**Study Skills Handout.**





**This handout accompanies the SEaTSS parents SEND conference 11/06/2022**

**Please use it to find 3 or 4 different ways to help your child to study and revise.**

**It is not intended that you use every method or website as this would be overwhelming.**

**Mindmaps:**

* ****Mindmapping complements the way that both sides of the human brain works
* Mindmaps help children to organise and sequence their thoughts in a logical and systematic order and to be creative and make links
* They are a great visual tool that your child can use to help them to organise and categorise their notes
* They enable children to condense notes
* They encourage them to develop their ideas and stimulate thoughts
* They can help them to link ideas
* You should encourage your child to personalise it with things such as colour coding to make it meaningful to them

<https://getrevising.co.uk/make/mindmaps>

https://youtu.be/oY4sUQzXJ1g

<https://vm.tiktok.com/ZML7YG53N/>

**Mnemonics**

A long word that means using the first letters of something hard to remember to make a sentence that is easy to remember. This aids the person to recall the hard stuff.

**Flash cards:** It can be fun to create these cards the ‘old fashioned way’, with card, pens and colours.

****[8 Better Ways to Make and Study Flash Cards (collegeinfogeek.com)](https://collegeinfogeek.com/flash-card-study-tips/)Learning tools and flashcards - for free! | Quizlet

[How to study flashcards using the Leitner system - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C20EvKtdJwQ)

[leitner system (how to memorize more efficiently!) - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6S2LJIAydyg)

 But there are also lots of apps out there…..

Anki

Flashcard App

[AnkiApp - The best flashcard app to learn languages and more.](https://www.ankiapp.com/)

**Online flashcard websites.**

[Cram.com: Create and Share Online Flashcards](https://www.cram.com/)

<https://quizlet.com>



**PocketMod –** creates small booklets. Your child could create some revision booklets that can then be carried in a small bag/pocket etc.

<http://www.pocketmod.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmcYYdiWGPU>

**Post it notes**

* Good for visual learnings because different colours can be used to represent different ideas so helps memory
* Can be stuck around the house as a quick prompt. Put them in prominent such as the fridge
* Good for making notes and sticking in books
* Can help to sequence ideas and physically move ideas around

[**https://youtu.be/hc-qV\_a75pc**](https://youtu.be/hc-qV_a75pc)

[How to use post-it notes for revision (lifemoreextraordinary.com)](https://lifemoreextraordinary.com/study-skills/post-it-notes-revision/)

[2 New Ways to Use Sticky Notes // 2 Minute Study Tips - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDYETOzFyYw)

**Source Analysis Questions**

* Very useful in some academic subjects such as history, geography, English.
* The student analyses text with these questions
* Helps break the task down and categorise
* **Past exam papers**
* Get information on what EXAM BOARD is being used for different subjects from the school
* Help your child to become familiar with what exam papers in their subjects look like
* Point out the important information on the front page such as the timing
* Go to the exam board website to look at past exam papers and past questions
* Encourage your child to practise past exam questions on a topic after they have revised it

[www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/past-papers.html>

[Past GCSE Maths Papers (FREE) - 2022 Topics - Third Space Learning](https://thirdspacelearning.com/gcse-maths/past-papers/)

[Revision | Collins GCSE Revision | Download Free Exam Papers Resources](https://collins.co.uk/pages/revision-collins-gcse-revision-download-free-exam-papers-resources)

[AQA | Find past papers and mark schemes](https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes)

[Maths Genie - Free Online GCSE and A Level Maths Revision](https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/)

[Past papers | Past exam papers | Pearson qualifications](https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/support/support-topics/exams/past-papers.html) Edexcel

**Don’t forget – some of the other strategies**

* Creating a timetable
* Taking breaks
* Moving around
* Silly rhymes
* Music

**Health**: It is important to help your child look after their health during the revision and exam period. You can break this down into different areas to help them manage this. EG. Sleep/Diet/Stress/Exercise and where to get help if needed.

Have a look at a couple of the many support websites out there.

[Mindfulness - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/tips-and-support/mindfulness/)

[Mental Health Resources for Exams | YoungMinds](https://www.youngminds.org.uk/professional/resources/staying-mentally-healthy-during-exams/)

[Can food improve your exam performance? - BBC Food](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/articles/food_exam_performance)

**Some other great resources that we didn’t have time to let you know about in the presentation**

The student room

<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/forum.php>

[<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/g/make>](https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/g/make) Free resources in the student room

[<https://getrevising.co.uk/planner>](https://getrevising.co.uk/planner) more resources from the student room

[BBC Bitesize](http://www.aqa.org.uk/)

Voice dictation

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/simply-voice-dictation/id791425447?mt=8>

**Google Dictation software recommended for longer pieces of writing**

If a Student has access to Google Docs, there is free software built in allowing them to dictate while the computer types

Here is how to access this FREE:

<https://bit.ly/2qT0tr9>

<https://bit.ly/2hrqInO>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UY9MeKd5gRI>

**GOOGLE CHROME EXTENSIONS**

Free software for Chrome (most popular way of searching the Internet)

**chrome://apps/ -> Web Store -> Extensions-> Select and Speak**

Here is how to use it

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdY1CpS1CH4>

Select and Speak enables a Student to select information on a webpage and have it read back

**Dyslexia Reader Chrome Extension**

Free Software extension which can be used in Chrome to change the format of any webpage into a Dyslexia friendly format (Open Dyslexic)

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csHlhu8gcYA**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csHlhu8gcYA)

**The Revision App**

As you complete revision tasks you win arcade games as prizes- ideal for the gamer students needing rewards

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wn3KtheuIOs&t=87s>

<https://apple.co/2HCRqoT>

**You Tube**

There is a new generation of resources now on You Tube with a huge number of ‘how to’ videos, with ideas for revision, there’s bound to be something useful.

Songs created by Teachers/ Students to help remember key facts:

Physics Revision Song

<https://bit.ly/2vBFBKz>

Macbeth Quotes Rap –‘ Mac’s Not Hot’

<https://bit.ly/2F7kyPN>

Call Scotland **iPad Apps for Learners with Dyslexia**

 [New and Revised Ipad App Wheels (callscotland.org.uk)](https://www.callscotland.org.uk/Blog/new-and-revised-ipad-app-wheels/)