

ACTIVE REVISION TECHNIQUES

1. MNEMONICS

Useful for learning key words and forcing students to develop their thought processes by rearranging information.

Example: Science

**My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up
Naming Planets**

2. PODCASTS

A great way to learn is to record your notes on to MP3 and listen to them on your mobile phone or iPod.

There are also some podcasts for your subjects to download from the Learning Platform or iTunes.

3. FLASH CARDS

To condense your revision notes, try transferring the key points for each topic onto a flash card.

Alternatively, test yourself with a question on the front and answer on the back.

4. COLOUR CODING

Use colours to link together all the knowledge you need for a topic - you could use different coloured highlighters to select key points in your notes or create revision cards on different coloured pieces of paper.

This will also break your revision down into manageable chunks.

5. QUICKFIRE PLANNING

Looking at past exam papers is one of the most useful ways to revise. Try planning your answers for as many exam papers as you can find, spending five or ten minutes on each paper.

This will also train you to plan quickly in the exam.

6. POST ITS

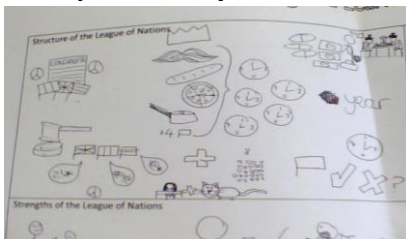
Write key quotations, equations, or facts onto post it notes and stick around your room as a reminder.

You can also rearrange these to plan answers or group together information.

7. DOODLES

Transform your notes into small sketches and doodles to break up long texts or concepts.

Example: History



8. MINDMAPS

Start by writing a key word or question in the middle of the page. Stemming from that, write down as much information as you can remember relating to that topic.

You can then reorganise these notes into an essay plan.