
- ✧ Separate science students can sit a different tier for each science eg Biology (H) Physics (F) to suit their strengths in each subject.



# Homework and Revision



- ✳ The expectation is that students spend around an hour on homework each week.
- ✳ Exam question booklets will be set each week, if students follow this schedule, they will have revised all topics thoroughly. Your help therefore in ensuring students complete the work directed is very important.
- ✳ We will also do full past papers at relevant points.





## Welcome to the St Ivo Academy Science Hub

Choose your area here

- 7 Year 7 (Key Stage 3)
- 8 Year 8 (Key Stage 3)
- 9 Year 9 (Key Stage 3)
- 9 Year 9 (pre-GCSE)
- 10 Year 10 (Key Stage 4: GCSE)
- 11 Year 11 (Key Stage 4: GCSE)
- 12 Year 12 (Key Stage 5: A-Level)

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Have you learnt this?

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Revision Centre  
(All Science Subjects)

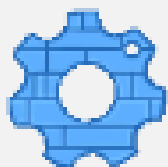
Click here (updated 13th April)

Science Staff Area

# Science will centralise revision resources in the Science SharePoint hub.

(accessible by all students on any web browser through the 'School Intranet' link on the St Ivo Academy homepage – details will be circulated to students)

# What else is there for free?



COGNITO

Cognito has lessons, videos, questions and past papers organised across the science subjects by topic. Students can sign up for free which allows them to track progress in each unit.

Seneca has free services with both information and explanations – either online or via the app. Students can create their own account or join classes set up by teachers.



SENECA

Free interactive content to  
keep students engaged



PMT

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We will be working through selected exam questions in class and placing some on SharePoint. However, any students who need more will be able to find notes and questions on for all sciences on Physics and Maths Tutor.



# English and English Literature GCSE

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## Your guide to your GCSE AQA ENGLISH Language and literature Papers.

Literature	Language
<b>Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Novel</b>	<b>Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing</b>
Time allowance: <b>1hr 45 mins</b> (2 hrs 10 minutes with 25% extra allowance)	Time allowance: <b>1hr 45 mins</b> (2 hrs 10 minutes with 25% extra allowance)
<p><b>Section A</b>  <b>Macbeth</b> (30 marks + 4 SPaG marks)</p> <p><b>Section B</b>  <b>A Christmas Carol</b> (30 marks)</p>	<p><b>Reading section</b>            Q1. List 4 things (4 marks)            Q2. Language analysis of an extract from the source (8 marks)            Q3. Structure analysis of the WHOLE source (8 Marks)            Q4. Statement analysis (agree/disagree) in relation to the text (20 marks)</p> <p><b>Writing Section</b>            Q5. Creative piece – <b>Descriptive</b> OR Narrative</p>
<b>Paper 2 : Modern Texts and Poetry</b>	<b>Paper 2: Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives</b>
Time allowance: <b>2hr 15 mins</b> (2 hrs 48 minutes with 25% extra allowance)	Time allowance: <b>1hr 45 mins</b> (2 hrs 10 minutes with 25% extra allowance)
<p><b>Section A</b>  <b>An Inspector Calls</b> (30 marks + 4 SPaG marks)</p> <p><b>Section B</b>            Seen Poetry Comparison – Power and Conflict (30 marks)</p> <p><b>Section C</b>  <b>Unseen Poetry</b>            Part 1: A poem you haven't seen before with a specific focus for you to analyse (24 marks)            Part 2: Comparisons of writers methods between unseen poem from part 1 and another unseen (8 marks)</p>	<p><b>Reading Section</b>            Q1. True/False statements (4 marks)            Q2. Summary of differences between texts (based on a specific idea) (8 marks)            Q3. Language analysis (specific focus given) (12 marks)            Q4. Comparing a specific idea/ideas across both texts (16 marks)</p> <p><b>Writing Section</b>            Q5. Writing to present a point of view (you will produce a non-fiction text type: speech, newspaper article) (40 marks – 24 for organisation and content, 16 marks for SPaG accuracy and effectiveness)</p>



# Homework Expectations

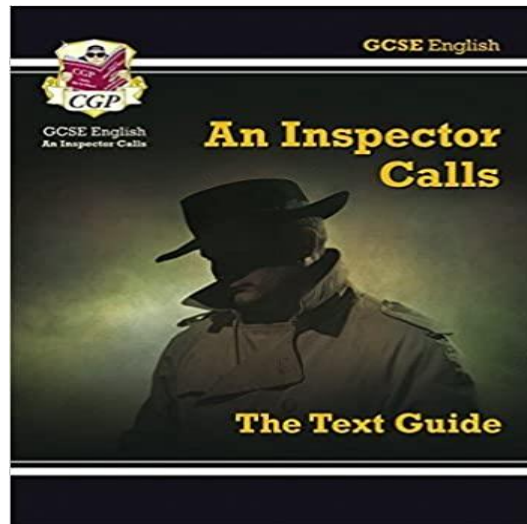
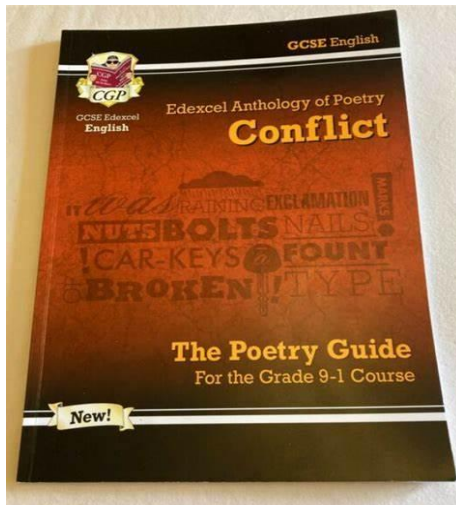
- ✧ Homework is set weekly.
- ✧ Year 11 will be set a Sparks Reader homework for Macbeth and A Christmas Carol
- ✧ They will have a revision homework booklet to use too.
- ✧ Expectation that they will spend one hour a week on English homework plus revision.

# What can you do to help?



## ★ Revision Ideas

- Read the texts with your child/ talk about the texts.
- Mr Bruff revision videos <https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff/playlists>
- ★ <https://www.gutenberg.org/files/46/46-h/46-h.htm>
- ★ CGP Revision Guides- for the set texts - The poetry one is the most effective.







## Beyond GCSE- English Literature 'A' Level

English Literature is one of the Russell Group universities' 'facilitating' subjects — so called because choosing them at A-level allows a wide range of options for degree study.

English Literature A-level is an essential subject for an English degree. Some drama, media studies, American studies and law degree courses will also ask for an English literature or language A-level. The Russell Group Informed Choices guide also recommends English Literature A-level for those who want to take degree courses in classics, French and other modern languages, teacher training, history, history of art, politics and religious studies.

## What careers can studying English Literature lead to?

It is widely recognised by universities that the skills developed through the study of English Literature are among the most transferable, with English graduates going on to develop the widest range of careers — among the most popular are publishing, broadcasting, marketing and PR, journalism, law, teaching and politics



# Strategies for Helping Year 11 Students with Revision at Home



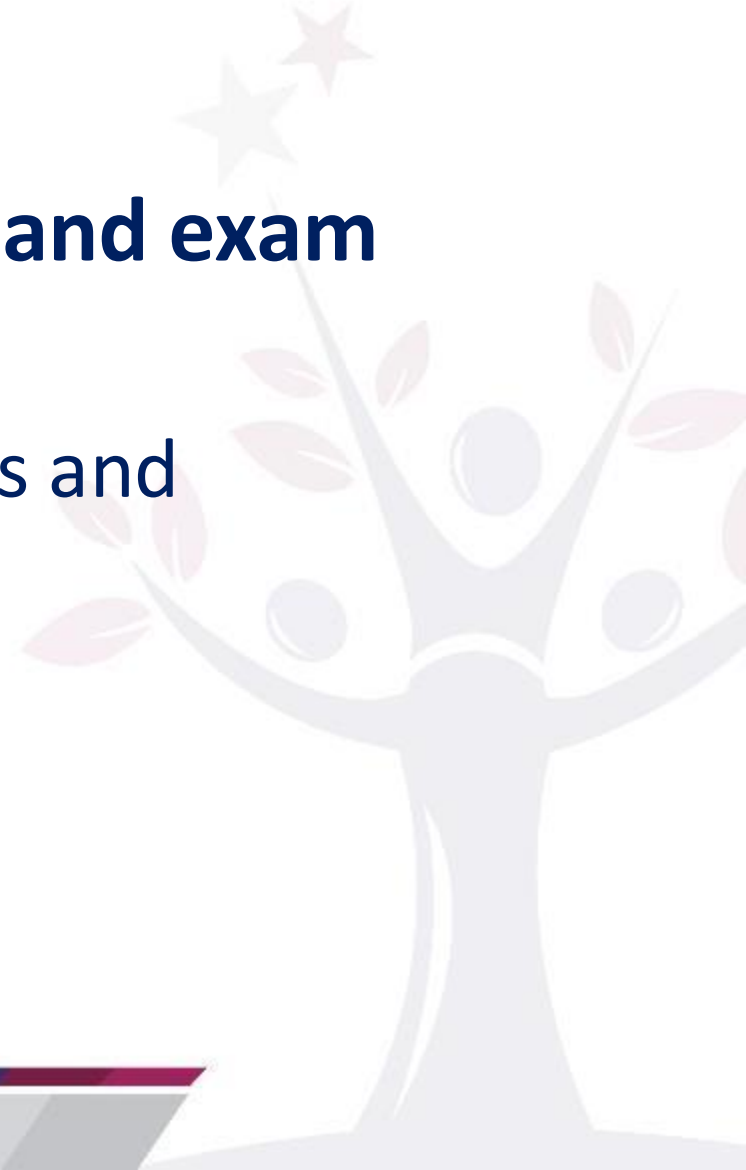
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# Why is revision important?



- ✳ **Students need knowledge and exam technique**
- ✳ **Good GCSE grades open doors and opportunities.**



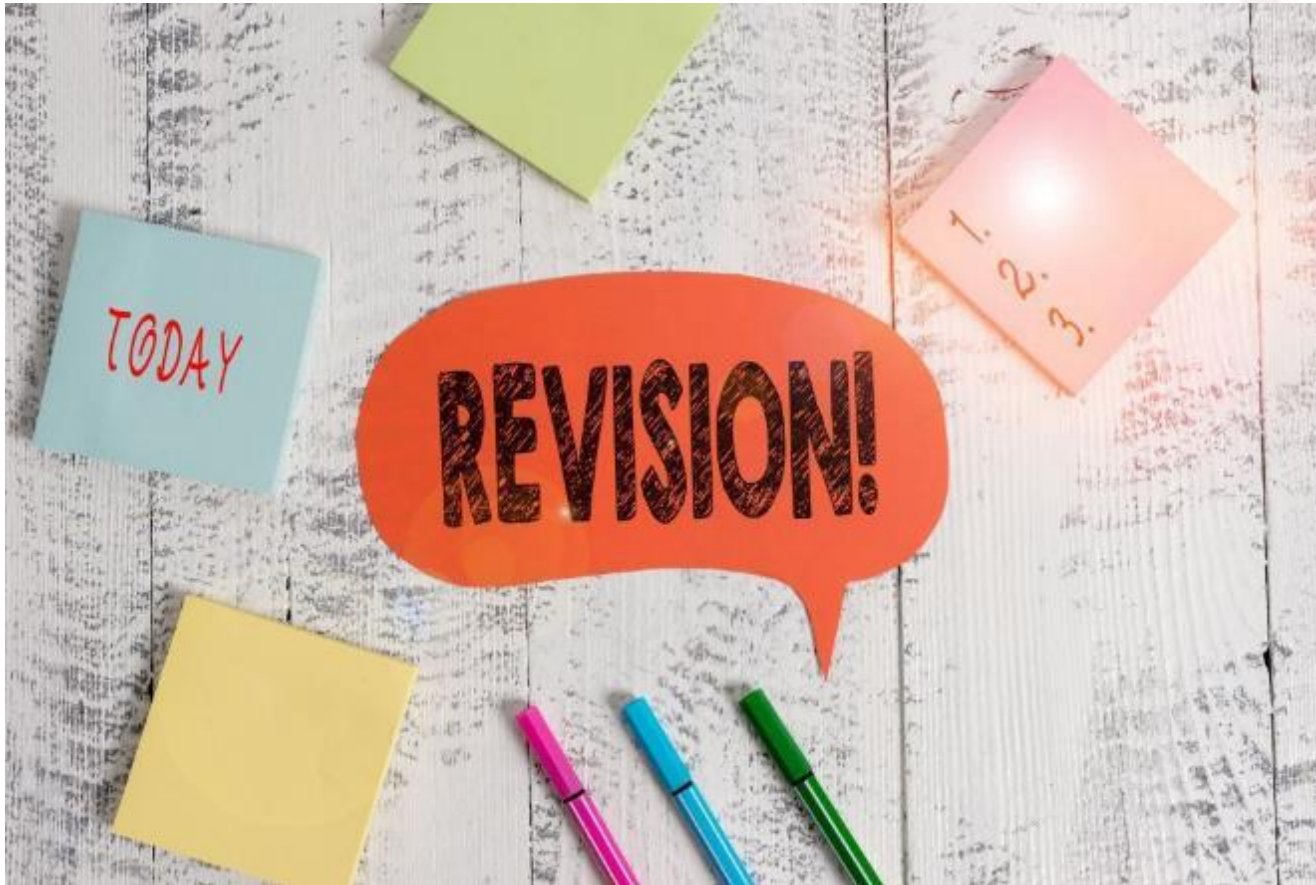
# Consistency



- ✳️ Make a weekly **timetable** of when they will study and for how long. Be realistic.
- ✳️ **Encourage** them to do it
- ✳️ **Show an interest** in their work. Lots of praise!
- ✳️ **Hold them to account** – you will have to have difficult conversations at times.

- TO DO LIST:
- Study timetable
  - Hide the games console/tablet etc
  - Have rewards and praise readily available
  - Be prepared to hold the line

# Revision Techniques



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# 1. Knowledge Organisers



- ✳ **Folder of printed material**
- ✳ **School website**
- ✳ ***Look – Cover – Write - Check***





# 1. Knowledge Organisers



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## History Knowledge organiser. USA - The Development of Civil Rights Movement 1954-1960



	Knowledge	Answer
1	What are the three branches of the US government system?	President, Congress, and Judiciary (e.g. Supreme Court)
2	What does Congress do?	Debate and pass laws
3	Segregation meant separate facilities for which racial groups?	Black and White Americans
4	What court case established the principle of 'separate but equal'?	Plessy vs Ferguson 1896
5	What nickname was given to segregation laws in the South?	Jim Crow laws
6	Alabama and Arkansas are states in the South. Name another.	Mississippi
7	Name 1 tactic used to prevent black people voting in the South.	Literacy tests
8	The racist Ku Klux Klan wanted supremacy of who?	White Protestants
9	What 1939-45 war inspired more people to push for US civil rights?	World War 2
10	How did the NAACP fight for civil rights?	Court cases
11	CORE pushed for civil rights using non-violent protest such as?	Boycotts, sit-ins
12	What were centres of communities, including civil rights leaders?	Black churches
13	What happened to Emmett Till in 1955?	Murdered by white racists
14	Middle class groups and professionals opposing civil rights	White Citizens' Councils
15	Southern Democrats supporting segregation (e.g. used 'filibusters' to block civil rights laws; signed the Southern Manifesto 1958)	Dixiecrats
16	Following the legal efforts of lawyer Thurgood Marshall of NAACP, what Supreme Court ruling said school segregation must end?	Brown v Topeka Board of Education 1954
17	Name of the judge who played a crucial role in the Brown ruling?	Chief Justice Warren
18	Name one limitation/weakness of the Brown ruling.	No time scale was given
19	What was the Southern Manifesto 1958 by the Dixiecrats?	Rejected the Brown ruling
20	Arkansas state governor Orval Faubus sent 250 state troops to 'keep the peace' and prevent 9 Black students entering where?	Little Rock High School, 1957
21	Who was surrounded by an angry racist mob outside Little Rock?	Elizabeth Eckford
22	How did President Eisenhower help the 'Little Rock Nine'?	Federal troop protection
23	Whose arrest on December 1, 1955 kickstarted the Montgomery Bus Boycott?	Rosa Parks
24	What did the Women's Political Council organise?	A 1 day bus boycott
25	What new group was set up to continue and coordinate the Montgomery Bus Boycott?	Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA)
26	Which church minister was a good public speaker, believed in non-violent tactics, and became MIA president?	Martin Luther King Jr.
27	What was the name of the 1956 court case fought by the NAACP that ruled in favour of desegregating Montgomery's buses?	Browder v Gayle
28	How long did the Montgomery Bus Boycott keep going 1955 to	381 days

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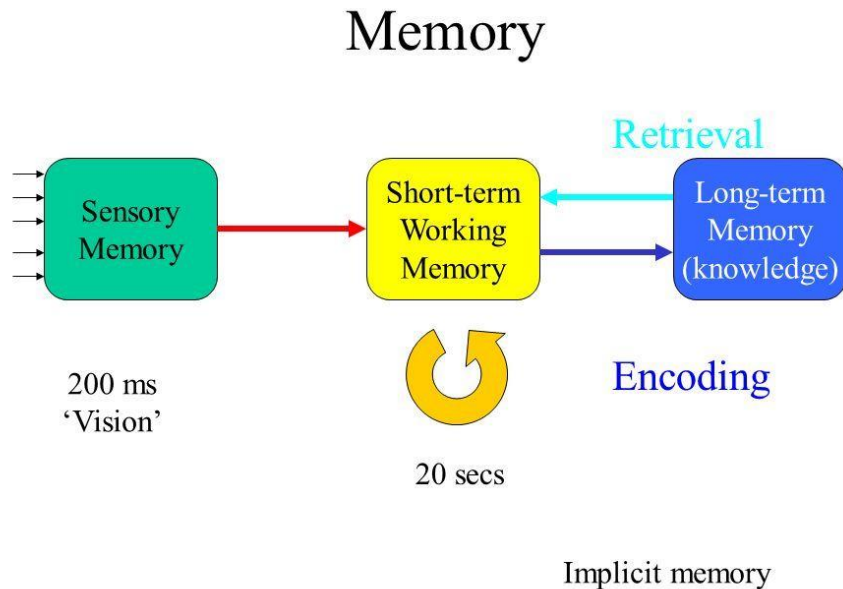
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## 2. Tests and Quizzes



- ★ Recall of knowledge helps cement it
- Use a knowledge organiser
- The school has bought into **Carousel Learning** and **Sparx**
- ★ Other sites include Quizlet, Seneca Learn and BBC Bitesize



# 3. Flash Cards



- ✳ Write a question on one side and the answer on the other. Use the knowledge organiser to help.
- ✳ Test them!



# 4. Practice Exam Questions

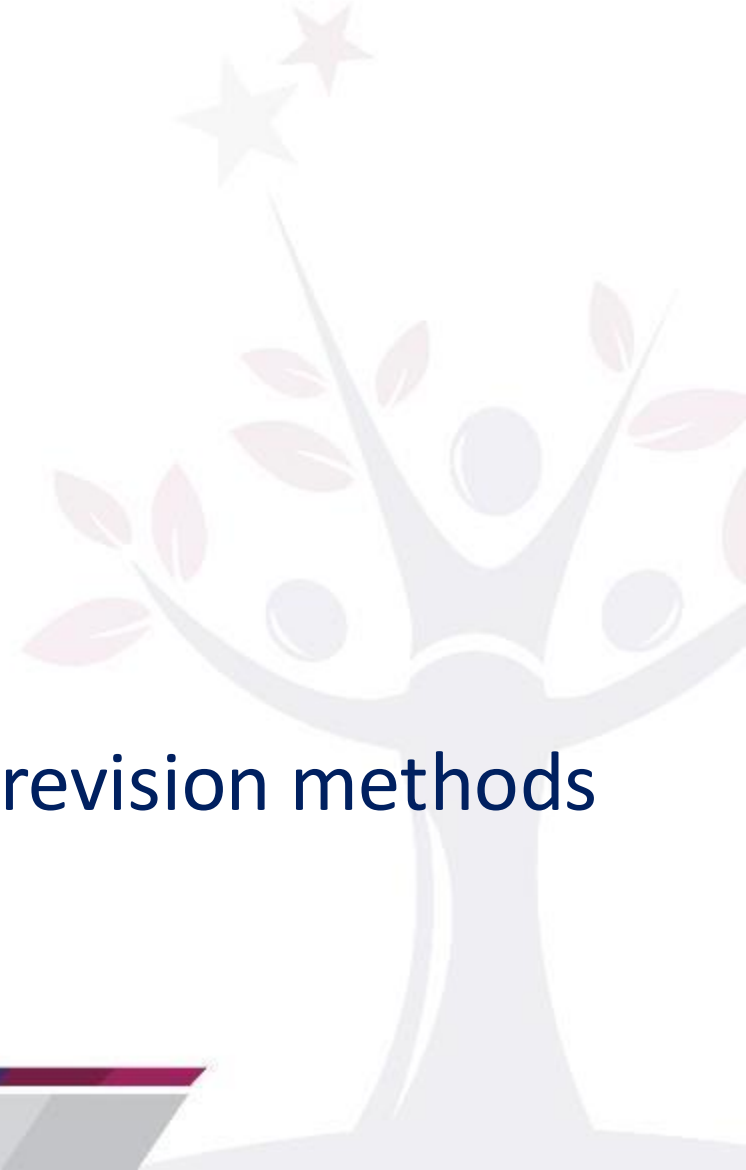


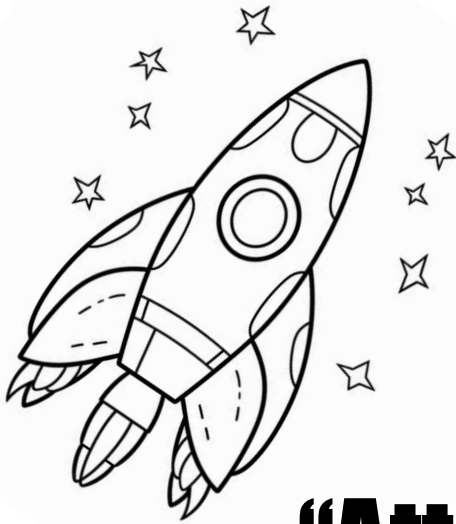
- ✳ It is important to practice applying the information via practice exam questions.
- ✳ Exam board websites provide past papers and mark schemes
- ✳ **Technique is important. Teachers will provide guidance on this.**

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- ★ Useful additional tool
  - Create quizzes
  - Generate practice questions
  - Mark work (exercise caution)
- ★ Can make mistakes
- ★ Can oversimplify
- ★ Does not replace traditional revision methods





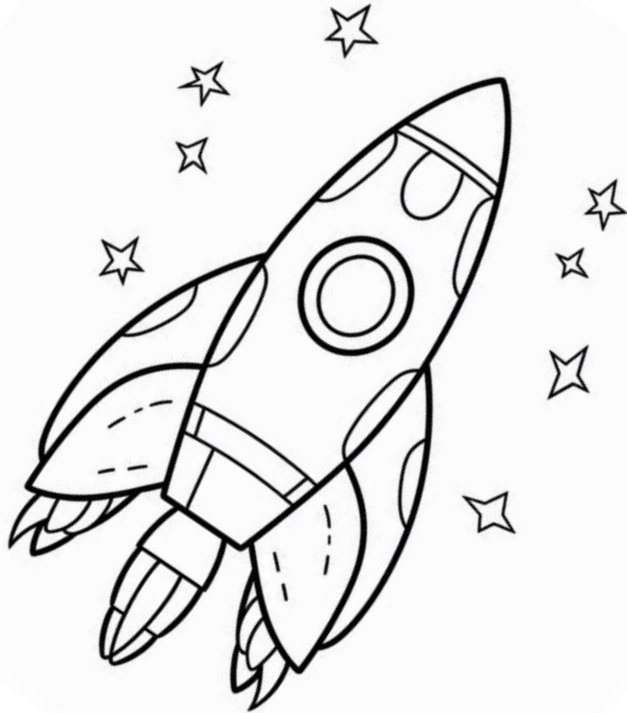
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For subject specific  
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