

Miss Edwards Head of Year 13

YR13 exam update and information

End of year arrangements:

- A'level students must be available up to and including June 28th (this is the contingency day for any exams that need to be rearranged).
- BTEC/OCR Technicals students must be available until they are told by their course leader they have completed all submissions and re-submissions of assignments. The latest date to enter BTEC grades is July 5th and latest moderation visits for OCR Technicals is 30th June).
- All students should attend lessons until they have completed all exams / assignments in that subject.

Results day:

- Thursday 17th August 2023
- School will be open for students to collect results in person from 9am
- Any results not collected will be posted home at the end of the day
- We can only email results directly to students- not parents

UCAS choices:

- Deadline for confirming choices is June 8th - after this all offers will be withdrawn.
- Firm choice is your preferred option.
- Insurance choice is your back-up option if you don't get the grades for your firm choice. The entry requirements should be lower grades or offer flexibility through a points total rather than grades.
- If your firm choice is unconditional, you don't get an insurance choice.
- You cannot change your mind on results day – if you get offered your place for your firm choice your insurance place is automatically withdrawn.
- If you have already changed your mind it's not too late to do something about it; please come and see me.

UCAS decisions:

- You will be able to see if you have gained your firm or insurance choice on the UCAS website after approximately 8am on results day (17th August) – the site is in high demand so do be patient.
- Make sure you are available on results day because UCAS can't speak to anyone else about your application details unless you give them nominated access to speak on your behalf.
- If you do not receive your firm or insurance offer we will be available to help you understand what options are now available to you when you come in to collect your results.
- Make sure you understand what your application status means <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/results-confirmation-and-clearing/results/what-your-application-status-means>

What your status in your application means and what to do next

Your status in your application	What this means	What you should do next
You have replied to your offer(s) and are holding at least one conditional place.	We are waiting for your university or college to let us know if you've met the conditions and have been accepted.	If you meet the conditions of your offer(s), the university or college will confirm your place in your application. (You then might need to send them details of your results if they ask for them.)
Congratulations! Your place at [uni name] for [course title] has been confirmed.	You're in! You've been firmly accepted at the university or college shown.	Great news! Make sure you check the details carefully in your application. Then you should receive details from the university or college about what to do next.
You are in Clearing. Your Clearing number is [Clearing number].	<p>You're not holding any offers at a university or college – this might be because you received no offers or because you didn't meet the conditions of the offers you did receive.</p> <p>Don't worry, you might be able to find another course in our Clearing service. Find out how Clearing works here.</p>	<p>You can now apply for a course available in Clearing.</p> <p>Look for courses when the Clearing vacancy search becomes live within our search tool, then contact the university or college to discuss your options.</p> <p>Then if you get permission you can add the Clearing choice in your application.</p>



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<p>[Uni name] has offered you an unconditional place with substantial changes to your original choice.</p> <p>You are now waiting for confirmation from [uni name] (your other university or college).</p>	<p>This means one of your universities or colleges has offered you a changed course offer, but that you're still waiting for your other choice to make a decision.</p> <p>The changed course offer could be a change to the course itself, the start date or the point of entry.</p> <p>This is usually if you didn't meet the conditions but the university or college wants to offer you an alternative place anyway.</p>	<p>Check the details of the changed course offer in your application.</p> <p>If the changed course offer is your firm choice, you can accept it now if you want to study that course. Or you can wait to see if your insurance choice confirms your offer – if so you'll be able to accept that instead if you want.</p> <p>If the changed course offer is your insurance offer, you'll have to wait to see if your firm choice confirms you.</p>
<p>At least one of your universities or colleges has offered you an unconditional place with substantial changes to your original choice.</p>	<p>This means you've heard back from your choices, and at least one of them is a changed course offer.</p> <p>This could be a change to the course, start date or point of entry.</p> <p>This is usually if you didn't meet the conditions but the university or college wants to offer you an alternative place anyway.</p>	<p>Check the details of the changed course offer in your application.</p> <p>If the changed course offer is your firm choice, you can accept it if you want to study that course. If not, you can accept your insurance choice if they have confirmed your place.</p> <p>If both offers are changed course offers, then you can accept whichever one you would prefer.</p> <p>If you want to accept an offer, you'll need to reply in your application within five days or you will lose the offer(s).</p>



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<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

Student finance:

- Applications for 2023 starters are open – the deadline to apply to guarantee you receive funding for the start of your course is May 19th.
- Deferred entry – apply next year.
- You do not need to have received all your offers or confirmed your place – complete the application now and update it as necessary. You can also cancel your application if you change your mind.
- Remember to register on your course with your chosen university when you go or you won't receive your loans (universities will provide information on this).



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Tuition fee loan:

- Paid directly to your university
- Usually £9250 (foundation degrees / part-time may vary)
- Everyone is eligible for the full loan



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Maintenance loan:

- Paid into your student bank account, usually in 3 instalments – one at the start of each term.
- The amount you are eligible for depends on your taxable household income.
- The household is classed as where you usually live.
- The household income is the income of your parents or one parent plus their partner living in the household, plus any independent source of income you have such as interest from savings, property etc.
- It does not include any money you will earn from work whilst you are away at university.
- The household will need to provide evidence of income (eg provide National Insurance number)

MAINTENANCE LOAN ENTITLEMENT

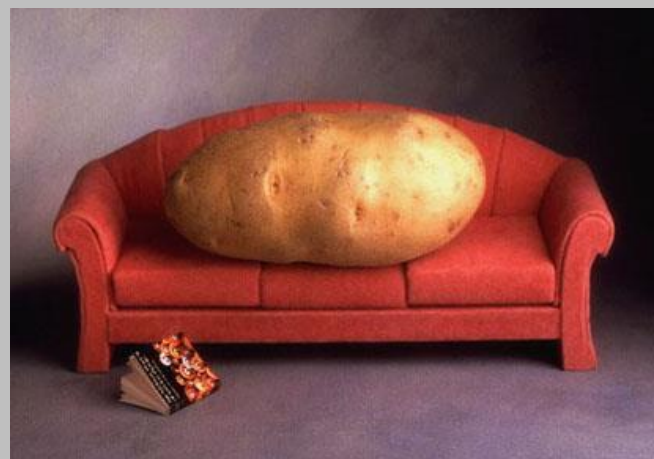
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Household income	Maintenance Loan – living away from parental home and studying outside London	Maintenance Loan – living away from parental home and studying in London	Maintenance Loan – living at parental home
£25,000	£9,978	£13,022	£8,400
£30,000	£9,265	£12,297	£7,694
£40,000	£7,839	£10,845	£6,282
£50,000	£6,412	£9,394	£4,689
£65,000	£4,651	£7,217	£3,698



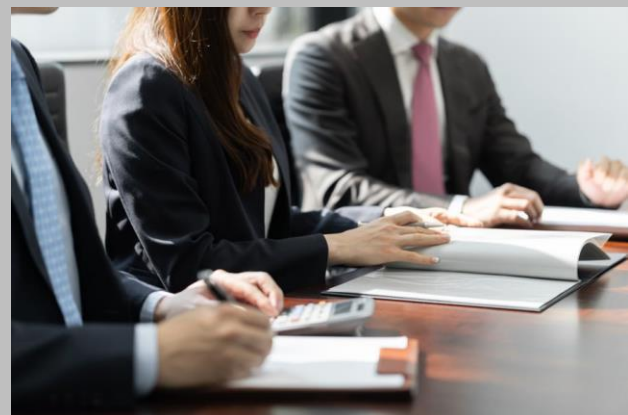
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Any Questions?



Pathways non Uni

What is everyone planning to do next
What support do you need?



Main options

- Gap Year (deferred entry)
- Apprenticeships
- Employment
- Self employment/own business
- Education
- Do nothing

.....any other??



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Gap Year

- Plan: budget, timescale, what, where, who
- Formal programme
- Work/travel or just work – think carefully about when/where you go

Resources:

Year out group

UCAS website

BUNAC

Trailfinders



Apprenticeships

- Recruitment cycle already started
- Update CV
- Targeted applications
- Variation in recruitment strategies
- Time consuming
- Competitive – degree/higher

Resources:

UCAS website

findanapprenticeship.gov.uk

notgoingtouni.co.uk



Local degree opportunities (Level 6)

Building Services Engineering Apprenticeship

- QED ENGINEERING LTD
- (Added 01 Mar 2023 - 2 positions available)

Building Services Engineering Apprentice - a full time role with uni degree course at UWE commencing after 1 years successful employment. Learning the technical aspects of mechanical, electrical & public health engineering design and project management, as well as the use of design software. You will support the engineering team in producing design documents and drawings.

- Distance:** 11.3 miles [Journey time](#)
- Closing date:** 17 Apr 2023
- Possible start date:** 21 Aug 2023

Annual Salary: £16,000.00

Apprentice Chartered Accountant

- WESTCOTTS (SW) LLP
- (Added 14 Dec 2022 - 1 position available)

We are now looking for an apprentice Chartered Accountant to join our team. Training to become a Chartered Accountant is both rewarding and challenging and can open up a whole host of opportunities for you as many of our Directors and Partners started their career as a trainee with us and have stayed with us throughout their working life. Duties include: Preparing financial statements for limited companies partnerships and sole traders.

- Distance:** 19.1 miles [Journey time](#)
- Closing date:** 28 Jul 2023
- Possible start date:** 04 Sep 2023

Annual Salary: £20,000.00

Magnox Hinkley: Project Manager Apprenticeship (Level 6)

- Energus on behalf of Magnox Ltd
- The employer is registered as Disability Confident
- (Added 05 Feb 2023 - 1 position available)

Magnox is an exciting place to be, and this role is the perfect opportunity for you to be part of our challenging mission, to safely and successfully manage the UK's civil nuclear legacy on behalf of the nation. This project manager apprenticeship involves the delivery of complex decommissioning projects within the fleet of Magnox sites.

- Distance:** 17.8 miles [Journey time](#)
- Closing date:** 31 Mar 2023
- Possible start date:** 04 Sep 2023

Annual Salary: £18,644.00

Level 4 Apprenticeships (HNC)

Project Apprentice

- PORTAKABIN LIMITED
- (Added 6 days ago - 1 position available)

A fantastic opportunity for an apprentice to join our Bridgwater Hire and Service Centre. You will work as part of our project team to provide support and assistance with the co-ordination and implementation of projects within a variety of sectors including Education and Healthcare.

- Distance:** 10.3 miles [Journey time](#)
- Closing date:** 14 Apr 2023
- Possible start date:** 11 Sep 2023
- Annual Salary: £17,000.00**

Web Developer Apprentice

- Evo Agency Ltd
- (Added 3 days ago - 1 position available)

Evo are a leading e-commerce digital agency created in 2008. As we continue to grow we are looking to hire a talented PHP Developer to join the team. We're a technically-led digital agency and you will be working on a broad range of projects ranging from large e-commerce sites to completely bespoke web-based systems that transform businesses.

- Distance:** 11.7 miles [Journey time](#)
- Closing date:** 30 Mar 2023
- Possible start date:** 04 Sep 2023
- Annual Salary: £10,296.00**

Sales Executive Apprentice

- AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES UK LIMITED
- The employer is registered as Disability Confident
- (Added 20 Feb 2023 - 1 position available)

An exciting 18 month Sales Apprenticeship, where you'll be given a real job with responsibility, accountability and delegation. We are the heart of construction, transforming it into a more sustainable future and we are looking for you to be part of our movement to grow, innovate and develop together to create continuous value.

- Distance:** 18.8 miles [Journey time](#)
- Closing date:** 31 Mar 2023
- Possible start date:** 04 Sep 2023
- Annual Salary: £20,000.00**

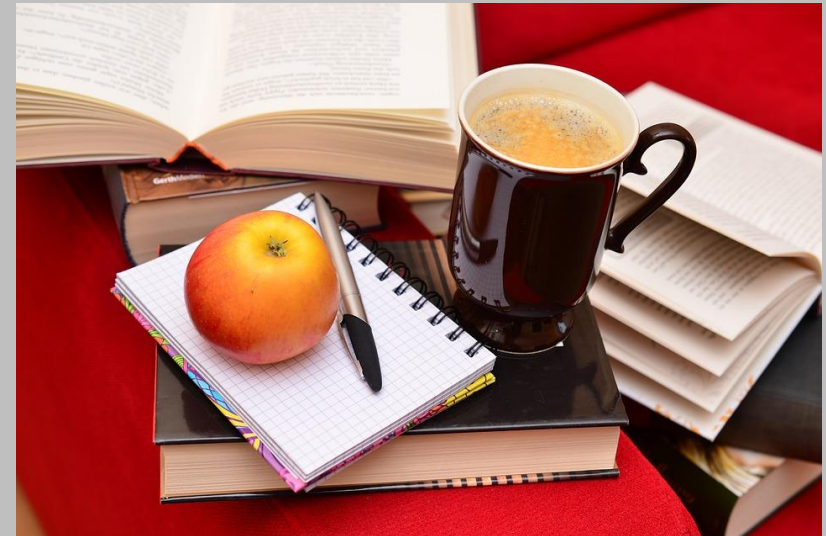
Employment

- Earning money
- Short term
- Progression/training??
- Long term prospects
- Gain experience



Education

- Lots of local options
- FE college offer degree courses/foundation degrees/HNC/HND
- On-line learning
- MOOCs
- Short courses
- Part time and full time options
- Opportunity to combine paid work with study



Own Business/Self employment

- A valid option
- Support available
- Princes Trust
- Business support helpline/Start up loan
- Peter Jones Enterprise Academy



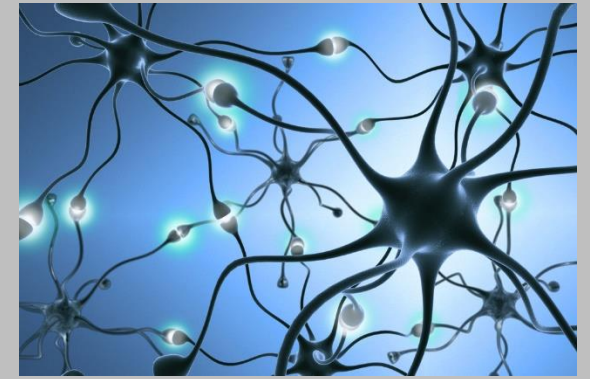
Things to consider

- You need a plan (definitely)
- You need a C.V. (probably)
- LinkedIn profile (possibly)





Any Questions?



Memory for Learning Revision and Memory Skills



Encoding

Consolidation

Attention

Distractions

**Working
memory**

**Too much
Information/
No
Consolidation**

EFFORT

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**Long term
memory**

**lack of
retrieval
practice**

Memory starts with Attention



attention and elimination
reactions reduces the d
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NO PHONE

You remember **20% less**
if you revise with your phone
near you.....even if it's off!!

Put it in another room



NO MUSIC!

“But I revise well listening to music”

Students who revise in quiet environments performed over 60% better than peers who revise listening to music that has lyrics

Your working memory is limited, and any background noise is ‘cognitive overload’ and will make learning much harder.





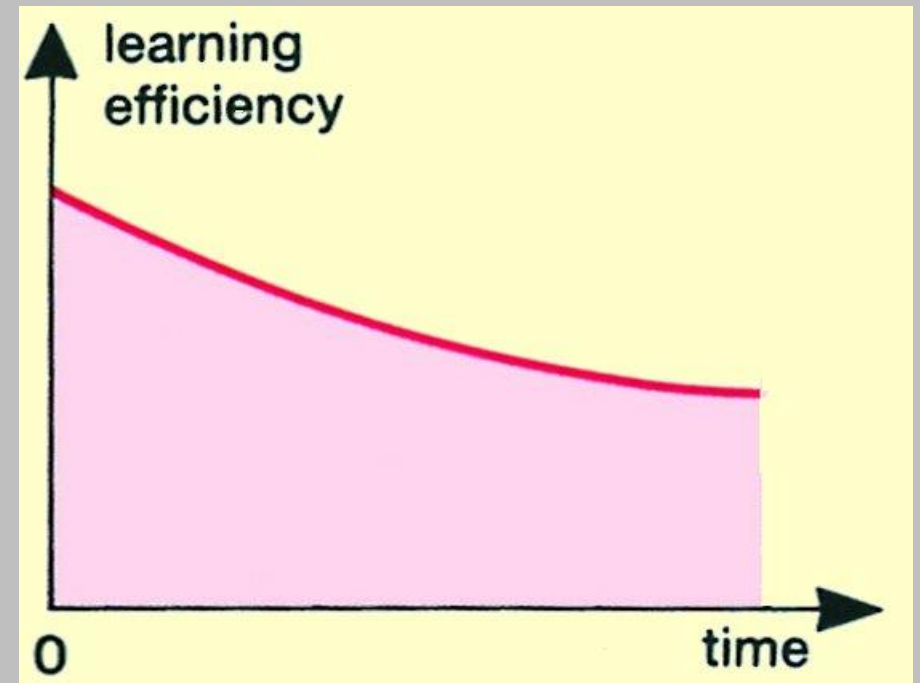
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Recreate the exam

- You sit the exam in silence, no music and no phone
- You have to revise in silence, with no music and no phone
- Create the same conditions as the exam or your memory will not work as well and you will be unable to recall your knowledge in as much detail

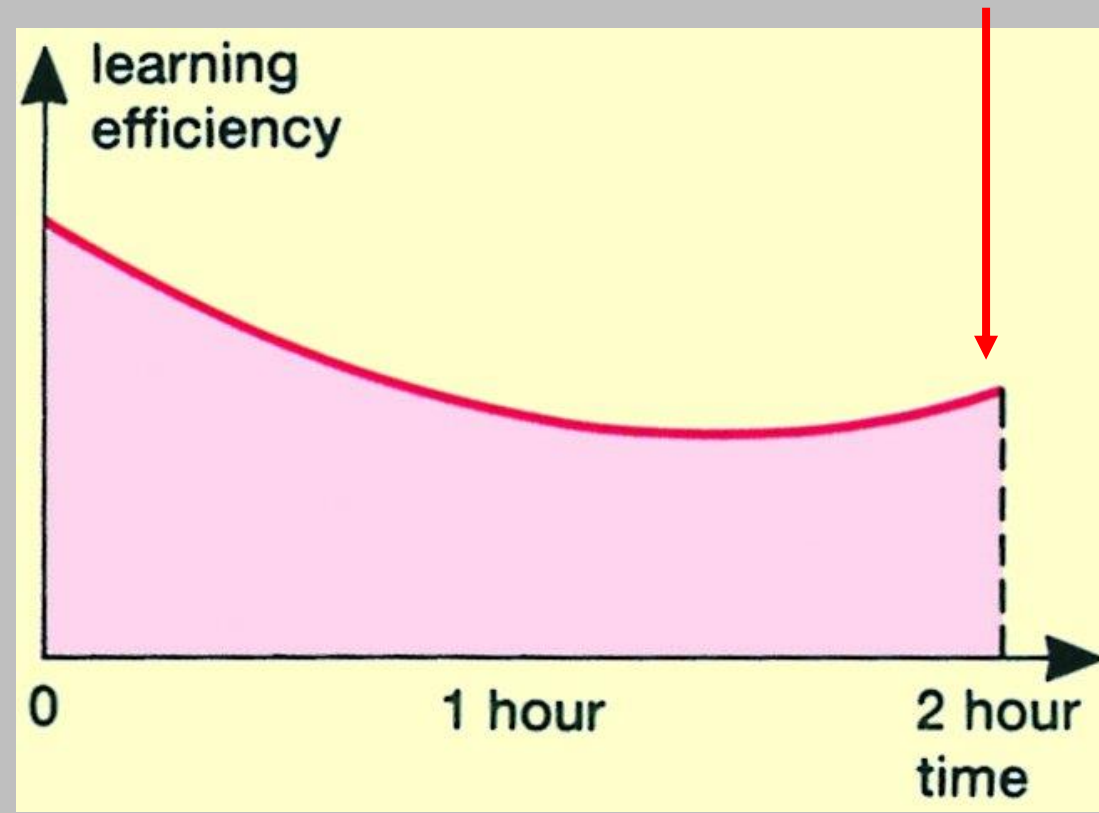
How long should you revise for?

If you just sit down to revise,
without a definite finishing time,
your **learning efficiency**
falls lower and lower,
like this:



How long should you work for?

If you decide at the beginning of a study session, how long you will work for, with a clock, then as your brain knows the end is coming, the graph rises towards the end



The Pomodoro technique

The Pomodoro Technique

A method to balance focus with deliberate breaks
Depending on how long your task is, choose one:

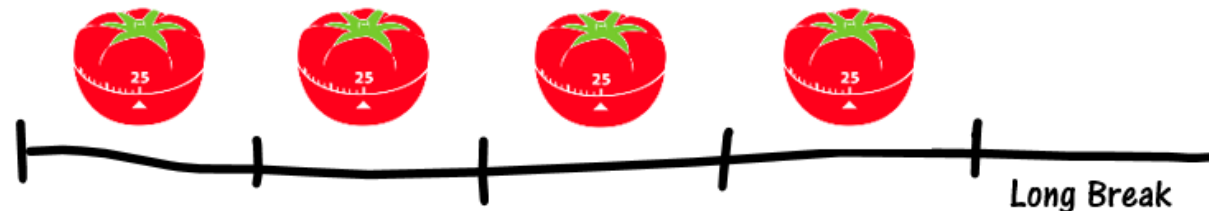
a) One pomodoro: 25 minutes + 5 minutes break

No distraction!

No sneaky work!



b) Complete 4 Pomodoros then take a longer break



So how should I revise?

What works and what doesn't?

And Why?

Space Your Knowledge

Spaced practice/Distributed practice

Spaced practice means allowing time to elapse between learning to make the practice more difficult, producing stronger learning and memory



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Remember effort = learning!

Transform

Change your knowledge in some way, engage with it:
effort = learning

Try to come up with different ways to represent the information visually, for example a mindmap, a timeline, revision cards with key terms, or a diagram of parts that work together



Elaborate

Elaborative interrogation, add detail to your knowledge

Elaborative Rehearsal and Interrogation

- Elaborative Rehearsal is when you associate new material with material already learned or with other new learning e.g. using concept maps to link information together.
- Elaborative Interrogation involves asking yourself questions about **why** and how things work.

Exam Practice

Daniel Willingham says, “practice makes perfect: but only if you practice beyond the point of perfection”

To prevent forgetting you need to learn even after you know the material - a good rule of thumb is to put in another 20% of the time it took to master the material

Practice until you never get it wrong

You can also.....

- Make up exam questions for each of the exam command words
- Write mark-schemes for your questions, highlighting the assessment objectives you are testing (AO1, AO2 and AO3)
- Work with a friend and test each other
- Challenge each other to answer the hardest question you can



Read examiners reports

- Every year the exam boards make public a document that is written by the people who are going to mark your papers
- And in it, they tell you what they like to read
- They also give you examples of what not to do



Retrieve

Retrieval Practice/Low stakes Quizzing/The
Testing Effect

Don't practice recognition, practice retrieval

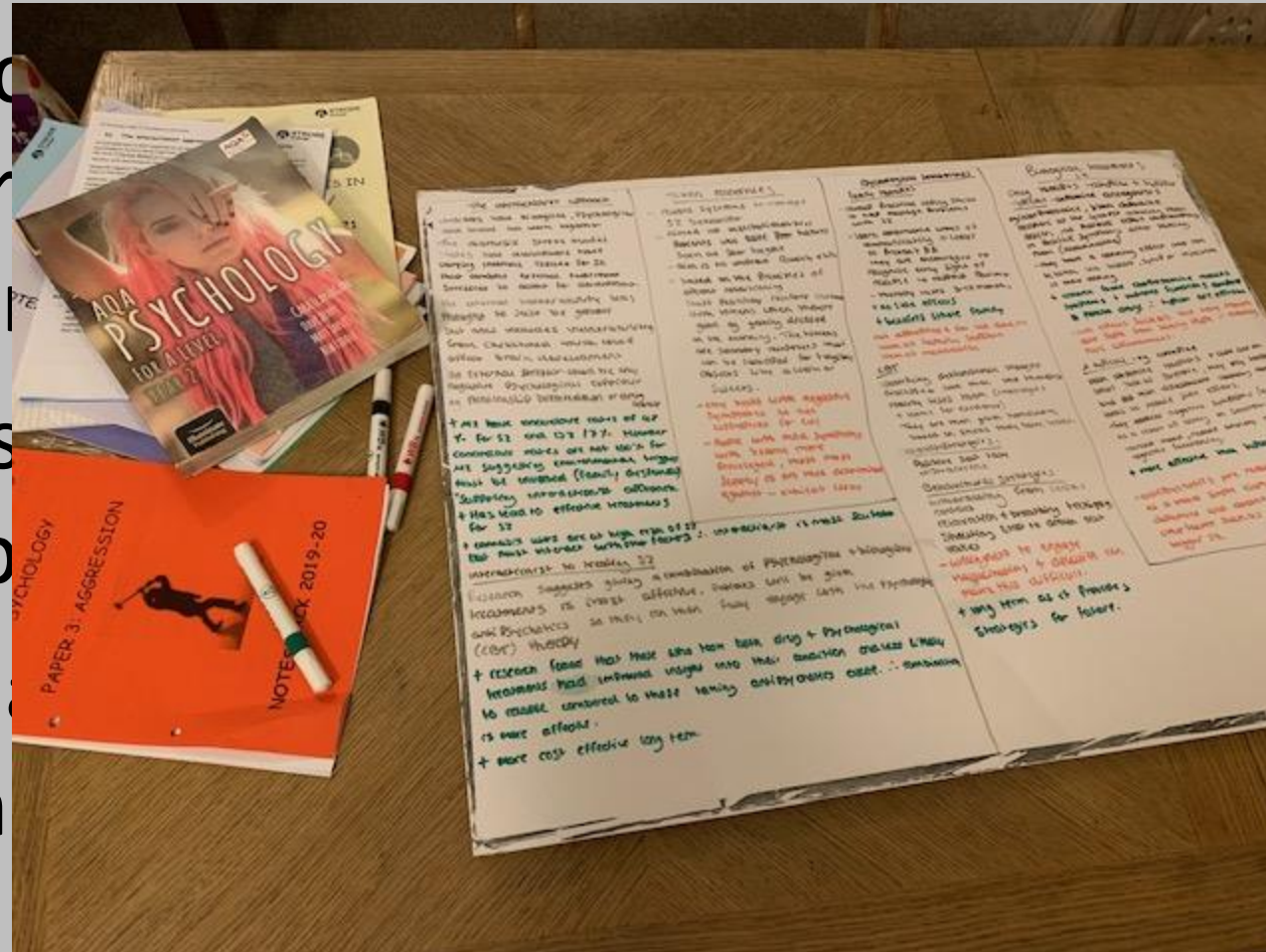
- We mistake our ability to recognize something for an ability to recall it
- Recognition and recall are different psychological processes. Recognition is a much easier task
- But in your exam you don't get marks for things being familiar, you get marks for recalling relevant information and using it to answer the question

How do I do it?

- Write from memory.....and then check
- Test yourself frequently – MCQ, SAQ, Essays.....from memory
- Look, Cover, Write, Check – do this with your flashcards
- Create mind-maps from memory – use your notes to check and fill in gaps afterwards
- Create tests with answers from memory – use your notes to check afterwards

How do I do it?

- After practicing and notes from completely new
- This process gives feedback about what you don't know.
- Then, a bit later, you get more information



Check your book
carefully and
and gives you
you don't know.
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What else works?

- Teaching the material to someone else
- This forces you to think about the material in a clear and structured way

What else works?

- Speak it out loud
- This is an effective strategy to improve recall, more so than just repeating the content in your own head.
- Research has found that it can improve recall by 12%

What should I do?



- Get organized- make a timetable
- Revise continually.
- Little and often
- 1-2 hours a day- use the pomodoro technique
- Don't have any distractions when your revising
- Make your revision active NOT passive
- Sleep, eat, drink water- look after yourselves



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How to study for exams

**SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN
TECHNIQUES**



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