



## Handy Hits for GCSE Revision

#### The Friary School Year 11 - Summer 2025





### So this is it...

The last weeks before the exams that decide the next stage of your life...

And the good news is that there is lots of time to do well. Providing you make the most of your revision time throughout the exam period... The best revision strategies are when YOU do something active (NOT just reading through notes)...

This PowerPoint shows you how to do different revision activities...

### **Revision Classes at School...**

#### **HOLIDAY SCHOOL**

There will be sessions running in both the Easter and May Half-Term Holidays.

#### **EVERY WEEK**

You teachers will be putting lots of sessions on before, during and after school.

#### **SATURDAY SCHOOL**

These are your chance to put things right and succeed.

This will run between 10.00am-12.00pm on most Saturdays this school year.

Don't laze through the revision period - you will only lose out in the Summer. A bit of effort now will make the Summer all the better.

## Don't forget...

PLANNING YOUR REVISION	TICK OFF YOUR SUCCESSES
Use the GCSE Revision Plan provided and write in when your exams are and when you are going to revise.	Check out which courses you finish before the Exams - Maths (check) BTEC (check) and so on you have less to do than you think
ACTIVE REVISION	WORK WITH FRIENDS
Do not just read through notes the facts won't stick. Make yourself revision cards, little tests, etc. Write notes down to make them stay with you.	Look to work with your friends whenever you can do paired revision, test each other, compare answers to past questions, go online together two heads are better than one

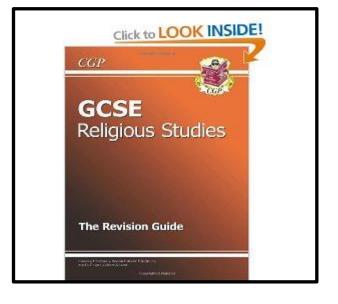
### **Revision Guides**

Go to <u>www.amazon.co.uk</u> and look at the revision books for your GCSE subjects...

Type in GCSE and '<u>SUBJECT</u>' and buy one...

Check that it is for your Exam Board...

And get reading... making notes... underlining... highlighting... etc...



Exam Boards are on your exam timetable - if you have not got it then see Mrs Archer ASAP...

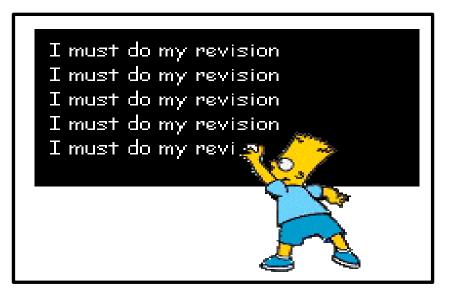
### **Revision Booklets**

Many of your subject teachers will give you Revision Booklets...

Others will be provided in the run-up to the exams...

Fill them in... annotate.. them... underline...etc...

**DO NOT IGNORE THEM...** 



Ask for help on anything you do not know...

Get a revision guide to help fill in any blanks...

## **Revision Cards**

Buy some revision cards (flash cards) to make revision notes - use colours, headings, underlines, etc...

Got to <u>www.amazon.co.uk</u> and type in 'revision cards'...

They are very cheap and are available in lots of shops...

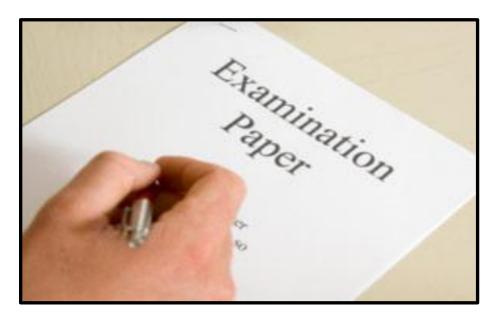
They are easy to flick through and check your stuff...



#### **Past Papers**

It is VERY IMPORTANT to know what your exam questions are like...

Get some past papers from your teachers - or view them online - to familiarise yourself with what to expect...



Ask your teachers HOW you answer the questions -WHAT you say is down to YOUR revision...

## **Self-Testing**

Make a list of questions on topics the get someone to test you...

Or even test yourself...

No.	Questions	Answers
1	What is ?	
2	When did ?	
3	Give two reasons for 	

Revision cards are good for doing this...

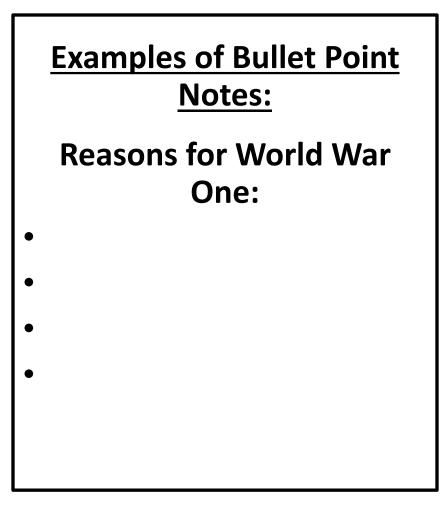
Cover up the answers and reveal them after you say them aloud...

## **Bullet Point Notes**

These are a simple way of listing key points to revise from...

Making notes helps your brain to take the information in...

Use different colours and sub-headings to make them easier to read...



## **PEEL Paragraphs**

When you are thinking how to explain something use PEEL to write down your notes...

This makes you give answers, examples and reasons - all the qualities of a top grade answer...

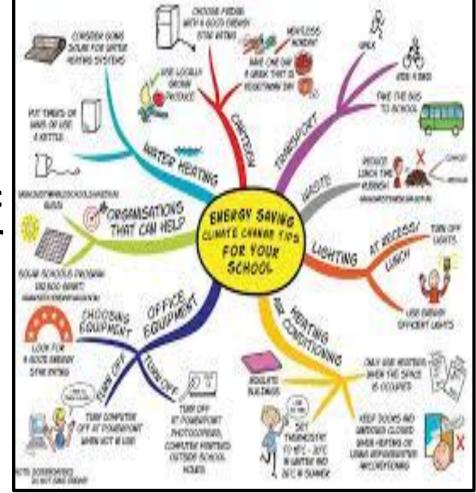
**P** = Write a sentence giving an answer or point **E** = Write an example to prove your answer / point <u>E</u> = <u>E</u>xplain why your example is a good one L = Link your answer to another

## **Mind Maps**

A mind map is a good way of writing revision notes...

You can have a main topic and separate branches for each part of the topic...

Those branches break into twigs for smaller points and examples...



#### Post-Its

#### Write up points on a topic and put it round you room...

# Keywords and MFL words work well with this...

PEEL and exam skills too...



#### **Apps & Online**

#### <u>APPS</u>

#### <u>ONLINE</u>

Every GCSE has free or cheap Apps - download and have a look...

See the Revision Guidance page of the school website. There are lots of websites - ask your teachers for details...

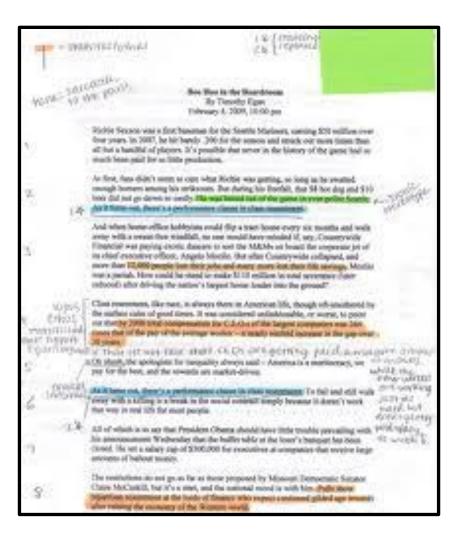
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### Annotation

#### This is when you make notes of a main piece of text...

This could be a revision guide, a revision booklet, an exercise book, etc...

Lots of colours, arrows, highlighting, etc...

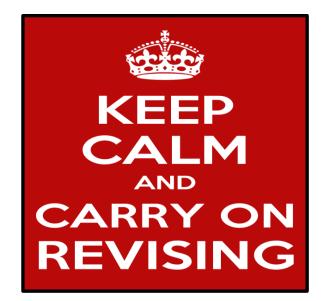


#### **Revision Sessions**

Look at the revision school sessions on offer in all of your subjects...

Look out for all the revision sessions after-school...

Ask your teachers when they are happening...



Look out for revision sessions - mornings and afternoons - just before the exam...

#### Make Your Time Count...

After Easter... You have just 19 school days left till your formal exams start... These exams will all be over before your know it...

MAKE THE LAST OF YOUR TIME COUNT NOW...

MAKE THIS TIME HELP YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE... SCHOOL MIGHT STOP WHEN YOU ARE 16 BUT THE QUALIFICATIONS WILL MATTER TILL YOU ARE 70 IN 2077...

#### You've Got This...

#### YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES, BUT IT WILL TAKE EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!

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