



**Year 11 Exam Preparation
Evening and the Year Ahead
9th November 2023**

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Head of 6th Form

6th Form Transition

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Pathway

3 or 4 A Levels &
Optional EPQ
qualification

A combination of A
Level and Vocational
subjects

3 Level 3 applied
courses

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(Oxbridge, Russell
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Level 3

Art

Drama

IT

Photography

Sport

Art and
Design

English Lit

Maths

Physics

Travel and
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Biology

French

Core Maths

Psychology

GCSE
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How to apply

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The image is a composite screenshot of the Raynes Park High School website. The top left shows the school's logo and navigation menu. The main content area features a large banner for the Sixth Form application with a 'NEW APPLICATION' heading and a 'Start Application' button. To the right, there is a 'Registered Users' login form with fields for 'Username or Email address' and 'Password', and a 'Login' button. Below the banner, there is a section titled 'SIXTH FORM APPLICATIONS' with a blue circle highlighting the text. The bottom left shows a sidebar with 'IN THIS SECTION' and links to 'SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS', 'SIXTH FORM PROSPECTUS', 'FULHAM FOOTBALL & EDUCATION PROGRAMME', and 'SIXTH FORM COURSE INFORMATION'. The bottom right corner displays the school's logo.

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PARK SIXTH FORM

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PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Mr Hogarth
Deputy Headteacher

Exams – What to expect

Context

- The students started school at approx. age 5
- They have been “in school” for approx. 11 years of their life – nearly 450 school weeks
- They have been working towards one goal – their GCSE’s this summer
- The results they receive in August will determine their future pathways and the opportunities available

The **grades** that appear on your certificates will **open doors** for your future choices – make the most of your time to ensure those choices are plentiful!



Education Pays

Average Salary 5 Years after Graduation – Just some examples – These are not the highest!

- University of Nottingham £40,000
- UCL University College London £40,600
- Loughborough University £40,500
- University of Leeds £40,400
- Bristol University £41,000
- University of Warwick £42,500
- Aston University £43,000
- University of Bath £43,500
- Durham University £45,000
- University of London £45,500

No.1 = London
Business School
@ £70,000 per
year!

Median annual pay for full-time employees was **£33,000** for the tax year ending on 5 April 2022 (Office of National Statistics)

Education Pays

£40-45,000 is higher than the majority of the players playing League Two football at clubs like....

- Sutton United
- AF Wimbledon
- MK Dons
- Notts County
- Wrexham
- Swindon Town etc

0.012%

This is the percentage chance of a boy that currently plays organised football (there are 1.5million) playing 1 minute in the Premier League

Why are we here?

- To share the journey ahead over the next 6 months (23 School Weeks)
- To support you in supporting our students
 - Preparation for the mocks x2
 - Preparation for Summer exams – Starts in May
 - Dealing with the stress / pressures of Year 11
- To share the support on offer
- To work together to achieve the best outcomes for our young people

Key Dates: -

- Mock Exam Series 1: 20th – 30th November
- ID2: 14th December
- Parent and Carer Information Evening: 11th January
- Spring Half-Term: 12th – 16th February
- Mock Exam Series 2: 26th February – 8th March
- ID3: 21st March
- Easter Holiday: 1st – 12th April
- GCSE Window Opens: 13th May
- Summer Half-Term: 27th – 31st May
- GCSE Window Closes: 19th June
- **GCSE Results Day: 22nd August**

What to Expect: Mock Exams

WB: 20th November

- Two week period of Mock GCSE Exams
- Exam conditions with appropriate concessions for eligible students
- In the Sports Hall – mirroring GCSE's
- Official results assembly
- Results will inform projections, intervention strategies and tiers of entry

Mock Exam Timetable

Mock Exams Timetable - November 2023

	Tutor Time	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5	After School
Mon 20th Nov		Maths (Calculator) 1h 30m			English Literature (Paper 1) 1h			Sport 1h 30m	
Tue 21st Nov		Biology 1h 15m			English Literature (Paper 2) 1h 30m			French/Spanish (Reading) 45m/1h	
Wed 22nd Nov		Business & Enterprise 1h 30m			English Literature (Paper 3) 50m			Religious Studies (Christianity) 55m Computer Science (Paper 1) 45m	
Thu 23rd Nov		History (Paper 1 &2) 1h 20m			Geography 1h 30m			Child Development 1h 30m	
Fri 24th Nov		Chemistry 1h 15m			Media Studies 1h 30m			Digital IT 45m Dance (Written) 1h	
Mon 27th Nov		Maths (Non-Calculator) 1h 30m			D&T 1h 30m Music (Written) 1h			Drama 1h 20m	
Tue 28th Nov		English Language (Paper 1) 1h 45m			Physics 1h 15m			French/Spanish (Writing) 1h 20m	
Wed 29th Nov		English Language (Paper 2) 1hr 45m			Religious Studies (Thematic Studies) 55m Computer Science (Paper 2) 45m			Food 1h 30m	
Thu 30th Nov		History (Paper 3) 1h 30m							

What to Expect: Rules

Mocks and GCSEs

- Once lining up outside the hall students are in exam conditions
- Silence at all times – no communication
- Phones switched off and in bags at the front of the hall and no watches to be worn
- Clear pencil cases and water bottles with no labels
- Uniform is to be perfect
- You will have the same seat for all of your exams-numbered and lettered
- If you are late you risk not being able to enter the hall

What will happen in the Summer?

- 13th May is the start of the GCSE exam window
- We will provide all students with:
 - Exam breakfasts
 - Drop down days before exams
 - Continuation of study space and resources
- No study leave- we want you in school in as many lessons and drop downs as possible
- Exams, lessons and drop downs for 5 weeks
- 19th June is the end of the GCSE exam window
- GCSE results day 22nd August
- 6th Form enrolment

What to Expect: GCSEs

WB: 13th May

- Exams to take place in Sports Hall
- Uniform and equipment to be perfect
- Official exam invigilators
- Morning exams- 9am start
- Afternoon exams- 1.30pm start
- Drop down sessions prior to exam
- Smaller rooms for eligible students with concessions

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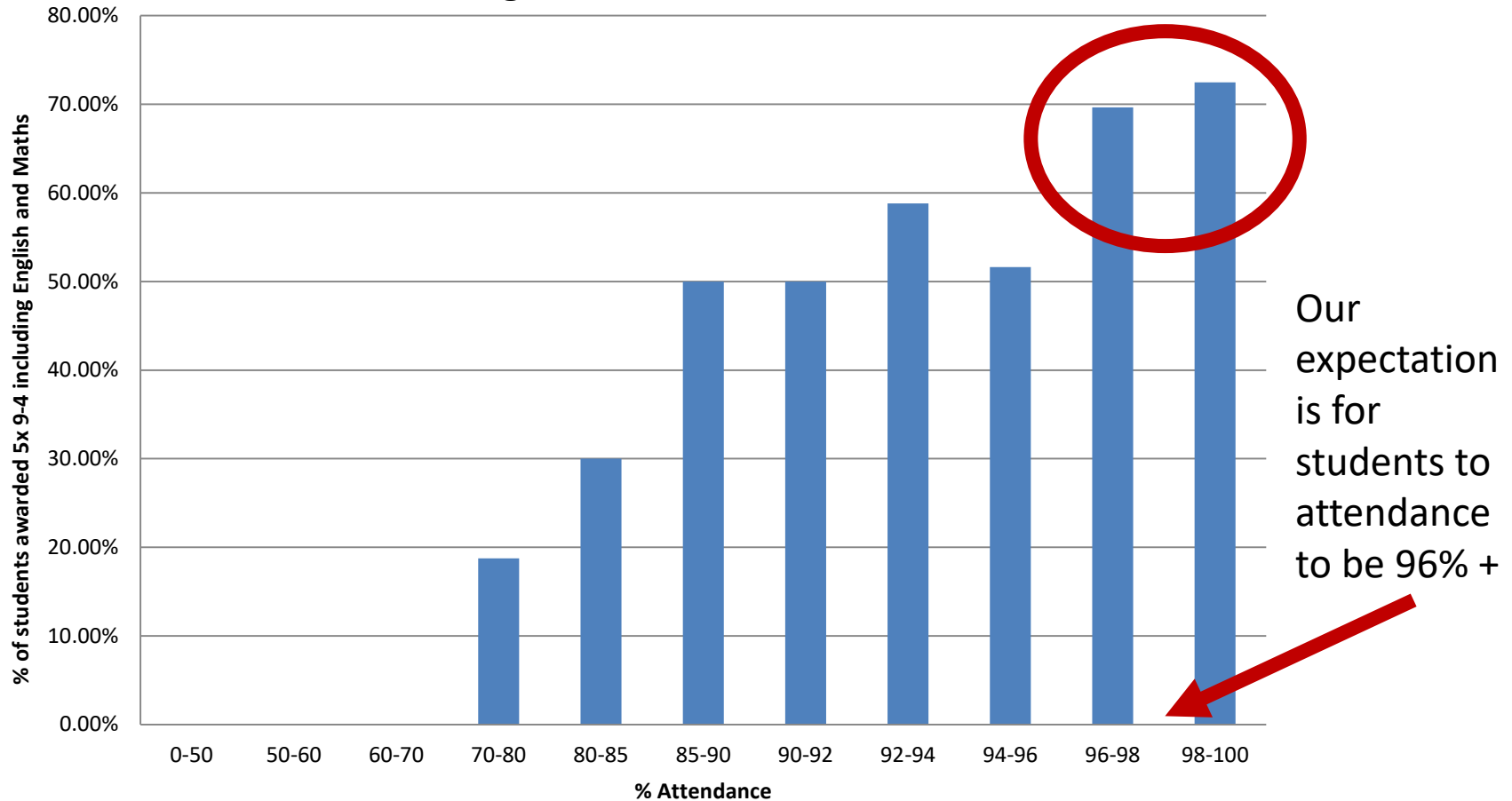
Preparing Students
for Exams

How can you help?

- Monitor your child's revision at home
- Support with creating a timetable around existing commitments
- Motivate your child when it gets difficult
- Provide a quiet space to revise
- Provide resources when necessary
- **Ensure your child is in school every day**

Attendance is the key to success

Percentage of Students awarded 5x 9-4 inc E & M compared against attendance at school



Attendance

- Attendance to school is not enough
- Attendance to Period 6, drop down days, half-term intervention and tutor time English/Maths sessions is paramount
- Do not just 'turn up' and go through the motions
- You must be present at all times and giving 100% effort in all of your timetabled lessons

Intervention

- Extensive programme of Period 6 or Tutor Time Intervention
- Intervention timetable is flexible and will need accountability from students
- Half-Term/Easter Intervention to be confirmed
- IT6 is open daily from 3-4pm for extra study
- Timetabled Intervention is compulsory

Subject Intervention Breakdown

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM	English Maths	English Maths Drama	English Maths	English Maths Science	Geography Maths
PM	English* BS	BTEC Sport Computer Science DT Food	French Spanish Music	History Science BTEC IT Media	Art Drama RS

What we have provided for you..

- Excellent lessons/teaching
- Sparks Maths and Educake
- Your teachers' support
- Feedback – classwork and mock exams
- Intervention- Period 6, Tutor Time and Holiday
- Revision Conferences
- Drop-Down Sessions
- Homework club and Study Space in IT6

How Prepared are you for learning?

How to be prepared for learning:

- Equipment
- Books
- Attitude
- Organisation
- Attendance / Punctuality
- Sleep
- Nutrition and Hydration

Revision Starts Now

- Students are studying for 9 GCSEs
- We have approx. 90 school days left
- That is only 10 “after schools per subject”
- Help students to produce a revision timetable to ensure that they cover all of the content before the summer
- Use the template provided if that will help
- Help the students to stick to their plan

Revision Starts Now

- You should be doing revision most evenings and at the weekends. This will be note taking
- During the Christmas holidays you will need to be revising
- After the Mock Exams you will need to continue learning your revision notes and doing **past exam** papers – see exam board websites or your teachers
- Use the feedback from the mocks to identify your areas of weakness – work on these most

Past Papers

Practice Papers v KS2 Prior attainment

The number of practice papers you do is a better indicator of what you will achieve than your KS2 prior attainment:

- Make sure you do as many past paper questions as possible
- Past papers can be found on the Internet and class teachers
 - Links to exam boards can be found on the school website
- Practise highlighting questions and planning answers
- Time yourself to match the number of marks available
- Use mark schemes to correct your answers
- You need to redo bits of questions you have scored badly in
- You can repeat exam questions

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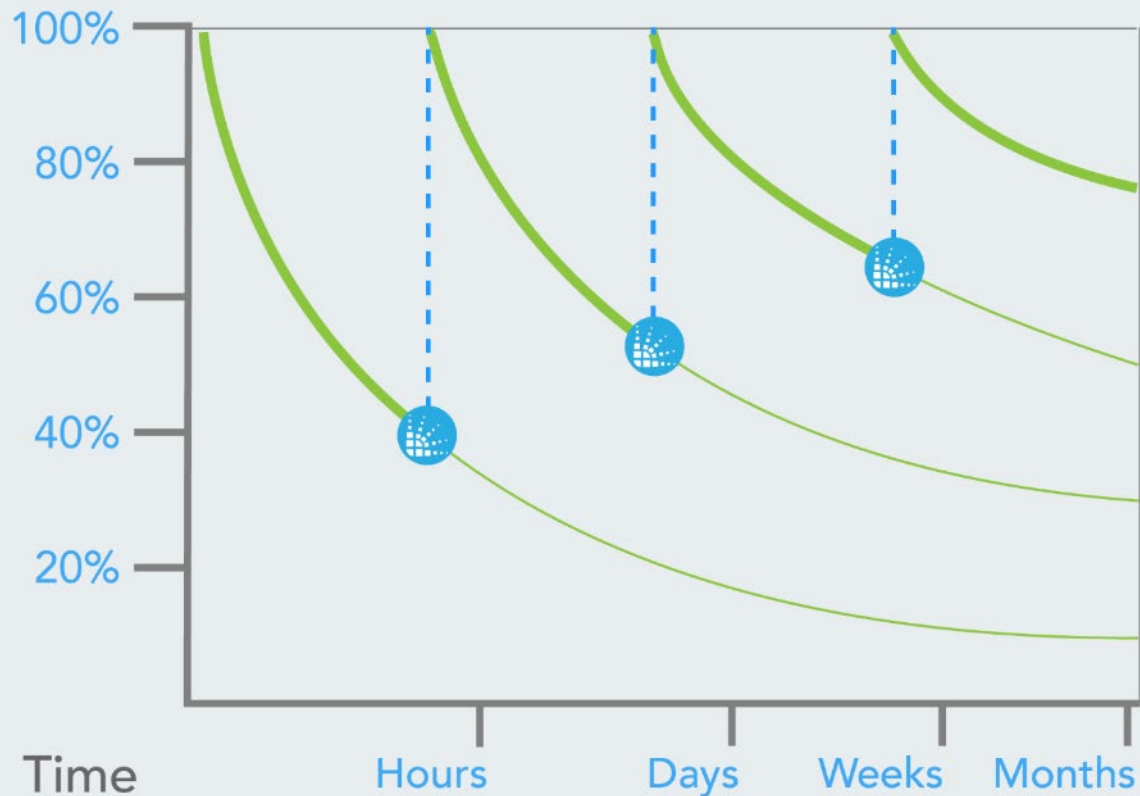
What do people remember?


- 10 percent of what they READ
- 20 percent of what they HEAR
- 30 percent of what they SEE
- 50 percent of what they SEE and HEAR
- 70 percent of what they SAY and WRITE
- 90 percent of what they DO

The best way to revise is to READ the information, SAY it out loud, WRITE it down and then DO (complete a practice question with that information). Then REPEAT this some time later.

Why do you need to make revision notes?

The Forgetting Curve with KnowledgeBumps™



Notice how more information is retained after each knowledge review. 

This is why we do “Retrieval Starters” in our lessons and why revision is so important for success

How to revise?

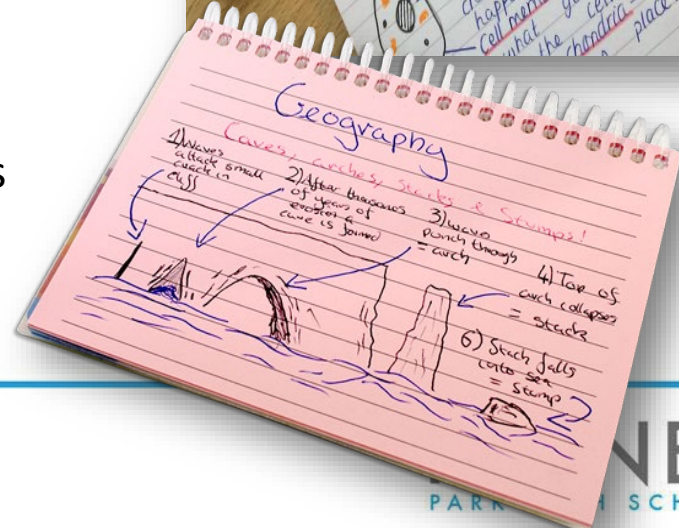
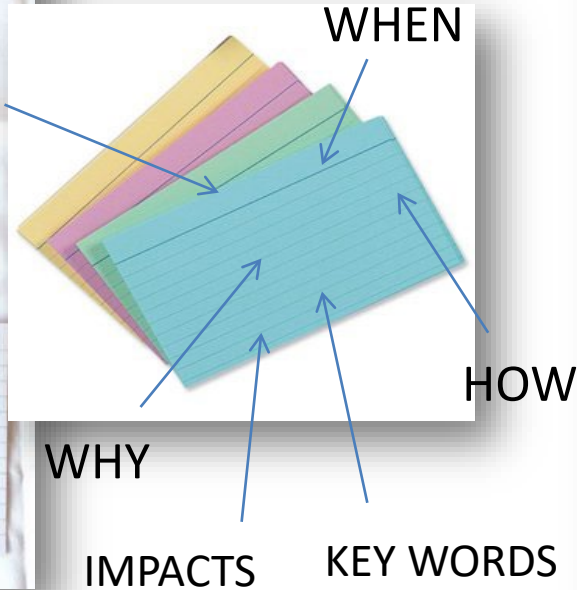
Revision Timetables

- You will need a 'school time' revision timetable for evenings and weekends
- You will also need a revision timetable for the holidays
- Your revision timetable should be manageable and reflect your subject priorities
- Your revision timetable should provide time for rest, food and exercise

Year 11 GCSE Revision Planner

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
30 MINS	30 MINS	30 MINS	30 MINS	30 MINS	60 MINS	60 MINS
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Revision cards



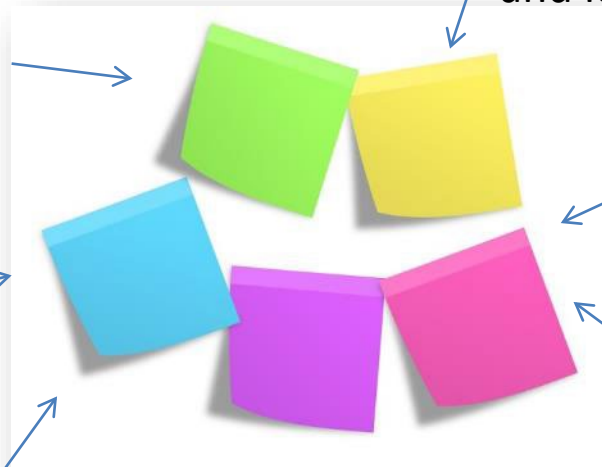
- Use bullet points
- Divide your page up
- Highlight/underline important concepts/terms
- Use different colour pens
- Use the same format
- Make them legible and easy to understand

'Post it' notes – when and how to use them

'Post it' notes are a useful way to record small but important bits of information, that you want to refer to frequently

Use 'post its' to annotate revision guides, mind maps and notes

Display them in places you often visit



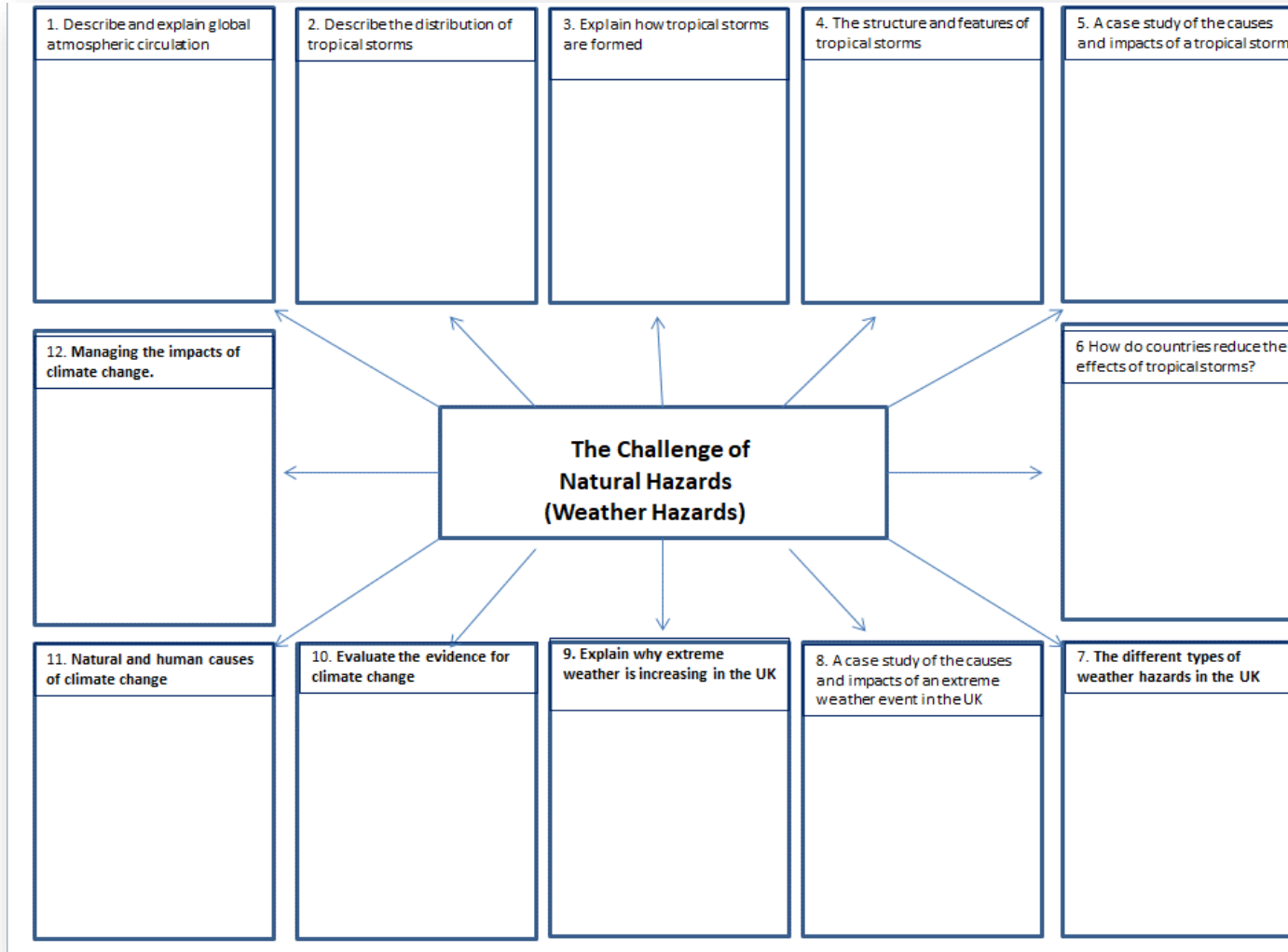
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Use different colours for each subject

'Post its' are useful for equations or scientific formula

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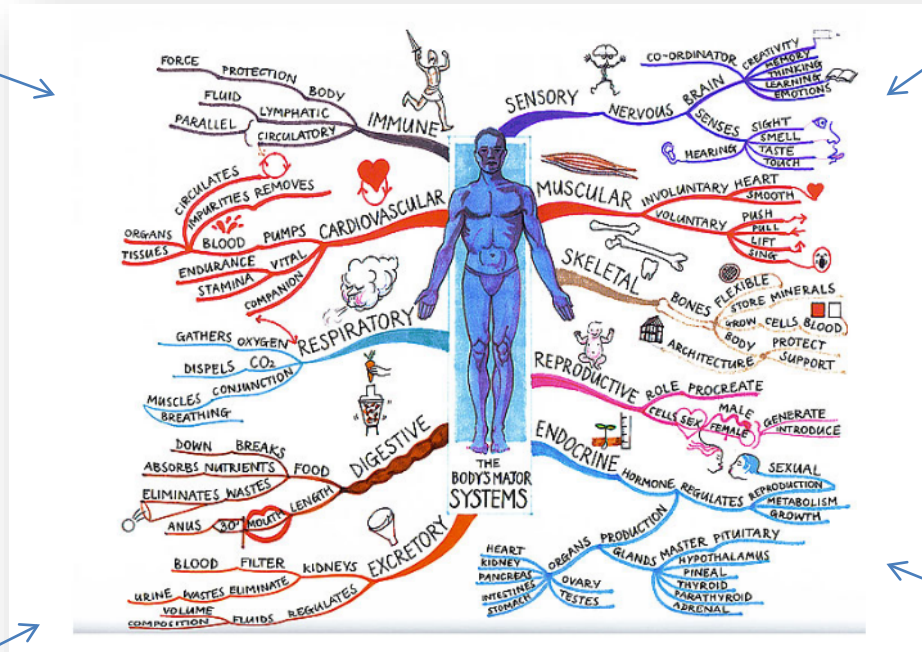
Mind maps



Advantages of mind maps

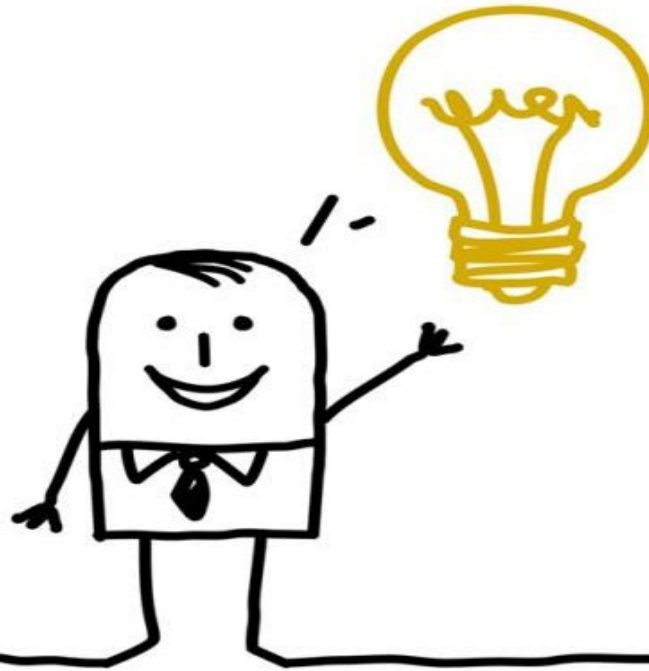
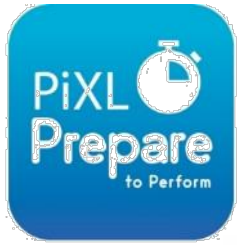
Mind maps provide excellent visual stimulus

Mind maps allow you to break down subjects into smaller topics



Mind maps make revision more interesting and allow knowledge to be compartmentalised

Mind maps are more fun to create



Top tips to support your child through their exams

Setting Goals

- **Help focus** them and talk to them about their goals regularly
- Give **positive reinforcement**
- **Talk** to them about **‘what’** they want to achieve and **‘how’** they can do that



Keeping Active

- Encourage them to **keep active** every day
- Make plans to do something together at the weekend

Exercise helps your brain to function so start revision session afterwards

60
minutes
per day



Healthy Eating

- Encourage them to eat breakfast everyday
- Try to ensure they have a healthy diet
- Hydration is key to brain functioning so make sure your child carries a bottle of water with them



Time Out

Encourage them to take some time out every week doing things they like to do e.g. Seeing friends, listening to music or hobbies



Good Sleep Patterns

- Between 8 – 9 hours sleep per night
- Help create a relaxing evening routine
- Make sure they don't work or revise too late before going to bed



Unplugging

- Help them switch off from technology at least 30 mins - 1 hr before going to sleep
- Support your child to appreciate the world around– mindfulness
- Make sure they put their phone away, & on silent, while they are revising
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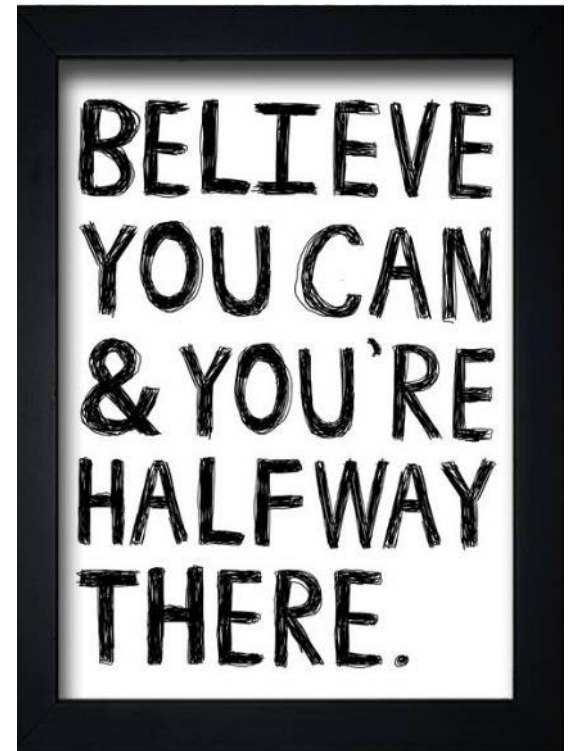
Staying Cool & Calm

- Try to set a good example by staying calm yourself
- Create a relaxing environment for your child
- Help them plan out coping strategies to deal with their stress
- Help them understand their stress & to focus on controlling the controllables



Belief

- Give them positive reinforcement to boost their confidence
- Celebrate any successes and reward them e.g. if they have achieved their mini-goals
- Try not to set your expectations too high
- Show them how proud of them you are
- Highlight things to make them feel good
- Give them the belief in themselves to help them achieve



Be Supportive



- Be a good listener
- Encourage them to take breaks in between revision
- Show some understanding of what they are going through
- Help them deal with their emotions & feelings
- Offer caring advice
- Just be there for them!

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