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Year 11 Information Evening

17/10/2019

“Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family.”

Kofi Annan



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How to succeed in Year 11



You've already taken the first step



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How to succeed in Year 11



There is no shortcut.

You will have to work harder than before.



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Basics



Which exam board is it?

Which units will be examined and when?

What do I need to do when I open the paper?

Why should I start now?



Your first mocks are very soon.

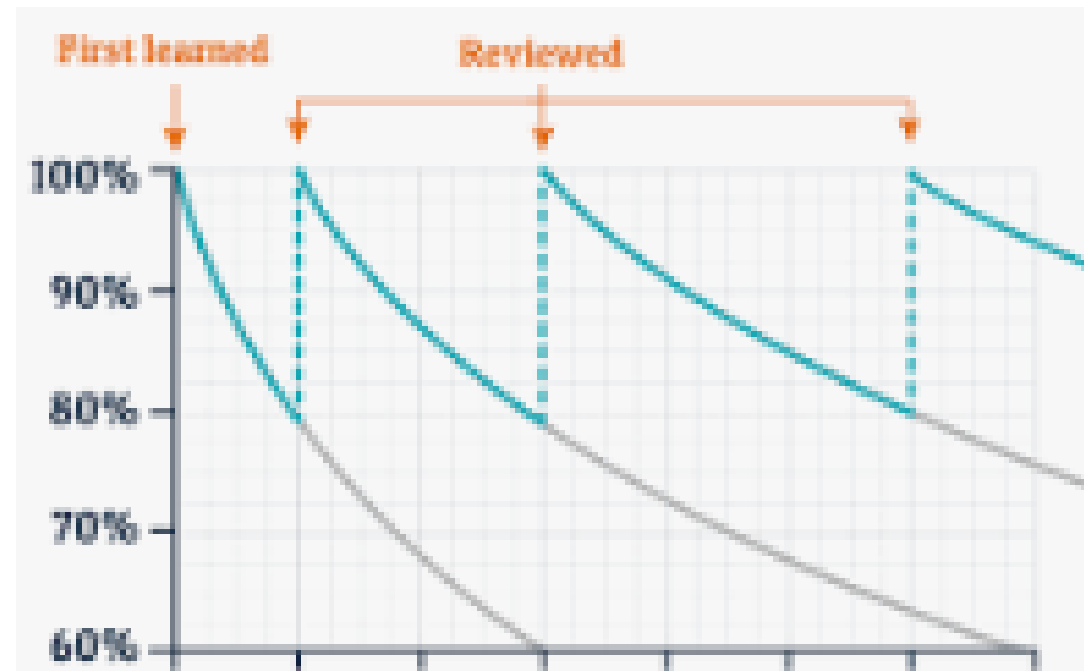
They're useful for a number of reasons:

1. To help us know what you do and don't yet know
2. To help you know what you do and don't yet know
3. For college, sixth form or apprenticeship applications

Why should I start now?



The earlier you start the better





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How to Revise



Everyone is different – find what works for you.

But make sure you include some variety.



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How to Revise



The least effective form of revision....
.... Just reading some notes.

You can fool yourself into thinking you know it

“Yeah, I know it”

Great.... But can you show that you know it?



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How to Revise



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Be active and engage your brain.

It is the act of trying to answer a question, and trying to **use** the knowledge that tells your brain it's an important thing to remember



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How to Revise

Read it... but then try to recall it

Mnemonics

Roman Room Strategy

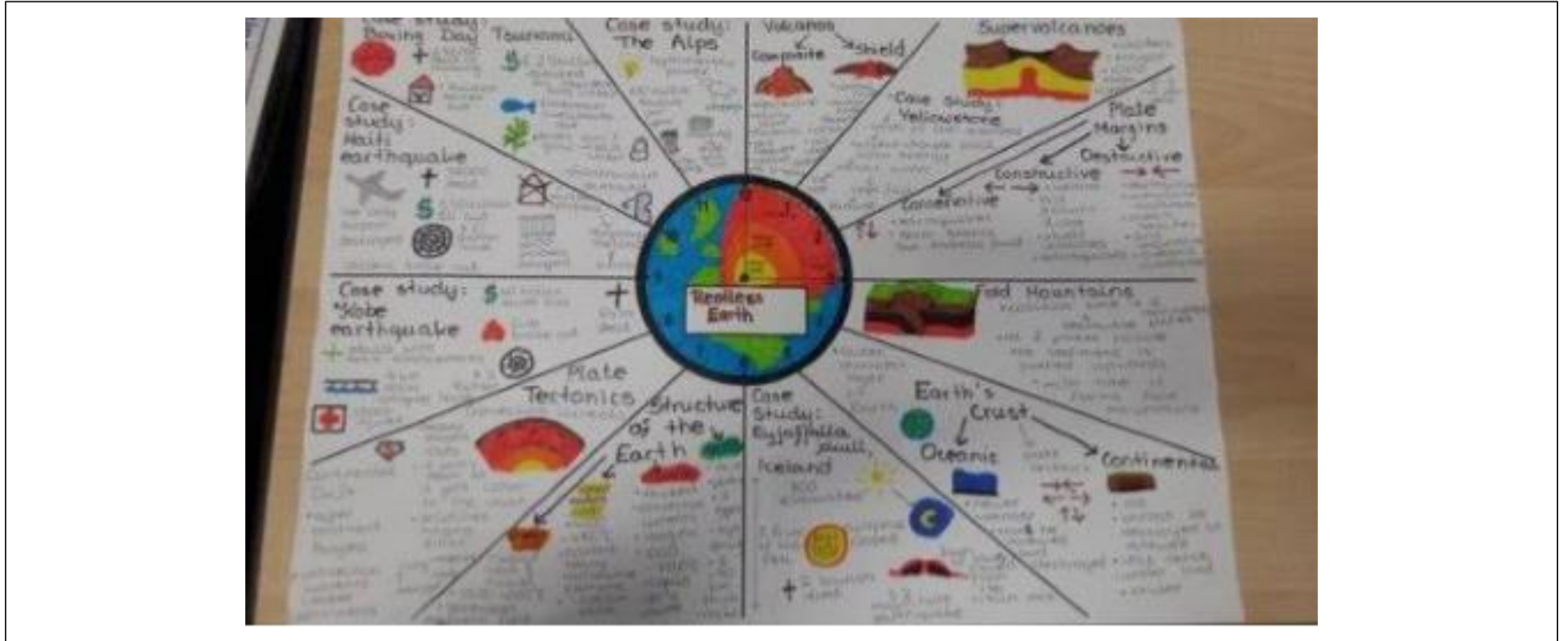
Flash Cards (get people to test you)

Mind Maps

The Clock Method



How to Revise





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How to Revise



It's comforting to revise easy stuff

It feels good to read notes and know that you know it

But you do also need to revise stuff you're not sure on



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How to Revise



Use your friends

Test each other

Keep each other focussed

Support and encourage each other

You are a team – aim to do well together



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How to Revise



Be kind to yourself

Revise for short chunks with rest breaks

Be focussed but not stressed

Don't worry if you still don't understand something after revising it –
there are plenty of people to help you.



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ENGLISH

How to revise for GCSE English Language exams



- For Paper 1:
 - read the first page of a novel or short story
 - Select a passage and focus on **language**: what techniques has the writer used to make it interesting, memorable, moving, entertaining, or otherwise effective?
 - Look at how the writer uses **structure**: how does the piece introduce, develop and explore an idea, emotion, character or place?
 - Make up an **evaluative** statement about the extract. Imagine a student or teacher is presenting their opinion of the piece, For example, 'A student said that this story creates an emotional rollercoaster for the reader.' Now decide whether you **strongly agree / agree / are undecided / disagree / strongly disagree**, and explain why in detail.
 - Choose an **image** as the starting point for a piece of **descriptive** writing.
 - Write a **story** about a general topic such as a moment of extreme weather, a journey, a meeting between two people, or a celebration. Use the same writing skills as the ones you have been looking for when analysing examples of others' writing.

How to revise for GCSE English Language exams



- For Paper 2:
 - Read examples of **news articles** and other **non-fiction writing (e.g. travel or cookery writing)**
 - Compare two articles on the same topic. For example, news stories from newspapers with very **different audiences**. What are the similarities and differences between the two articles?
 - How do the writers put across **opinions**? What **inferences** can you find in the articles?
 - Practice your **persuasive** and **discursive** writing skills
 - Be sure you know how to set your writing out in different **forms**, such as a...
 - Letter
 - Speech
 - Blog post
 - Magazine article
 - Diary entry



How to revise for GCSE English Literature exams



- Practice essay questions on *Macbeth*, *Blood Brothers*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Power and Conflict* poems, and unseen poetry.
- Answer all the questions, not just your favourites :)
- Don't be tempted to answer on questions we have not studied together in class
- Find out about the writers, their lives, and who they were writing for.
- Make your revision work for you. VAK? A mind map, a song/rap, a dance routine? Colour code your notes, make flash cards, use dual coding, work with a study buddy, and above all... don't bottle up the stress :)
- Ask lots of questions and try to put yourself in the examiner's shoes: what do they want? Why are they asking you that question? What skills and knowledge do you want to show off to them?



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Other resources

Knowledge organisers

CGP guides

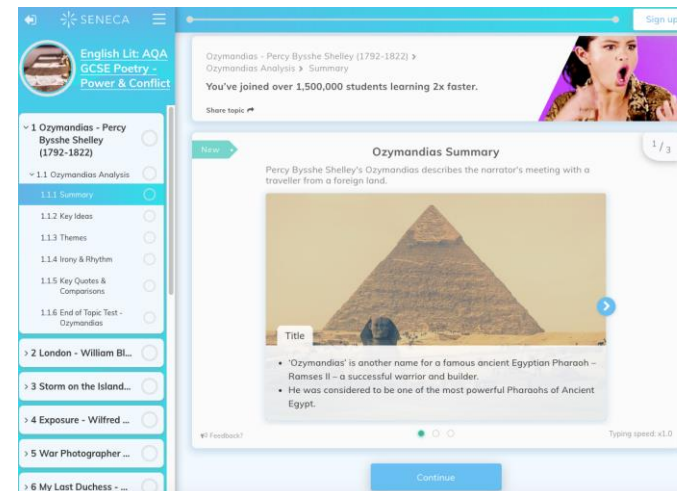
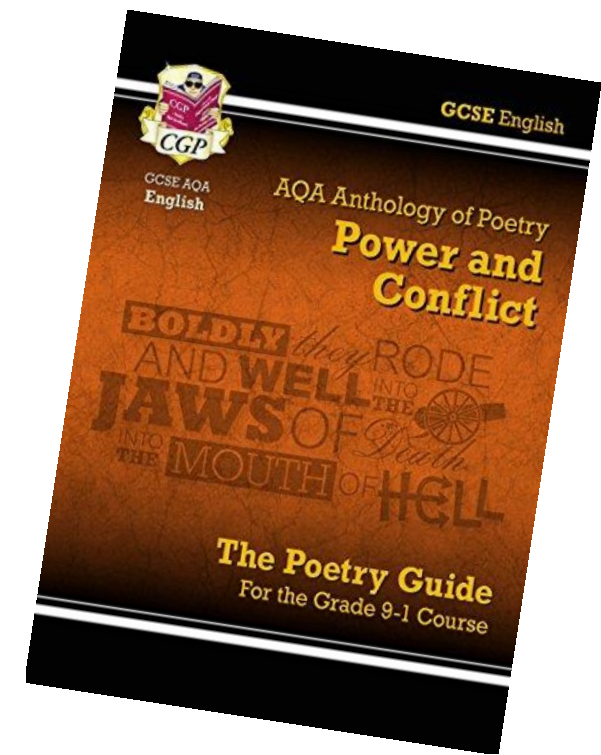
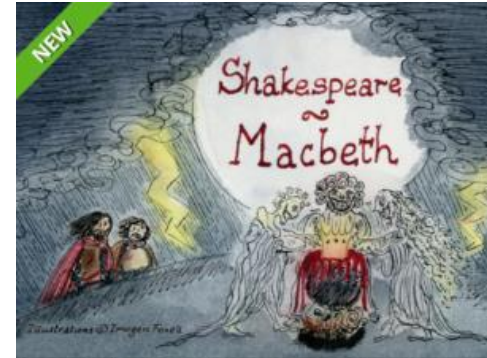
BBC Bitesize

Seneca Learning

English Revision Club, Wednesdays
3.15 - 4.15pm

FlipsCoCards for Literature

Past papers, additional practice papers





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MATHS

GCSE MATHS PREPARATION



- 3 papers
 - Paper 1 - non calculator – 80 marks available
 - Tuesday 19th May 2020 (AM) Provisional Date
 - Paper 2 - calculator – 80 marks available
 - › Thursday 4th June 2020 (AM) Provisional Date
 - Paper 3 - calculator – 80 marks available
 - › Monday 8th June 2020 (AM) Provisional Date

GCSE MATHS PREPARATION



There is no magic bullet.

The only way to get better at maths, is to
do maths

What to do to prepare for a maths exam.



Learn Key Formulae

- Make sure you know your formulae
 - Spend a couple of minutes at the start of the exam jotting down the formulae you think you might need

Do some maths

- Practice answering GCSE questions
- Go to club on Monday from 3pm - 4pm

Get familiar with your calculator – know how to make it work for you

Ask your teachers for help when you need it

Additional Support and Resources



GCSE Maths club – Monday afterschool – 3pm to 4pm

Revision guide – USE IT!

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize → Secondary → GCSE → Maths → AQA

www.onmaths.com for practice questions with immediate feedback

Past papers



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SCIENCE



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www.kerboodle.com



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All Courses



AQA GCSE Sciences (9-1)



Science GCSE for AQA 2014



So many options...



AQA GCSE Sciences (9-1) First examination 2018



LESSONS

Ready-to-go lesson presentations, with linked resources and teacher notes



RESOURCES

A collection of resources for use in the classroom or at home



ASSESSMENT

A bank of assessment materials to test knowledge and understanding



MARKBOOK

View work and results, track progress and more



DIGITAL BOOK

Online versions of the Student Books for display and annotation

0 Due today

0 Due this week

1 Expired (incomplete submission)

Welcome to AQA GCSE Sciences (9-1) Kerboodle

Teaching groups



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Useful Youtube



- The Fuse school – clear explanations of science concepts (for the more visual learners – includes diagrams)
- Free GCSE Science lessons – very clear explanations of the science required practicals and other concepts (for the learners who like to listen and learn)
- Primrose Kitten – on Youtube and on Kerboodle. Lots of useful examples of science concepts and required practicals.

Revision guides and workbooks



These have already been issued to students while they were in year 10.

Some students have left these in school with us; if you wish to take these home now, please come and get them from us!

Read the revision guide pages and then answer the relevant workbook pages.

Check: we have the answer booklets in the science department. You can come up any lunchtime, break time or on Tuesday after school 3-4pm to mark your answers!



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RE revision at Bluecoat Meres Academy

Mr Thornton – Head of Humanities



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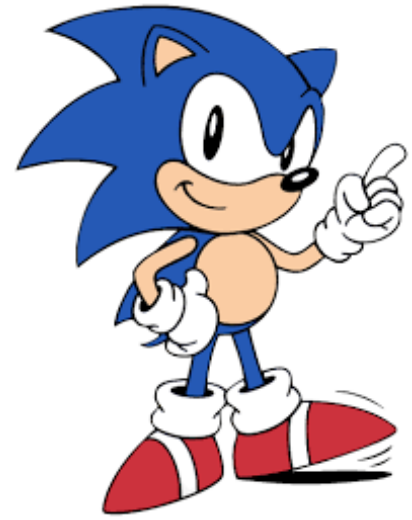


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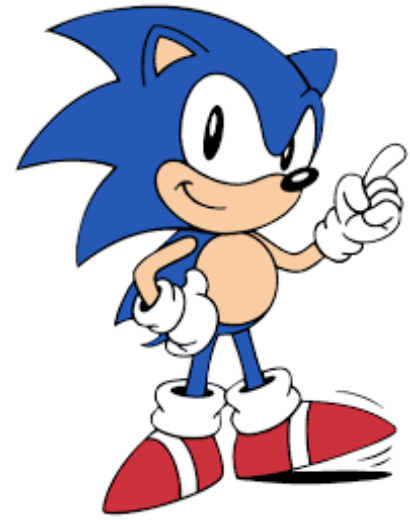
Exam board = AQA
Specification = GCSE Religious Studies A (8062)



- Students study Key Beliefs/Practices in Christianity/Islam
- Students also study 4 themes from a Christian, Muslim & Non-religious perspective – Peace & conflict / Crime & punishment / Relationships / Religion & life
- Revision guides provided on ALL topics at end of 2018/19
- Only one lesson a week till exams
- The study of religions: beliefs, teachings & practices (Christianity & Islam) – **11th May 2020** – 1 hr 45 minutes
- Thematic studies – **19th May 2020** – 1 hr 45 minutes



SONIC



S – Some people agree with this statement because... (Refer to religion) **x2**

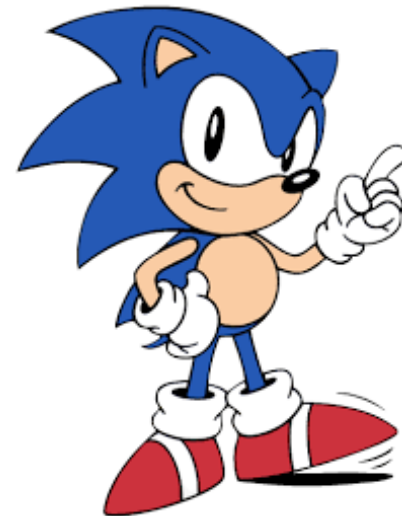
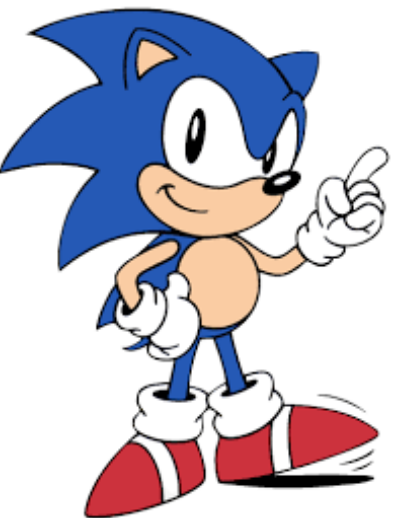
O – Other people disagree and say... they say this because... (Refer to religion) **x2**

N – Non-religious people would say... they say this because...*

I – I think... this is because...

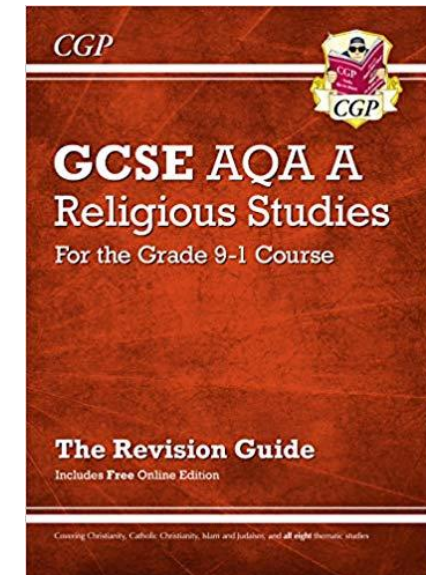
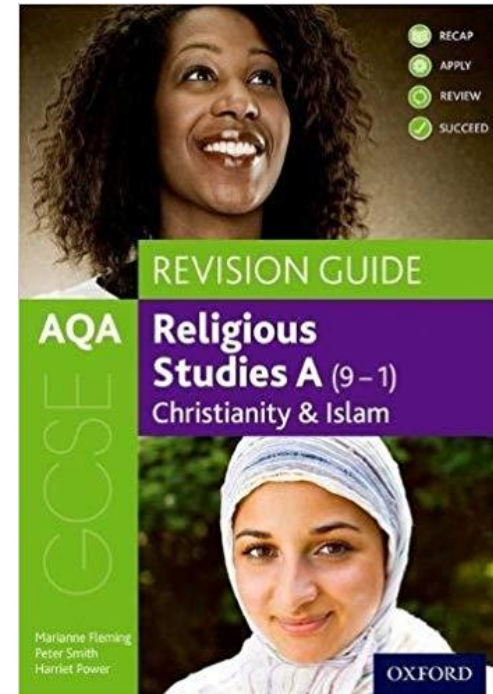
C – Conclusion...

* Only in thematic paper or if relevant



Best revision practice in RE

- **RAG** rating progress
- Mind maps/Key cards etc.
- Quote book **IMPORTANT**
- Practice papers/activities
- Revision guides
- BBC Bitesize
- Active engagement
- Little but often!
- Humanities Extended Day – invite
- Out of school opportunities
- Belief in yourself





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REVISION TIMETABLE



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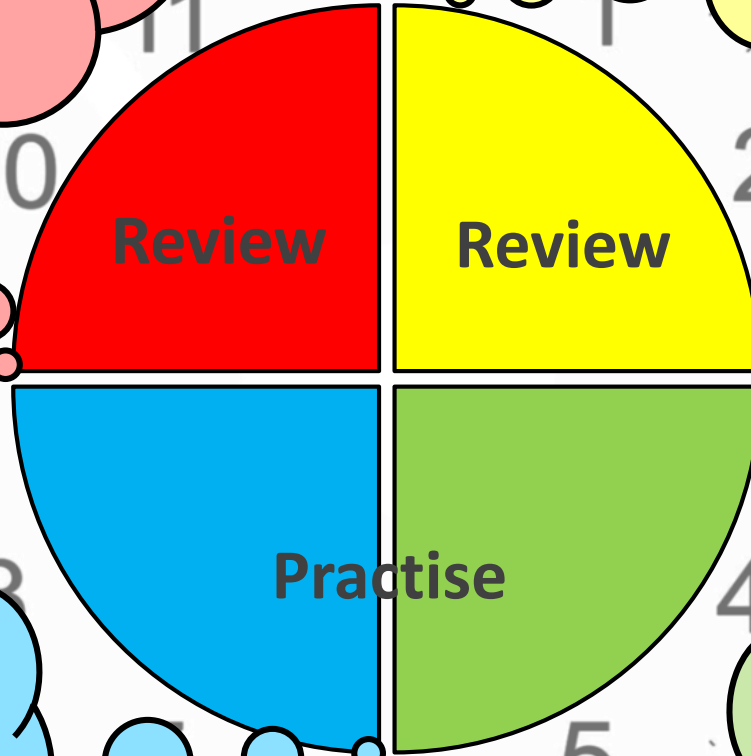


	Maths		Option 1	
Mon	What time?		What time?	
	Where will I work?		Where will I work?	
	What content?		What content?	
	Which revision technique?		Which revision technique?	



- Mark the questions
- Look at examiner's reports
- What do you still need to practise?

- Look, cover, write
- Flash cards
- Mindmaps
- Visualisation
- Mnemonics...



- Try questions from another source
- Try a different type of question

- Questions from revision guides
- Past exam questions
- Questions from revision websites