

Procrastination is the Thief of Time

GCSE REVISION EVENING
30TH JANUARY 2018

Why now?

At this time of year, there are largely three different types of Year 11 student:

1. Hard-working, focused, organised, confident
2. Hard-working, anxious
3. Not yet hard working

How you do in your GCSEs does make a difference

Your exams are sooner than you think

- There are about 14 weeks until exams start
- 11 weeks of term time, and 3 weeks of holiday
- This is just about enough time
- **But only just**

When your exams are

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information / Year 11**

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WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO KNOW



The Revision Process

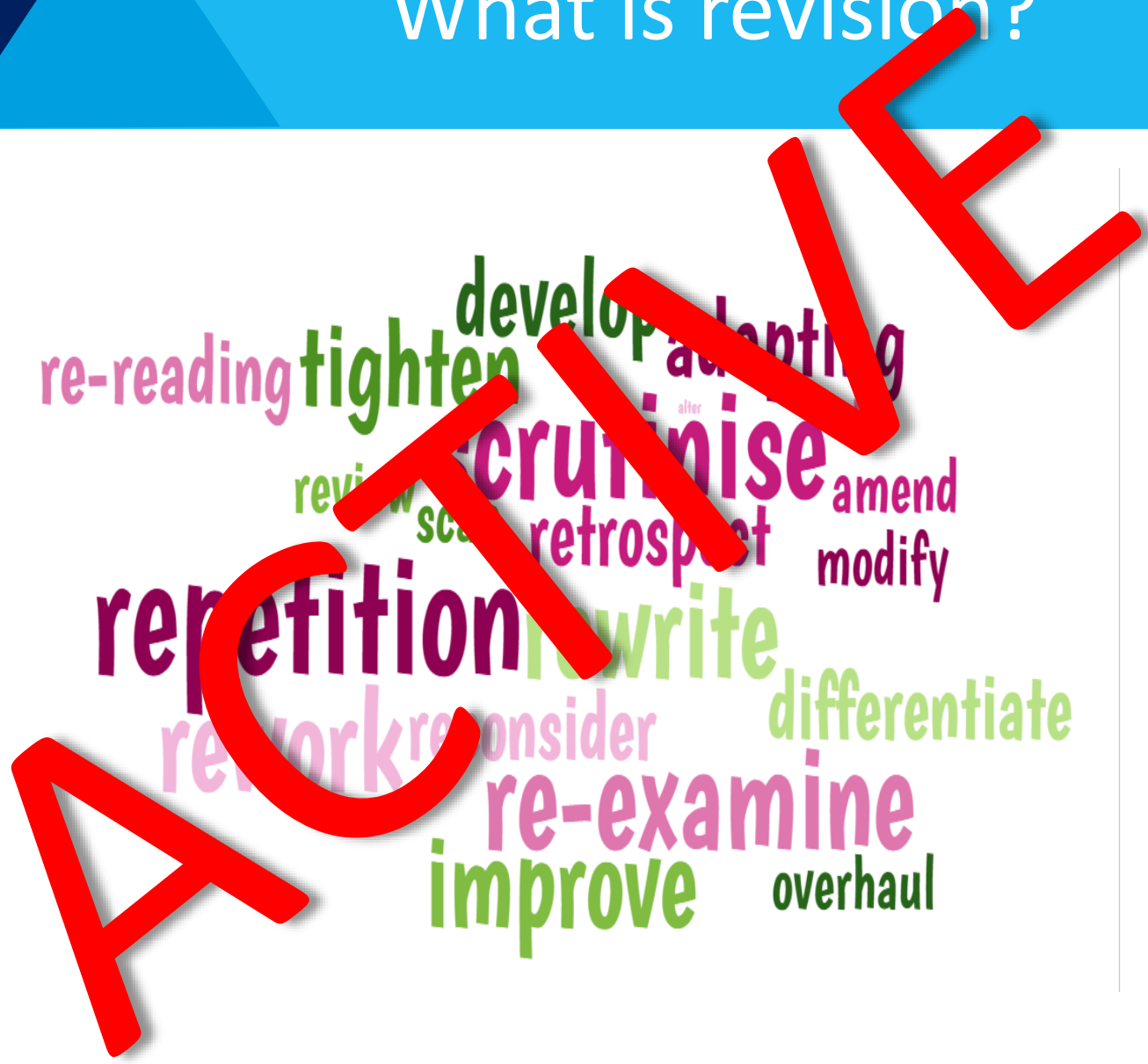
1. Plan your revision timetable so you know what you will revise when. Most evenings, every weekend, most days in the holidays.
2. Make sure you know what content is required for each paper
3. Make sure you have all the notes. Condense that information – mind maps, cue cards, post it notes ...
4. Learn that information – read, cover, write, check
5. Practise past paper questions
6. Repeat steps 2-4 until you are fully confident.
Prioritise the things you got wrong or find hardest

Start by collecting all your information

- Do you know when your exams are?
- Do you know where all your books for each subject are?
- Do you know where your assessment folders are?
- Do you need to sort out and organise them?
- Is there work that is missing? Copy it up or photocopy it.
- Do this **now**.

What is revision?

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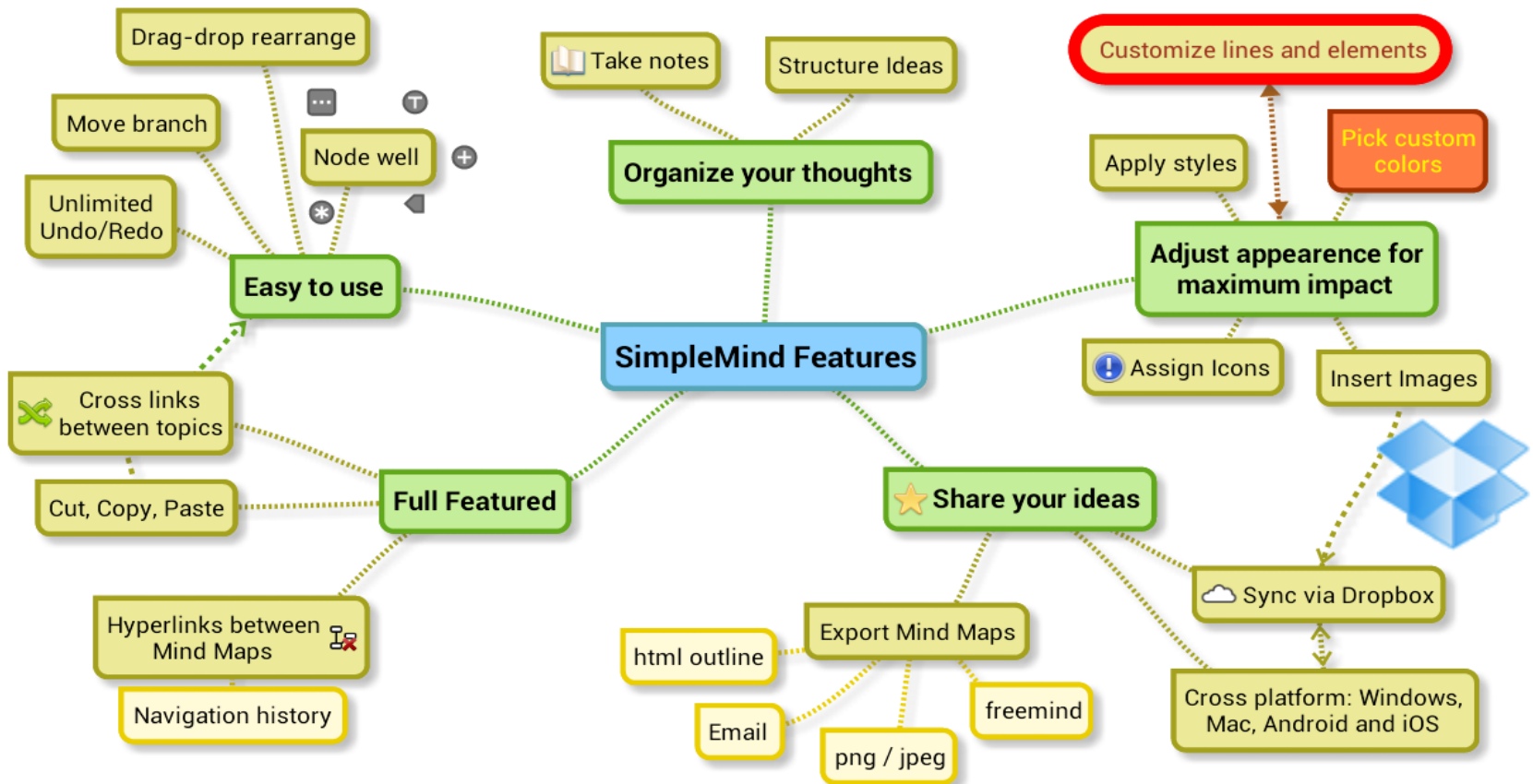
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review scrutinise amend
repetition rewrite modify
rework reconsider differentiate
re-examine improve overhaul

What to do now.....

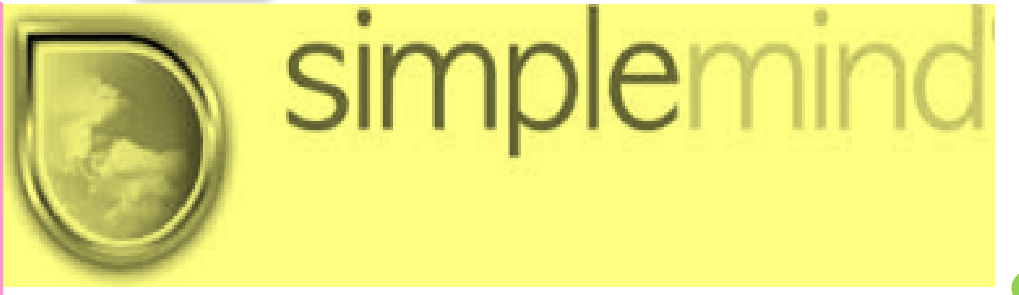


- Revision timetables – do them, and use them
- Prioritise subjects
 - Insanity: doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results
- Breaks – plan and plot them – nothing taxing
 - They help create new neurological connections
 - Too much will destroy them
- How to revise
 - Place them around your room and house (PE diet notes on fridge, etc)
 - Peer revision – play dates!
 - Parents can help
- Once you start, you'll find it's not insurmountable.....
 - Spend 50 times worrying about it = a portion of time to do it

Mind Maps – on-line



*Simplemind mind-mapping app –
for smart phones and tablets
Paid version is better*



Cycle of work

- Preparation (5 mins)
- Subject / topic (40-45 mins)
- Power break (5-10 mins)



Repeat this cycle **at least** 3 times in a day and you have the foundation of a solid revision schedule!

Where to study



- A dedicated space without distractions
- Room to allow an organised spread!
- Immediate access to all materials needed during study periods
- A timer or clock in view
- Music & the myth of the Mozart Effect

Past papers

- Past papers and mark schemes are available online from each exam board
- Use them to test yourself and gauge your progress

How to use our revision site and revision guide

Students' revision information – from their **FP
Online home page**

<https://sites.google.com/a/furzeplatt.com/year-11-revision-packs/home>

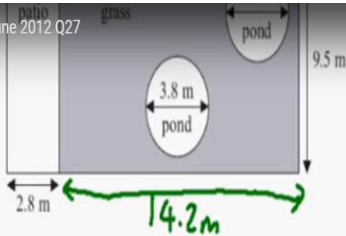
Our revision guide – find this under the **Parents /
Useful Information** section from FP Online

<http://www.furzeplatt.com/site/data/files/documents/Tips%20and%20Revision%20Guidance%20-%20Furze%20Platt%20year11%20gcse.pdf?pid=37>

Other revision websites

- YouTube – with past papers
 - “edexcel gcse maths foundation June 2012”
- GCSE Bitesize
- Tutor2u
- Quizlet
- s-cool
- revisionworld
- Examtime
- getrevising
- topmarks
- tes

Edexcel GCSE Maths Linear Foundation P2 Cal June 2012 Q27



Mr Weaver is going to spread fertiliser over all the grass.
One box of fertiliser will cover 25 m^2 of grass.

How many boxes of fertiliser does Mr Weaver need?
You must show your working.

$$14.2 \times 9.5 = 134.9 \text{ m}^2$$

Area of a pond

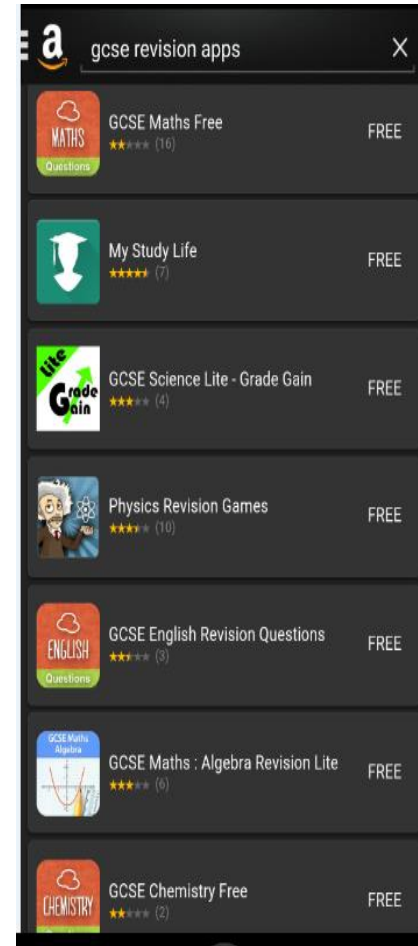
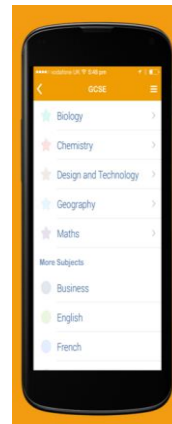
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(Total for Question 27 is 5 marks)

2:33

For once, you *can* use your phone

- Quizlet (I love it!)
- Gojimo
- Thumbsup Revision
- Khan academy - videos
- Podcasts – particularly useful for poems
– www.audiopi.co.uk
- Past papers



WHAT THE SCHOOL HAS – AND WILL PROVIDE



School support

- Revision guidance in form period
- Extra support for 70 students through Raising Achievement
- After school revision sessions in most subjects
- Dedicated revision website
- 2 hour revision sessions led by members of the senior leadership team:
 - 11F** Monday 5th February periods 4+5
 - 11P** Wednesday 7th February periods 2+4
- Last-minute Easter revision programme for those who are behind or finding it difficult

THE BIG DAY(S)



On the day

1. Be in school by 8.30am for morning exams
2. Be ready for afternoon exams by 1pm
3. Be in full uniform
4. Most, but not all exams in the Sports Hall – check!

What to bring

Bring

Clear pencil case

Pen (black)

Spare pen (black)

Pencil / rubber / ruler etc

Water bottle

Don't bring

Tippex

Highlighters

Gadgets

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



What parents must know

- When the exams are

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- Be absolutely sure they know what **subject** they are taking.
- Be absolutely sure they know what **papers** they are taking.
- Be absolutely sure what sort of **questions** they'll be asked.

What you may be thinking

1. How can I help keep my son or daughter's stress levels down? What about my own stress levels?
2. In what ways can I help them stay organised and motivated?
3. How can I help them with their home learning environment?
4. Will I have to change your routines during the exam period to support their revision?
5. On exam days how can you help them be on time, calm and properly prepared?

A CHECK LIST

- Encourage and praise and empathise
- Try to provide a good revision environment
- Limit but don't ban social activities including TV, social media and going out
- Encourage exercise and healthy eating
- Take an active role when appropriate
- Keep things in perspective
- Encourage sensible sleep patterns
- Communicate with school – via form tutors, heads of house, or Mrs Slater

NEXT STEPS



Looking forward

Wednesday 27th June: Year 11

Graduation and Book Return

Thursday 28th June: Year 11 Prom

**Thursday 23rd August: Exam results
and celebration**

**Tuesday 4th September: Sixth form
induction day (and start of term for
colleges)**