



2. Revision strategies



3 Steps to Success

There are 3 stages to revision - see page 9 in your guide.

| Learn | Revise | Test Yourself |
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| <p>Learning is understanding stuff. Being able to explain it in your own words. Getting it into your memory.</p> <p>It takes effort.</p> <p>It happens in lessons, during homework and when doing extra research.</p> <p>You can't revise if you haven't learnt</p> | <p>Revision is going back over the stuff you know.</p> <p>It's retrieval practise, It's about making neural pathways stronger. It's getting ready for those exam questions.</p> <p>Strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Condensing notesFlow chartsFlash cardsMind maps | <p>This is your trial run, a chance to test your knowledge and skills.</p> <p>Use questions from exam papers, revision guides, websites, materials from your teachers.</p> <p>Complete the questions in timed conditions, without your notes. Then go back over your work with a red pen, checking your answers for accuracy.</p> |

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Condensing Notes

The process of condensing notes into bullet points and/or pictures / key facts can help a student remember more information as they have to “think hard” about how to reduce the information.

Step 1 - Organise your class notes, books and relevant information

Step 2 - Read through your work- read it properly!

Do you understand them? Understanding is critical!

Step 3 - Process and condense the information - turn it into summary points. Cut out the waffle and write only the important points.

Step 4 - Make links, colour code, group, organise and present the information as images, shorthand or key terms



See page 10 and 11 in CGP revision guide



Flashcards



Great easy tool to revise if you do them properly.

Great for key words, dates, vocabulary, formulae diagrams and definitions.

Put a question on one side and answer on the other. Use them to test yourself.

Use colour, pictures were possible.

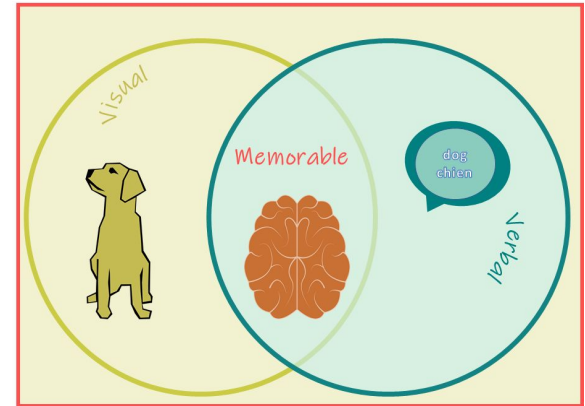
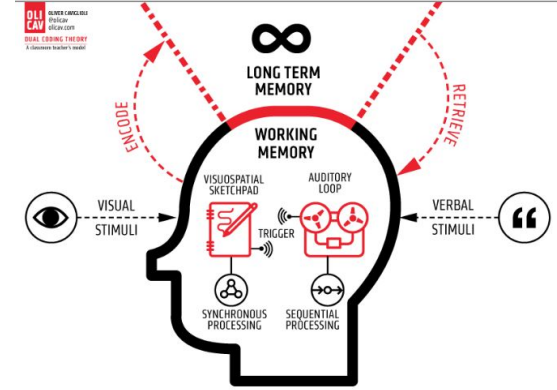
Process and think about the information as you create them.

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Dual Coding - use pictures!

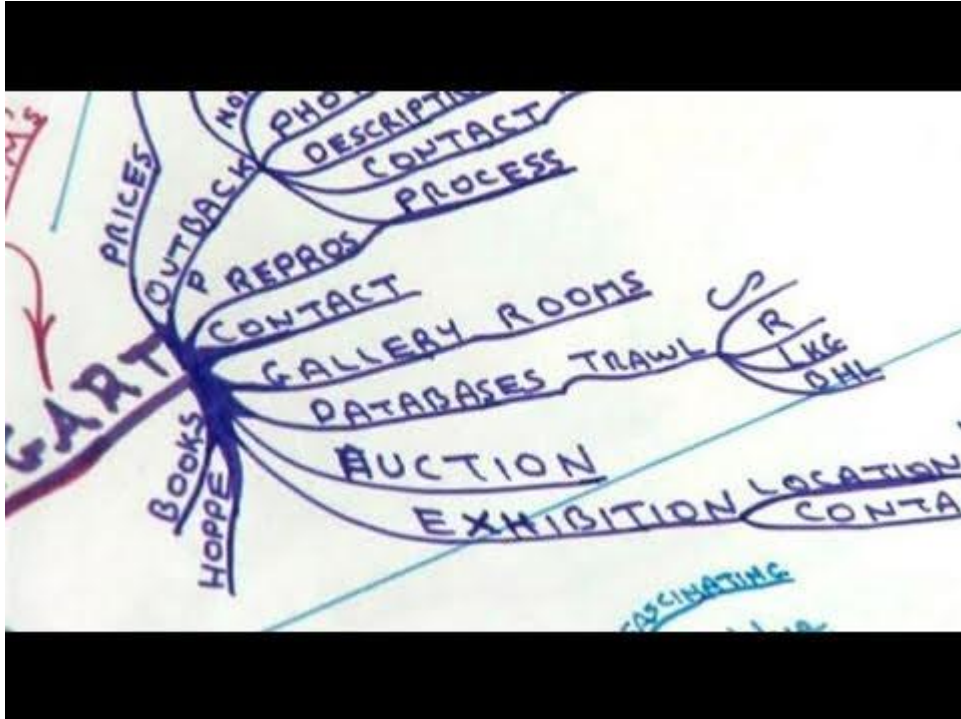
Dual Coding
Theory



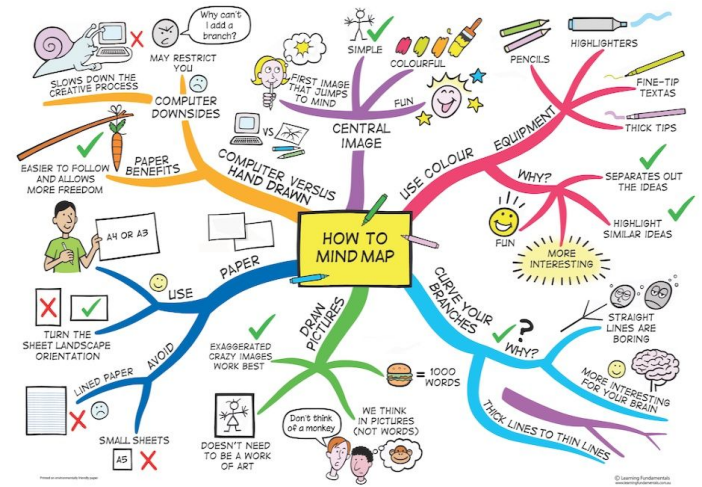
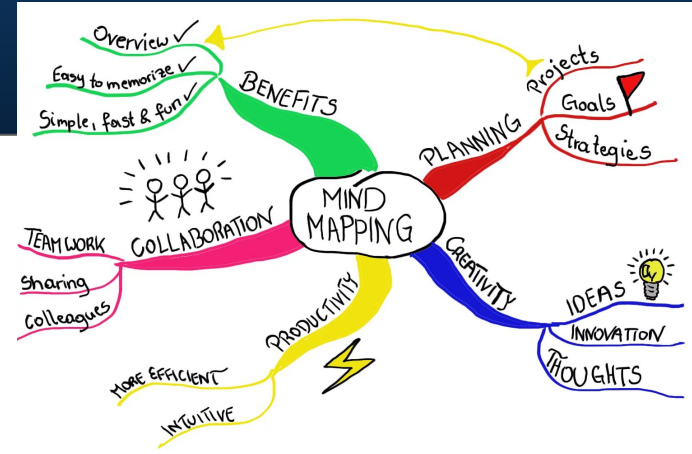
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Mindmaps



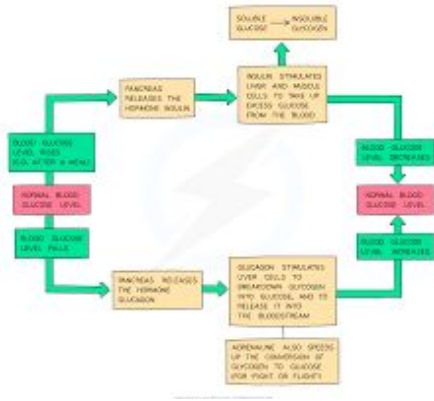
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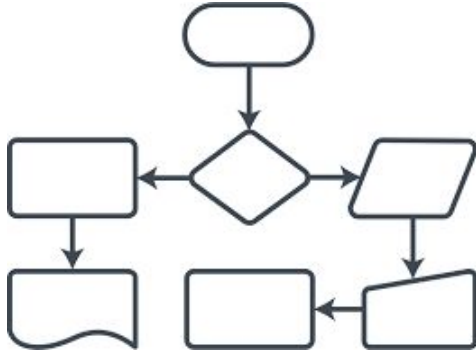
Flowcharts



Flow charts are a great way to show a process from beginning to end. They can show how stages or events are linked together.

Before you get started you need to think about the order and sequence of steps.

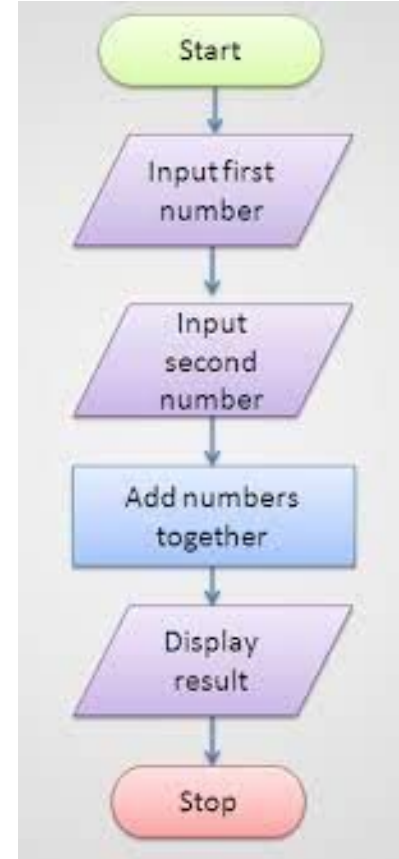
Keep them simple, colour code and use arrows to show direction



Great for ...

- History
- Business Studies
- Geography
- Biology
- Computer Science
- Chemistry

See pages 14 - 15 in the CPG book



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Memory Palace



Method of Loci or Memory
Journey on Pages 18 - 19

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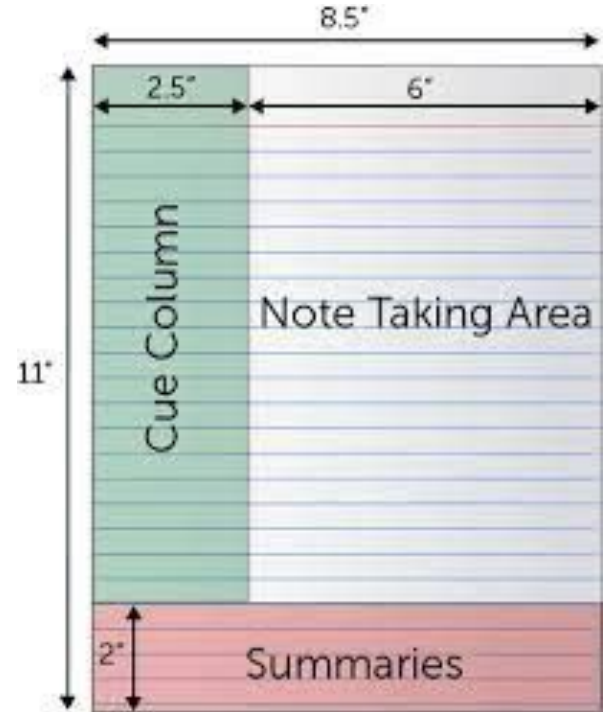


Cornell Notes



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How to use Cornell Notes



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Spaced practice and interleaving

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p074tqqs>



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Retrieval Practice

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Revision Tips

See page 20

Revise with a friend - test each other, ask each other questions

Say it out loud - explain your topics to someone.

Exercise your mind - revise on the go! Walk the dog and read through some flash cards.

COMPLETED REVISION SHEET
AND CORRECTED MY ANSWERS



ACED THE EXAM

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TOP REVISION TIPS

Don't let the stress of revision overwhelm you. Stay in control with these top tips.



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- START AS EARLY AS YOU CAN**
Starting at the last minute is stressful and has limited success.
- MAKE A PLAN**
Work out how much time you have and how long you can spend on each subject.
- CREATE A STUDY SPACE**
Find a quiet spot away from distractions and keep your things all in one place.
- WIKI IT UP**
Use a mixture of revision for best results. See our 'revision tips' page for more info.
- TAKE REGULAR BREAKS**
It's possible to work too hard, make sure to take regular breaks.
- REVISE WITH A FRIEND**
Talking through what you've learned can help information stick.
- USE PAST PAPERS**
There are a great way to get used to exam format and testing what you have learnt.
- EAT HEALTHY**
Certain foods boost your brainpower and will help you remember more.

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Top 10 Revision Tips



Rise and shine

Starting your revision by 9am will help you get into a routine that you can stick to.



Breakfast

Having breakfast before revising is vital as it helps you to concentrate for longer.



Log off

Switch off all devices, a five minute peek at Facebook turns into an hour so easily. Use internet time as a reward on a break.



Past papers

Past exam papers are a perfect way to get used to exam pressure. Time yourself and use past papers to improve your confidence.



Get colourful

Keep your notes organised and bright. Use different fonts, pens and diagrams. Colour coding your areas also helps.



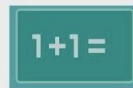
Stick to the plan

Make a revision timetable, it will help you prioritise your areas. Plan for different ways of learning (mind maps, essays, fact cards)



Take breaks

Take a short break (5-10 minutes) after every half hour - It's important to get away from your work area. Adding breaks into your timetable is vital.



Teach

If you are confident with a subject, teach it to your friends and they can do the same for you.



No last minute revision

Cramping 10 minutes before an exam doesn't work, planning your time and working hard does!



Breathe!

You'll be great!

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