

Online Learning Tools

While we wait to get started, please think or talk amongst yourselves about any online learning platforms that you may have come across so far, that could help your son/daughter prepare for their GCSEs





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Potential advantages

- Linked to the exam board specification (usually) so all the information should be relevant
- 2. Often have interactive sections that provide feedback
- 3. Easy to access from most devices
- 4. Usually easy to navigate

Potential disadvantages

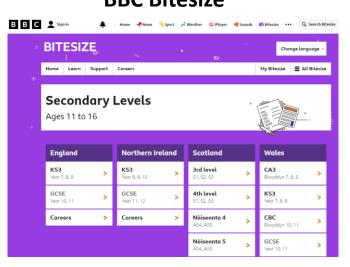
- 1. Can encourage passive learning
- 2. The device they are using often comes with other distractions
- 3. Many platforms are not reliable sources of information
- 4. Accessing the wrong material is easy to do (i.e. selecting the wrong exam board)



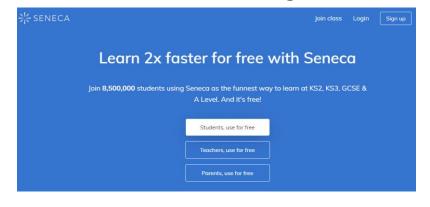


Some of the popular platforms

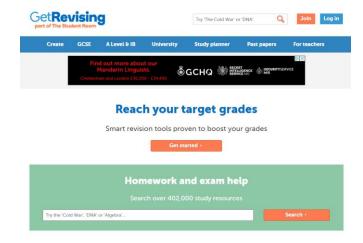
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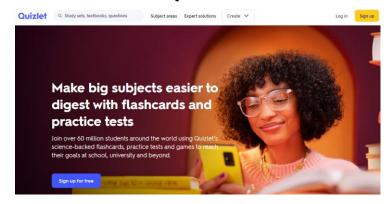
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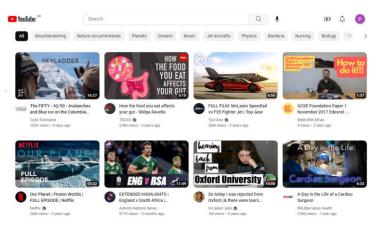
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YouTube





What does effective online revision need to entail?

- 1. 'Active' revision i.e. something is produced using the information provided (flashcards would be out recommendation)
- 2. Self-testing this is where they test their knowledge/skills on a topic they have <u>not</u> <u>looked at recently</u> reading about the topic then self testing immediately has much less learning benefit
- 3. Applying knowledge and skills in an exam style scenario the vast majority of GCSE marks do not come from multiple choice quizzes!





Online learning pitfalls

- 1. Distractions from the device they are using to access the online platform set up parental controls on devices during revision times. To avoid conflict you could negotiate this as a way to support them keeping focused during revision time
- **2. Selecting the wrong exam board** the subject area of the school website details which exam boards are used for each qualification
- **3.** Wrong content some less regulated websites can contain incorrect information (i.e. YouTube or TikTok) your child's teachers may be able to recommend suitable channels on YouTube i.e. 'freesciencelessons'
- **4.** The temptation to be passive (which includes overusing quick quiz functions) the online platforms are the source of information and resources, it is the learning activities that come after that which will make the difference

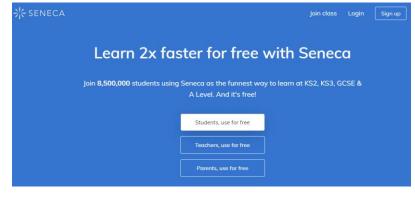




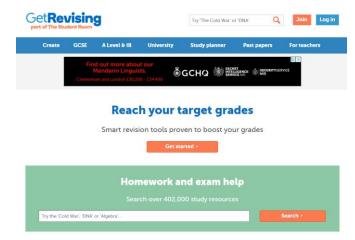
Browsing and question time...



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