



Diagrams, pictures and colour coding help in remembering key concepts.

Once these notes are made they need to be engaged with:

Test her using them!

Encourage her to read them on the bus

Stick posters up by the dining table so that you can discuss them while you eat!

If she prefers to learn by listening, encourage her to read her notes onto a podcast or onto an audio file on her phone so that she can play them back to herself. She can listen to them whilst on the bus or on a car journey. Encourage her to maximise all her time in the run up to exams.

Other tried and tested methods of revision

Download **past papers** from the exam board website and time her taking these under exam conditions. Then go through the **mark scheme** and **learn from her mistakes** together.

Heads of Department in school will be able to tell you where to find these if your daughter/ward is not aware

Ask Heads of Department which are most relevant revision guides, textbooks and study booklets to buy.



KS4? Ask your daughter/ward's Science teacher about the Tassomai resource. Ask her English teacher about the PIXL app for learning quotations!

Useful websites

- General parent support • www.parentlineplus.org.uk confidential helpline for parents on 0808 800 2222 •
- www.projecteducation.co.uk Exam boards •
- www.aqa.org.uk the Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA) •
- www.edexcel.org.uk Edexcel •
- www.ocr.org.uk Oxford, Cambridge and RSA Examinations (OCR) •
- www.wjec.co.uk the Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC) Coursework and revision (Please read notes on the use of essay banks in 'revision'). •
- www.coursework.info • www.sparknotes.com •
- www.gcseguide.co.uk – Use the 'bookshop' option to see what revision guides are available in each subject area. •
- www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize • www.gcse.com

For further advice relating to your daughter/ward specifically please do not hesitate to contact her LPC at Fulham Cross.

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Revision tips for Parents and Carers.



Plenty of revision at home is the key to exam success. The role of the parent/ carer is extremely important in supervising and supporting with this.

This leaflet contains information on revision strategies and how to plan for effective revision with your daughter/ward. It is important to remember that all students learn differently so it is important to find the right method for your daughter/ward.

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Planning for effective revision

The secret to doing well in exams lies in planning. You can help your daughter/ward to create a clear revision plan and method of studying that will make her feel in control of her work and which will really make a difference to her learning.

Tips for revision planning:

Work out a revision timetable for each subject

Break revision time into small chunks: hour-long sessions with short 15 minute breaks at the end of each session are recommended.



Students should be doing a minimum of two hours revision each night in the run up to exams.

When designing the timetable ensure that your daughter/ward focusses on the subjects that she is weakest in rather than the ones that she likes the most or is brilliant at!

At KS4 go through the specification from the exam board (these can be found online) with your daughter/ward and identify the areas that she is weakest in and needs to focus on most.

Ensure that she has a quiet place to study.

It may help to take your daughter/ward's phone when she should be revising in the evenings.

Encourage her to seek help from teachers at school if there is a particular aspect of revision that she is unsure about.



Help provide the right resources for your daughter/ward to revise actively:

- post-it notes
- pen, ruler, paper, scissors & glue
- internet access if you have it
- dictionary
- highlighter pens
- coloured pens
- revision guides, revision CDs and podcasts.

Help your daughter/ward by asking the right questions:

- When is your exam...?
- What are you likely to be tested on...?
- What do you need to take on the day...?
- What strategies are helping you most..?
- You've been studying What can you teach me...?
- What support do you need...? Ask specific questions, for example, not 'What did you do in French today?', rather, look at a page in their book and use it to ask questions e.g. 'What is' white in Spanish?' 'How do you say...my name is?

HOW SHOULD SHE ACTUALLY REVISE?

We all learn in different ways and it is important that you talk to your daughter/ward about a revision strategy that best suits her and enables her to retain information.

Revision needs to be **active!** She should **NOT** be just sitting and reading her exercise book or a text book without engaging with the information. It **WILL NOT** stick in her head this way! Similarly revision is **NOT** looking at lots of different websites! Highlighting huge chunks of text will not help either. Highlighters should be reserved for only the very key points.

In the months leading up to her exams your daughter/ward needs to make a detailed set of revision notes for each subject that contains the key points,, key words and concepts for each topic. These should be written in her own words and not just copied from a textbook or bought revision guide. She is more likely to remember it this way.

Different students prefer different materials for their notes. She should use mind maps, revision cards, post it notes or large posters stuck around the house.

