



Using GCSEPod to Revise



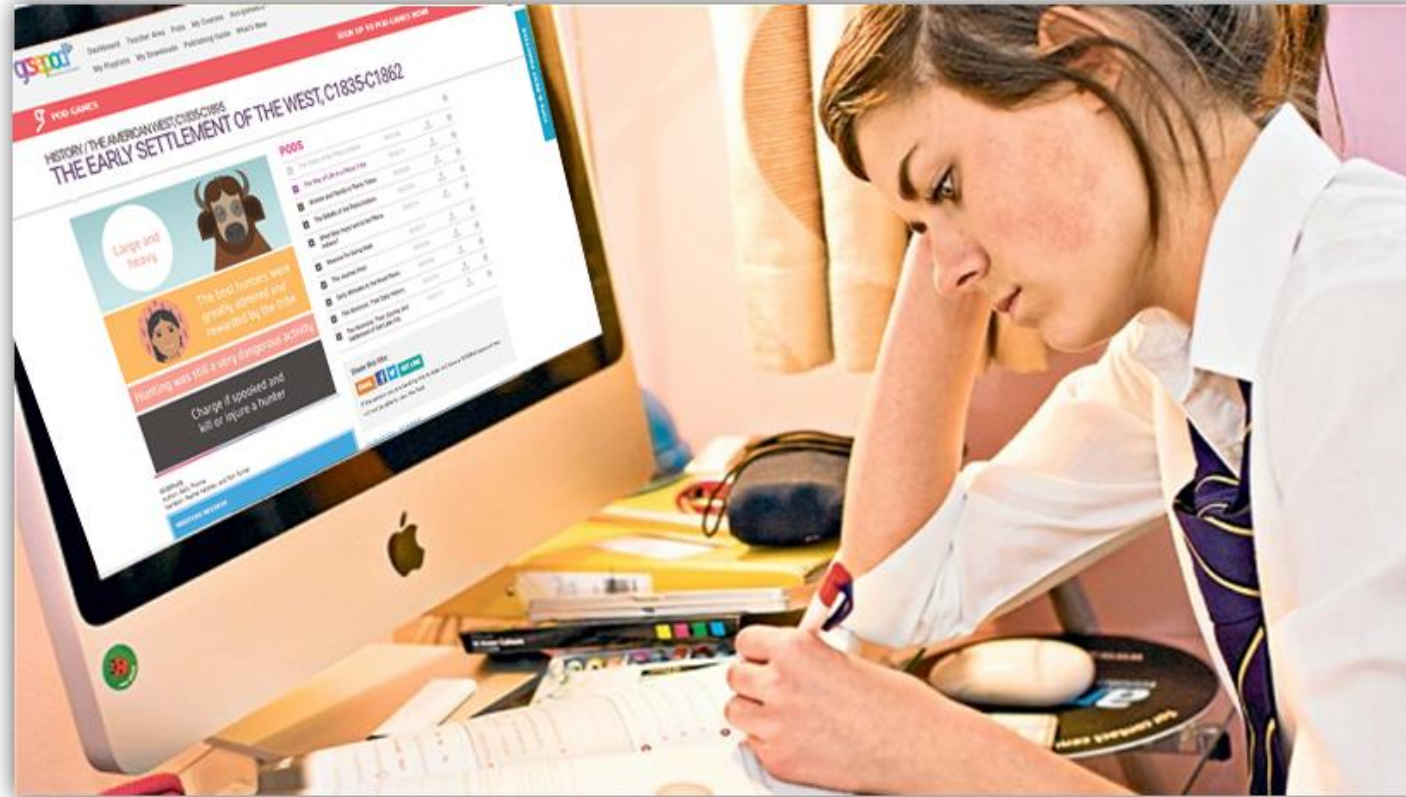
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It's nearly exam time. Are you prepared?

Do any of the following sound familiar?

**I feel anxious or overwhelmed
because I don't know where to
start.**

**I revise topics I already know
rather than tackling harder work.**

**I use the same revision methods,
often reading notes over and
over.**

**My mind wanders and I
sometimes get bored revising.**

GCSEPod is here to help you



A Reminder: What is GCSEPod?



GCSEPod provides you with highly concentrated 3-5 minute bursts of audio-visual, expert-written learning which can help to reinforce and consolidate key GCSE topics.



A Reminder: What is GCSEPod?



- 21+ GCSE/IGCSE subjects.
- Over 6,000 audio-visual Pods.
- Covering every exam board.
- Correlation between usage and progress.
- One website, three apps.
- Available online or offline.
- Ability to favourite any Pod (topic) you find difficult.
- Pre-made exam playlists, helping to organise revision.

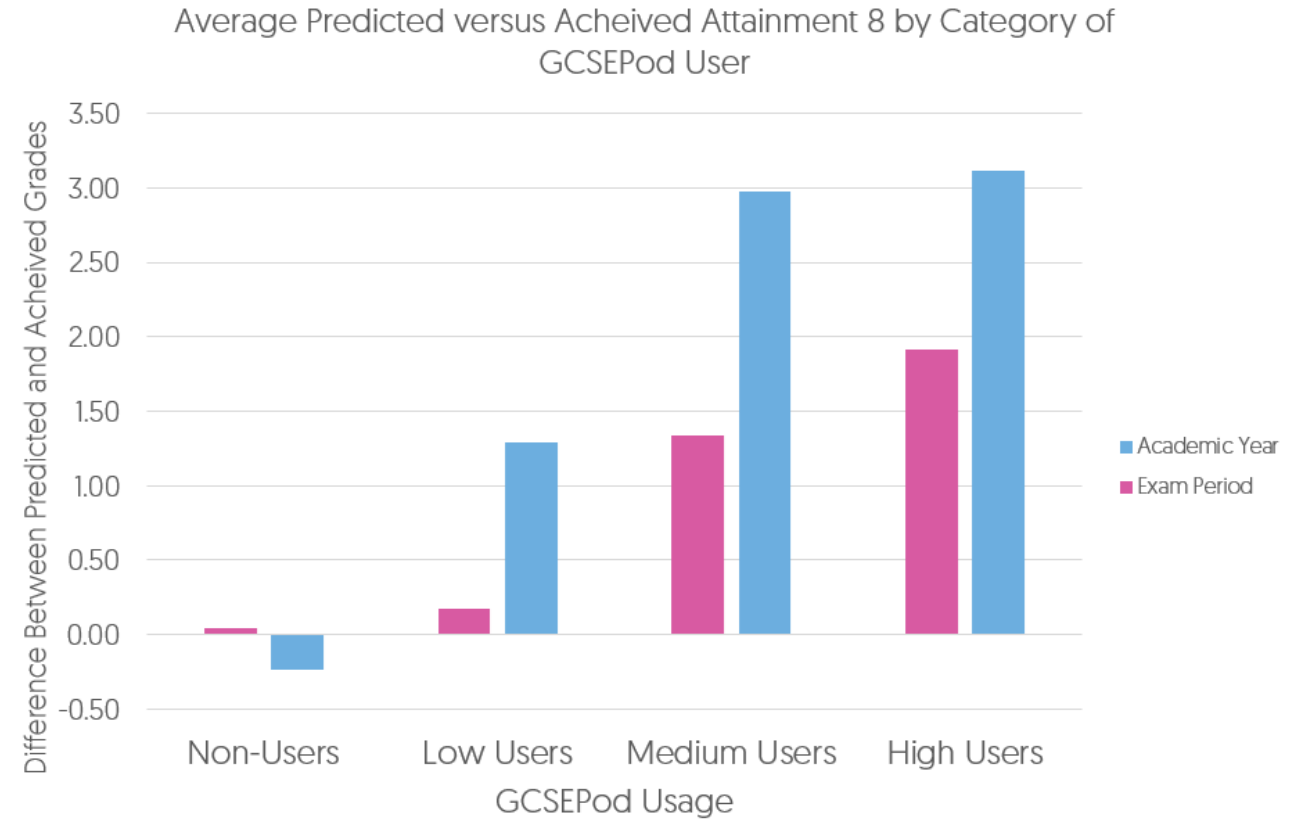


When used effectively, GCSEPod can have a BIG impact on final grades:

Data from over 2,200 students shows that higher GCSEPod users are more likely to exceed their predicted grades by a larger margin than those who don't use GCSEPod.

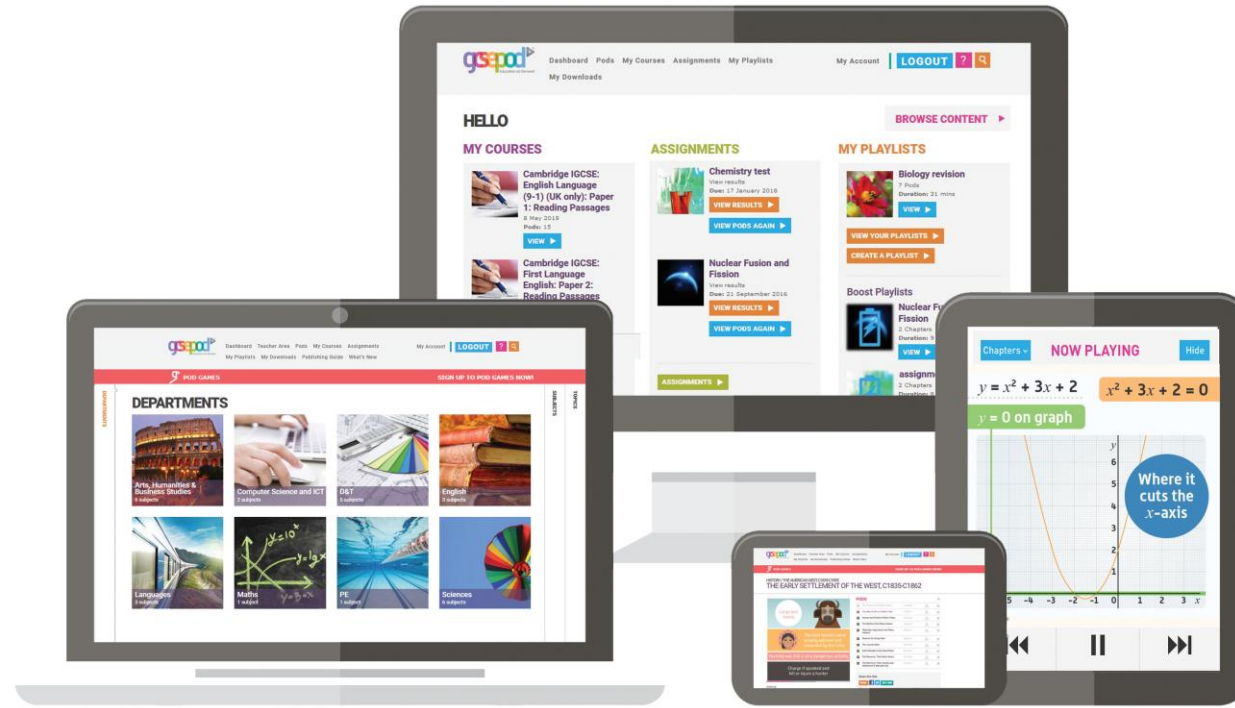
High academic year usage yielded a greater impact than high usage in just the exam period.

On average, highest users received 3 grades higher across their subjects than predicted.



High Users = average 122 Pods watched in academic year
Medium = average 34 Pods watched in academic year
Low = average 6 Pods watched in academic year
Non Users = 0 Pods watched in academic year

GCSEPod can be used on any device



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I just wanted to say thank you and tell you how much I benefitted from GCSEPod. It was so helpful for getting through GCSEs, an easy, effective way to revise. I worked my way through all the sections making mind maps from the videos. I was really pleased with my results and am sure GCSEPod helped me get there.

GCSE Student

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How to find Pods to watch



Search for a TOPIC

1

Pick your subject

DEPARTMENTS



2

Choose a topic

TOPICS



3

Start revising

MATHS (FULL COURSE) / NUMBER CALCULATION

The screenshot shows the GCSEPod interface. On the left is a video player for a lesson titled 'CALCULATION' from the 'MATHS (FULL COURSE) / NUMBER' category. The video shows a vertical number line with numbers 4, 5, 8, 7, 9, 8, 1, 4, 3, 9, and 1. On the right is a list of 'PODS' (video lessons) with their durations and download icons. Below the list are sharing options and a single sign-on link. At the bottom, there are buttons to 'ADD THIS TITLE TO MY DOWNLOADS' and 'ADD THIS WHOLE TOPIC TO MY DOWNLOADS'.

PODS	
Adding & Subtracting Whole Numbers	00:02:50
Multiplying Whole Numbers	00:02:58
Dividing Whole Numbers	00:03:03
The Order of Operations	00:03:06
Negative Numbers	00:03:55
Counting Combinations	00:02:25

Search for an EXAM

1

Go to 'My Courses'


2

Choose an exam

3


Start revising

MY COURSES



**AQA: Mathematics:
Paper 1: Non-
calculator
(Foundation)**
21 May 2019
Chapters: 133

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MATHS (FULL COURSE) 6 exams

Filter by exam board:

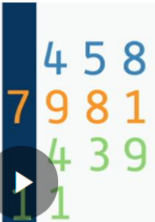
AQA ☒

AQA: Mathematics: Paper 1: Non-calculator (Foundation)

AQA: Mathematics: Paper 1: Non-calculator (Higher)

AQA: Mathematics: Paper 2: Calculator (Foundation)

PLAYLISTS/
AQA: MATHEMATICS: PAPER 1: NON-CALCULATOR
(FOUNDATION)



**AQA: MATHEMATICS:
PAPER 1: NON-
CALCULATOR
(FOUNDATION)**

Number
Maths (Full Course): 8 titles (32 Pods)

Calculation 6 Pods

Adding & Subtracting Whole Numbers	00:02:30	Download	Star
Multiplying Whole Numbers	00:02:58	Download	Star
Dividing Whole Numbers	00:03:03	Download	Star
The Order of Operations	00:03:06	Download	Star
Negative Numbers	00:03:55	Download	Star
Counting Combinations	00:02:25	Download	Star

Create a Playlist

1

Go to 'My Playlists'

2

Choose Pods

3

Start revising

PLAYLISTS

CREATE A PLAYLIST

Here you can select Pods across topics or even subjects and create your own personalised playlists. Try creating a playlist of topics you find tricky and listen to it as you travel to school

[CREATE A PLAYLIST ►](#)

PLAYLISTS/ CREATE PLAYLIST

PLAYLIST NAME

ADD PODS

Search for a specific title or Pod.



DEPARTMENTS

Arts, Humanities & Business

Computer Science and ICT

PLAYLISTS/ ENGLISH REVISION

Character A	Character B	Diff. or similar?
'Relaxing in a deckchair sipping orange juice'	Slamming doors and 'yelling'	Different. A is calm and B is agitated or angry

Textual details

Words or short phrases



ENGLISH REVISION

[EDIT PLAYLIST](#)

Reading and Writing Skills
English Language (Full Course): 1 title (6 Pods)

Reading and Writing Skills 6 Pods

■ Synthesising Evidence	00:03:14		
■ Writing to Argue and Persuade	00:03:49		
■ Writing to Explain and Describe	00:05:00		
■ Writing to Instruct and Advise	00:04:49		
■ Proofreading Skills: Part 1	00:05:22		
■ Proofreading Skills: Part 2	00:04:02		

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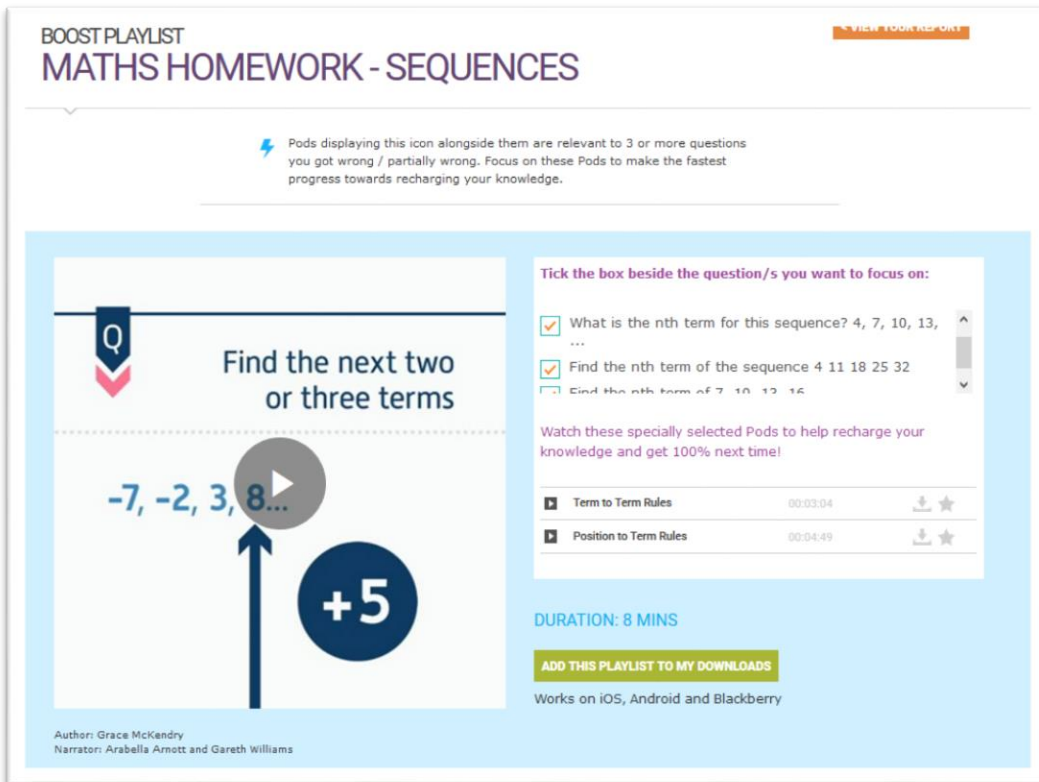
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Single Sign-On Links:

Assignments & Boost Playlists

Ask your teacher to set you an assignment.

You can apply your knowledge to the questions that have been set and get instant results.



BOOST PLAYLIST
MATHS HOMEWORK - SEQUENCES

⚡ Pods displaying this icon alongside them are relevant to 3 or more questions you got wrong / partially wrong. Focus on these Pods to make the fastest progress towards recharging your knowledge.

Q Find the next two or three terms

-7, -2, 3, 8...

+5

Tick the box beside the question/s you want to focus on:

- ☒ What is the nth term for this sequence? 4, 7, 10, 13, ...
- ☒ Find the nth term of the sequence 4 11 18 25 32
- ☐ Find the nth term of 7, 10, 13, 16

Watch these specially selected Pods to help recharge your knowledge and get 100% next time!

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Term to Term Rules	00:03:04	⬇️ ⭐
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Position to Term Rules	00:04:49	⬇️ ⭐

DURATION: 8 MINS

ADD THIS PLAYLIST TO MY DOWNLOADS

Works on iOS, Android and Blackberry

Author: Grace McKendry
Narrator: Arabella Arnott and Gareth Williams

Boost Playlists – helps to fill in knowledge gaps

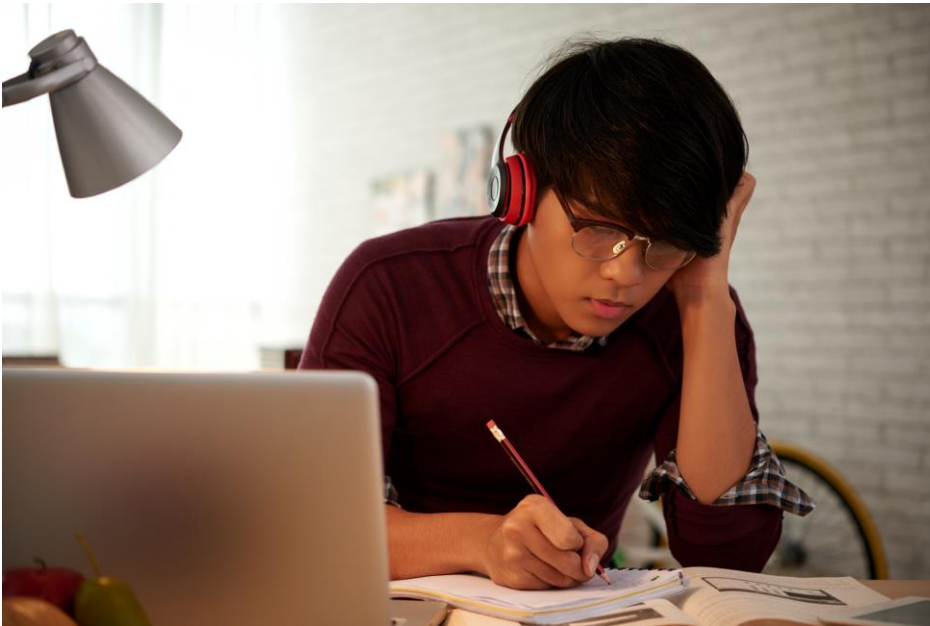
When you receive your results, you'll be given access to a Boost Playlist with recommendations on what you should be watching based on answers you answered incorrectly.

How to use GCSEPod with classic revision techniques



GCSEPod & Note Taking

Notes help to improve your understanding of a topic in your own words. Keep your notes brief and don't forget to highlight key words, quotes and dates.



Write short and concise notes whilst watching a Pod. Watch a Pod fully first and then replay it whilst pausing it and writing notes.

GCSEPod & Idea Mapping

Summarise what you've learnt by creating an idea-map. Start by putting the name of the topic in the centre of a piece of paper. Add branches (like a tree) and add additional key words to each branch which are associated with the main topic. Keep adding more detail as the branches become smaller and use images and colours as well as words to help the information stand out.



Draw an idea-map with all the key words and images that you see and hear in a Pod. Try matching the colours you use on your idea-map to the colours shown within the Pod. Don't be afraid to be creative, it'll help you remember more.

GCSEPod & Flash Cards

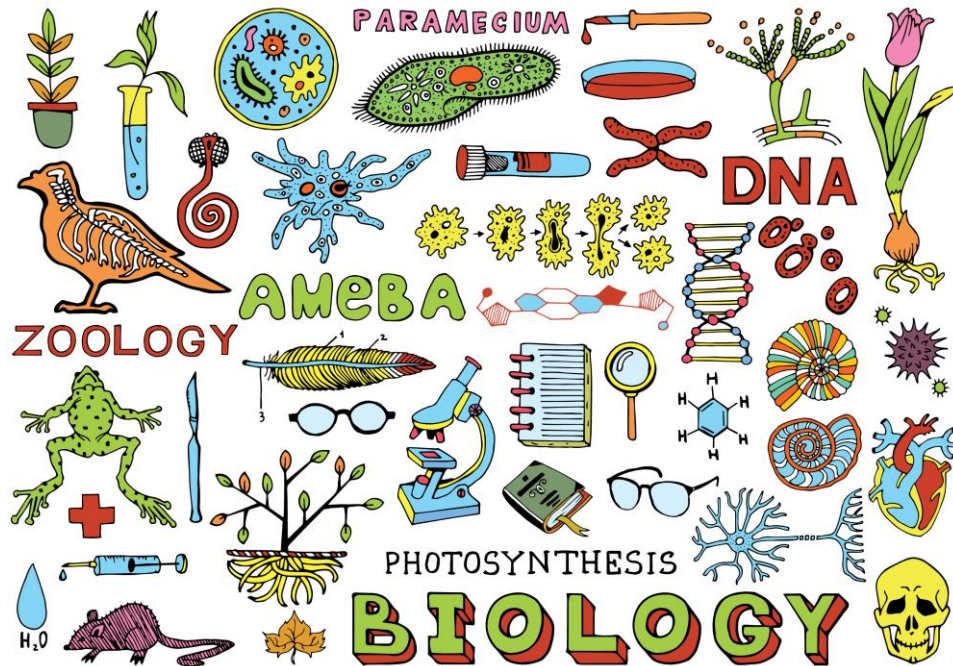
Summarise a topic on a flash card or post-it, on one side of the card, write the topic's name. This will help you when you come to test your knowledge. On the flip side, write down all the key words, symbols, dates, quotes and places that you've learnt. When you test yourself, simply look at the topic's name and see if you can remember everything on the other side of the card without looking.



Create a flash card for each Pod you watch. Write the name of the Pod on one side, and on the other, write all the key information you've learnt. Search YouTube for a video on the "Leitner System" to find out more about creating effective flash cards.

GCSEPod & Summary Posters

Use key words, pictures and definitions to design a poster on a topic or whole subject. Put the summary poster up in your room and spend regular time looking at it.



Watch a Pod and whilst you can remember, draw a summary poster with all you've learnt. Once you've finished your poster, re-watch the Pod and see how much you remembered.

GCSEPod & Practice Exam Questions & past papers

Practising exam questions and past papers helps to perfect your exam techniques whilst checking your knowledge and highlighting any gaps you may have.



Watch Pods and then answer practice exam questions and past papers. Highlight questions you struggled with and watch the Pods.

GCSEPod & Mnemonics

Create a code using rhymes, phrases or acronyms.

For example, colours of the visible spectrum –
Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain (Red, Orange,
Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet)

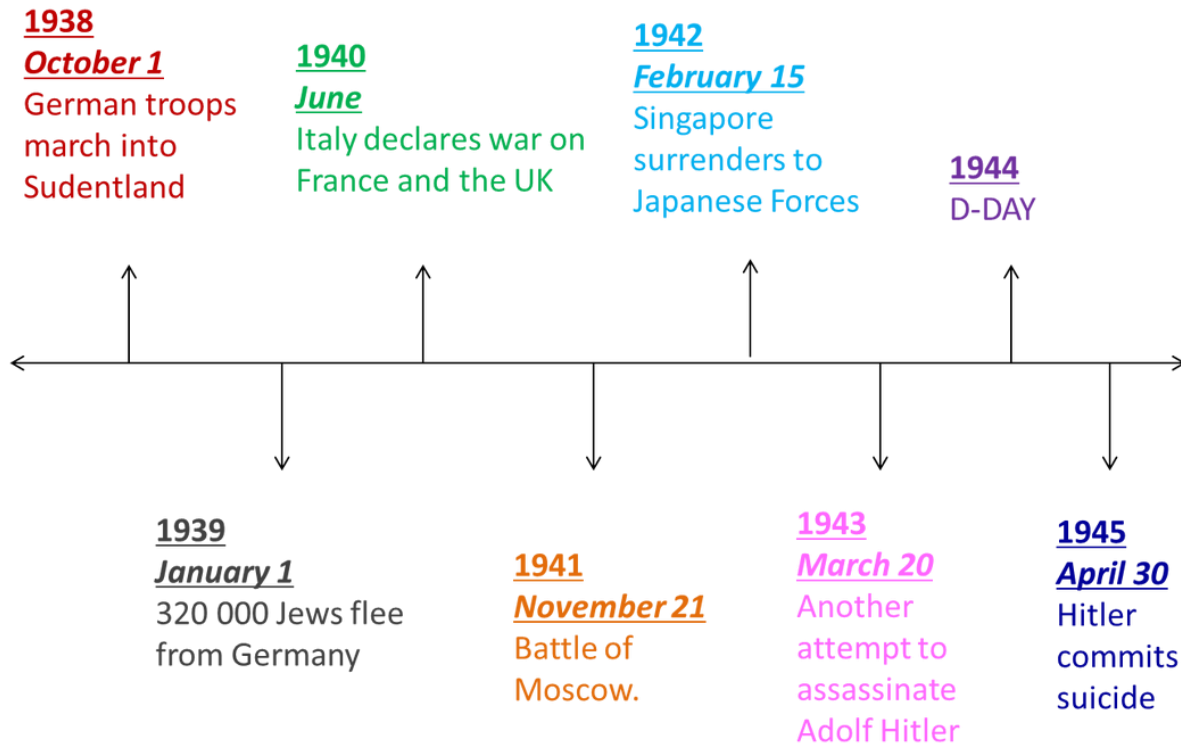


Pick out key words from a Pod and
create mnemonics to help you
remember.

GCSEPod & Timelines

Design a timeline for those subjects where chronology is important like History and English Literature.

Timelines are invaluable for making sense of a series of events or stories.



Use key dates within a Pod to create a timeline; it will help you visualise the order of the story.

Revision Tips

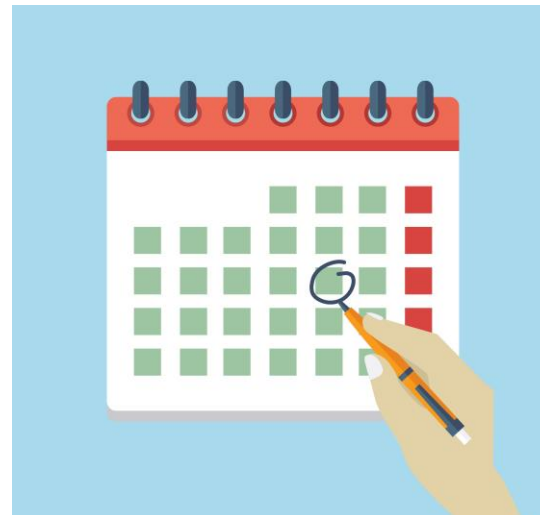




Set up the perfect study space
Make sure it's well lit, not too hot or cold and is quiet enough for you to work.



Plan ahead and make a plan
Look at your exam timetable and create a revision plan based on it. It'll help keep your revision organised.



Start with the biggest or most difficult
It might be easier to start with the smallest and easiest bits but by tackling the biggest, most challenging topics first you'll feel more confident in the long run.

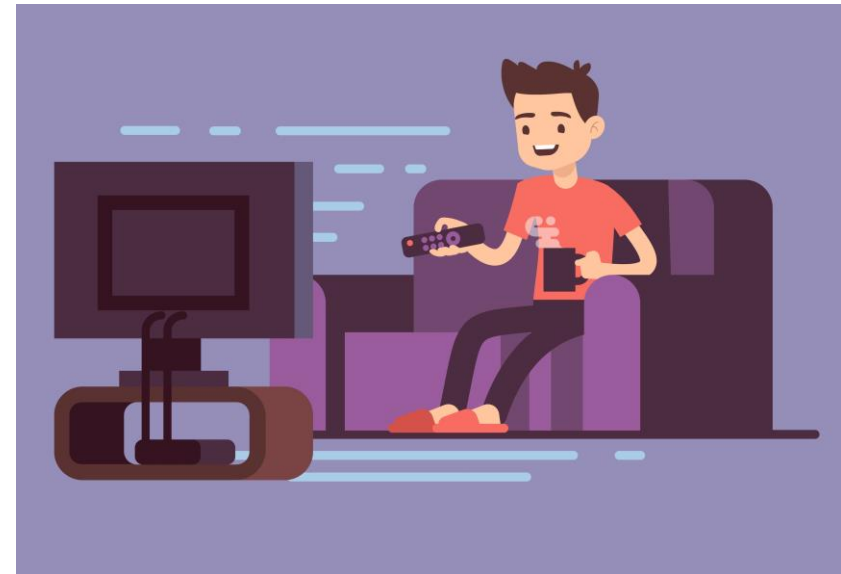


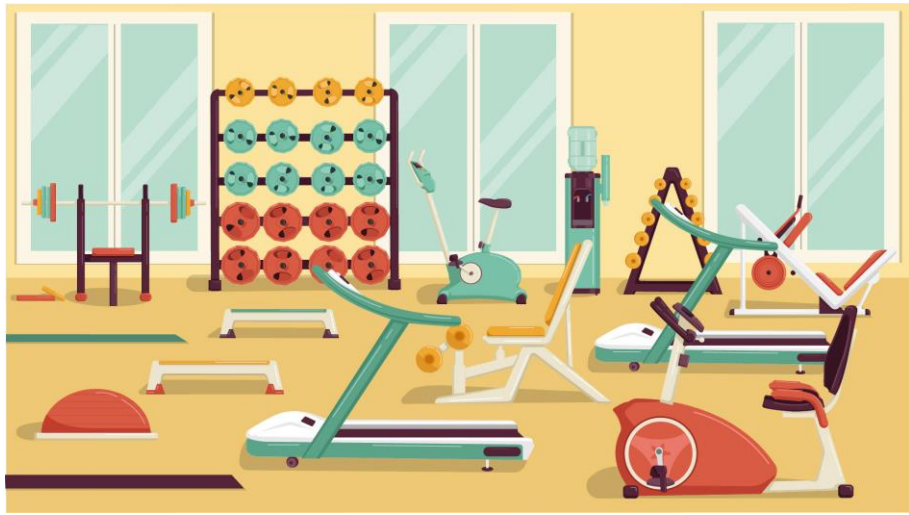
Use the best methods for you

By now, you'll know which revision techniques work best for you but don't be afraid to use a new one if you're struggling to absorb a topic. Do whatever works best for you.

Take regular breaks

It's important to ensure you take regular breaks, you need to rest your brain to process the information you're learning. Arrange time with friends and family or watch a bit of Netflix (just be sure not to binge-watch a whole series).



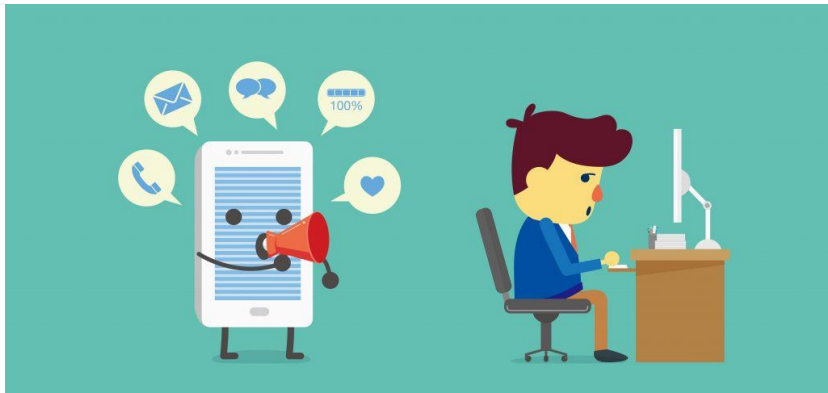


Exercise

A healthy body = a healthy mind. Try to do at least 20 minutes of physical activity a day to help improve focus and stay relaxed.

Eat healthily

Make sure to eat three healthy meals a day and limit your caffeine and sugar intake. Power foods for your brain include blueberries, salmon and nuts so be sure to stock up!



Your phone can be a huge help for revision, but also a distraction.

Move any apps that are likely to distract you to the last page, so you aren't tempted. Add apps that can help you (like the GCSEPod app) to your phone's home screen as a reminder to keep up your revision.

Coping With Exam Stress



**Believe in
yourself**

**Get
organised**

**Make sleep
a priority**

**Fit exercise
in everyday**

**Overcome
problems**

**Talk about
your
nerves**

**Eat
right**

**Keep things in
perspective**

**Not Activated
Yet?**



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Enter your details

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Create your username and password

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