

GCSE Parental support evening

Revision strategies

What's effective?

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How to help

Motivation

How to 'keep going'

Parental view

How I helped my child during GCSE's

How to talk to your child during revision

Hints and tips

Students testimonies

What do successful do?

Katie Barter - Deputy Headteacher



Task 1: Effective revision

Write down every
revision strategy
you know

In final 30
seconds, mark
your top 3 for
effectiveness



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Task 1: Effective revision

The Strong Man's Triceps Explode

This stands for: Troposphere, Stratosphere, Mesosphere, Thermosphere, Exosphere.

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Task 1: Effective revision

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	Highlighting	Marking potentially important portions of to-be-learned materials while reading.
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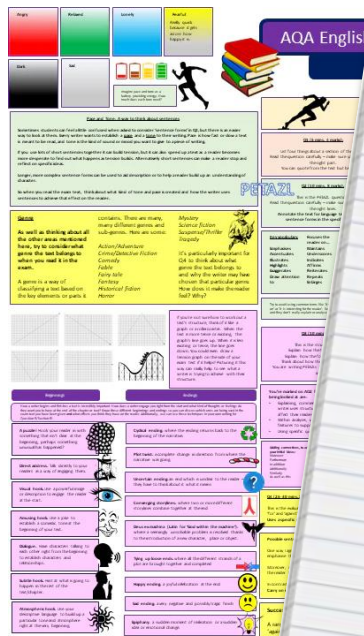
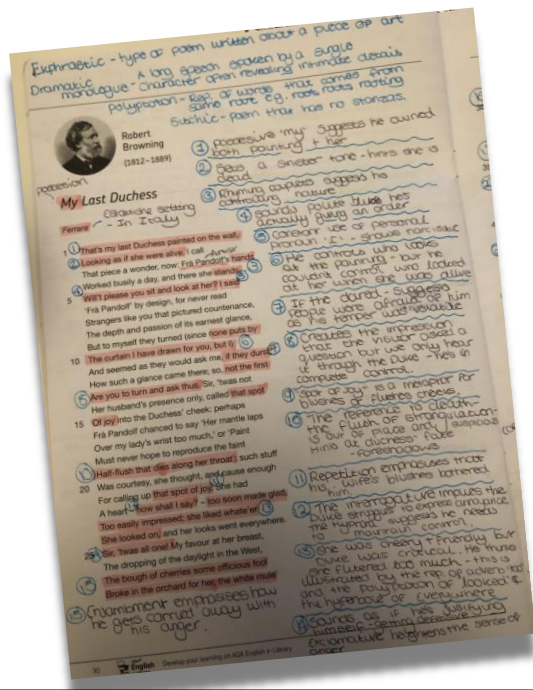
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	Revision Strategy	
The best – most effective	Practice testing	Self-testing or taking practice tests on material to be learned. Self-testing to check knowledge - especially using flash cards
	Distributed ('spaced') practice	Implementing a schedule of practice that spreads out activities over time.
	Elaborative interrogation	Generating an explanation for why an explicitly stated fact or concept is true. How does this work? Why did this come about? Understanding 'around' it
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Common mistakes

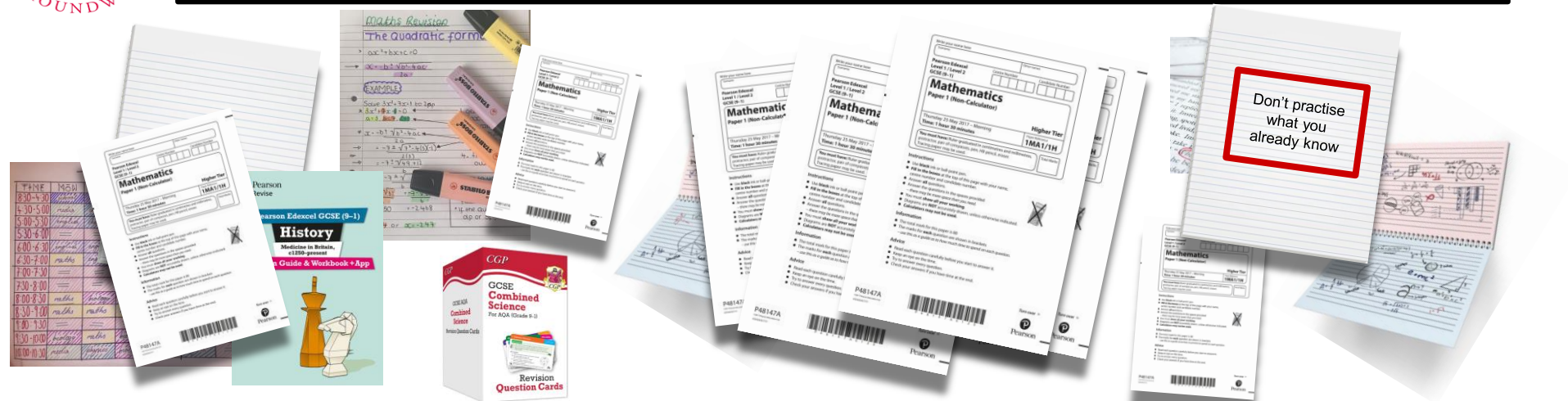


Don't practise
what you
already know

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What should it look like?



6 weeks before exam

4 weeks before exam

2 weeks before exam

Day before exam

Morning of exam

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What can you do at home?



School = Coach / Trainers

Home = Support team

Help your child find a
suitable revision space.
With you - kitchen?
Home office?
Library
Starbucks



How to help your child find somewhere to revise



What can you do at home?

Students who succeeded in their GCSE exams last summer commented that their parents were really good at encouraging them and helping to keep them focused.



Focus or Flora
Green Focus might
help with time
management

How to talk to your child about revision



What can you do at home?

Resources



How to talk to your child about revision

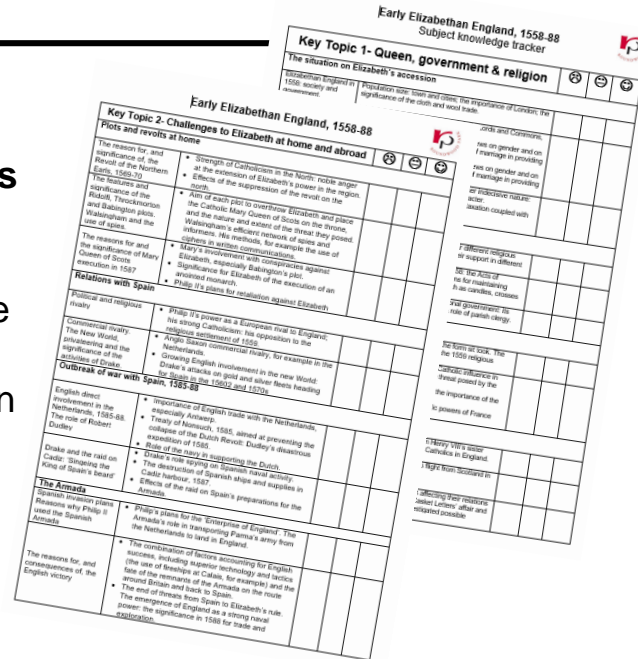


Use the resources on the
Google Classroom



One parent commented that she use the Science revision list to find relevant youtube revision videos for her daughter to watch!

How to talk to your child about revision



What can you do at home?

“Think you can, think you can’t - either way, you will be right.”

Keep going, you’ve made a positive start - you can do this

I’m not saying it is going to be easy, but I am saying it is going to be worth it

Well done, you kept going, even when things got tough



= superior intelligence or ability

Three decades of research show that over emphasis on **intellect** or **talent** = people feeling vulnerable to failure, fearful of change and unmotivated to learn. (Fixed mindset)

Praise:

- Effort or persistence (rather than intelligence) - “*You are so clever at Maths though*”
- Tell success stories that emphasise hard work
- Promote a ‘love of learning’
- Teach them that the brain is a ‘learning machine’

How to talk to your child about revision



What can you do at home?



Targets : Grade 4 across all subjects

GCSE results:

1 x Grade 4

2 x Grade 5

7 x Grade 7

Combined Science 65

Top tips:

1. Start revising early
2. Started off with regular small bursts of revision (Seneca **EVERY** day)
3. Parents were really encouraging
4. Flashcards - mum tested him
5. Make time to complete practise questions

Student top tips



What can you do at home?



Targets : Grade 8 across all subjects

GCSE results:

1 x Grade 8

8 x Grade 9

Mum said: Don't add the stress at home! Help them to manage their time - don't work beyond 9pm.
Plan things as a family as a break

Top tips:

1. Start revising early
2. Revision timetable
3. Quizlet - flashcards
4. Detailed revision notes / flashcards / timelines etc around room
5. Mum tested me using Quizlet
6. Test myself - start with a blank piece of paper / flashcards
7. Test myself - past exam papers regularly (predict exam style questions)

Student top tips



What can you do at home?



Learning through mistakes

How do you talk about struggling at home?

Catch them being good!



How do you talk about failure at home?

