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Key Stage 3

Study Skills Booklet

St Ivo Academy



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EXPECTATIONS

Always write in black or blue pen.

Always use a ruler for straight lines.

If you make a mistake, cross it out with a single line.

Always draw diagrams, tables and graphs in pencil with a ruler if necessary.

Always mark and correct your work in green pen.

Respond to any feedback your teacher gives you in green pen.

Take pride in your work; make it neat!

Plan for study

Think about your weekly activities. Where can you fit in small bursts of revision time? 20 minutes is adequate to review your knowledge for example. You will get set revision homework too so you will need to plan to schedule this in as well.

Keep Healthy

Revision takes time and effort. Make sure you eat sensibly (especially breakfast) and drink plenty of water. Moderate exercise and plenty of sleep are also important. If you don't allow for some down time after revision, it is likely that you will find it harder to fall asleep straight away.

Designate a study space

If the place where you do most of your school work is not easy to work in, what can you do to make it better?

What distracts you when you are trying to settle down to revision?

Can you do something to remove that distraction (e.g. give your phone to a parent while you revise)

If you find it difficult to study at home, use the resource centre which is open after school most days.

My plan

Here is a list of subjects you will need to revise

You will have a written exam paper in the hall for these subjects:		Your teacher will advise you how to prepare for assessments in:
English		Art
Science		Computing
Maths		Dance
French		DT
PD		Drama
RE		Music
History		
Geography		

Tick the subject every time you do some revision for it.

Revision Timetable

	Subject		Subject	
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge organisers capture the core knowledge you need to be successful on one or two pages

By self quizzing you commit this core knowledge to memory

This builds confidence and enjoyment in lessons, freeing up brain power to do even more!

Knowledge organisers:

- Beat the 'I don't know where to start!' issue
- Help you with homework and revision
- Provide you with a curriculum map – you know exactly what you need to learn

Use **LOOK – COVER – WRITE – CHECK** to learn them

You have a folder to store your knowledge organisers and a card that you can use to cover the answers while keeping the questions visible.

This makes it easy and quick to test your knowledge. Your tutor will model this for you.

1 LOOK at the knowledge organiser and try to commit the information to memory. Use a timer.

2. COVER – use your card to cover the answers

3. WRITE – read the questions and write down what you think the answers are

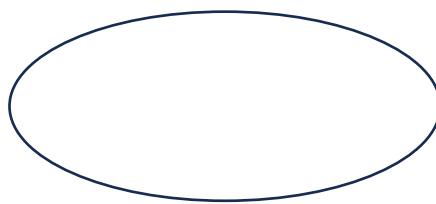
4. CHECK - remove the card and check if you got the questions correct. If not, try that question again.

Mind Maps

These are a good way to categorise and summarise what you know about a topic.

1. Take a whole page. Using BLACK pen put your topic or subject title in the middle and then think of a range of subheadings. Add detail to each subheading and as other ideas come you can continue to add to the branches of your mind map. You can use diagrams or pictures too.
2. Now check your mind map against your class notes, revision guide or a knowledge organiser. What did you miss? Add in any additional information in a different coloured pen.

Mind Map



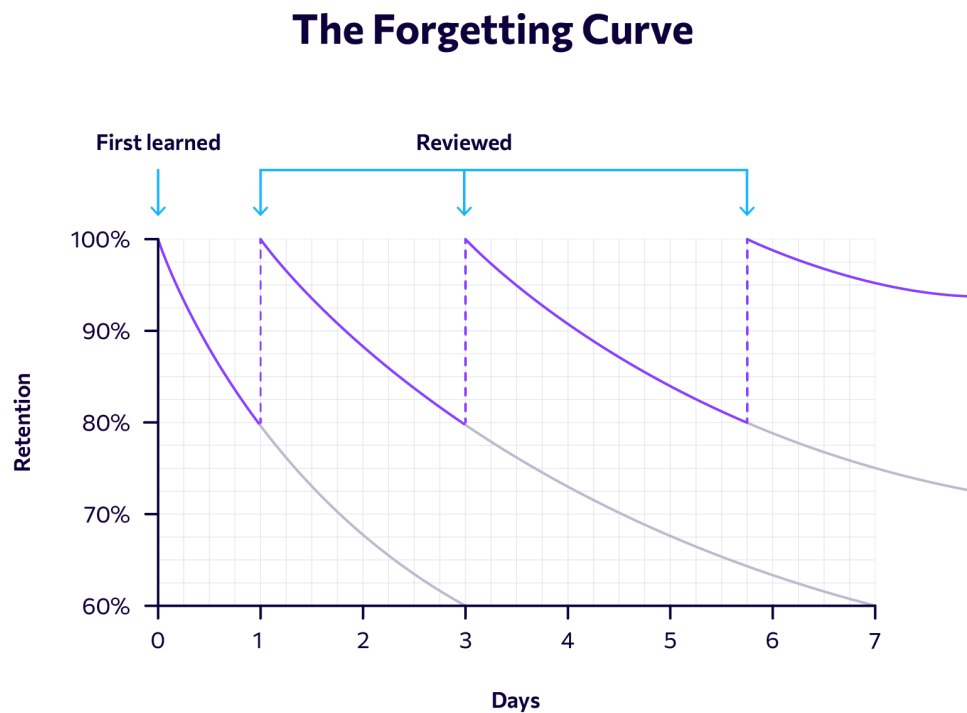
Flash cards

These help you engage with the topic you are revising because you have to think of questions about the topic so that you can answer them.

On one side of your card write a question (or more short answer questions)

On the reverse side write the answer(s). You can then revisit your flash cards to help you recall the information.

When we review information we naturally start to forget it again after a period of time. The process of revisiting the same information helps us to retain a greater portion of it. Look at the graph below



Using flashcards to quiz yourself 2, 3 or 4 times before an exam can really help you to recall the information more effectively.

Practice making some flashcards in the space below.

Question (s)	Answer (s)

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Online Resources

There are many website that offer revision too.

- BBC Bitesize has good revision sources for a wide range of subjects
- Some subjects use sites like Seneca learning.
- Quizlet uses a system of online flash cards to test and consolidate your knowledge
- Kahoot offers quizzes

Revision Space

Use the remaining time to practice revision techniques. Good luck!

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