

THE BOLSOVER SCHOOL

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Past Papers & Using Technology



Why Past Papers?

- **To learn to present your knowledge in the most rewardable way**
- **To see what is acceptable/rewardable and what is not**
- **Helps get a feel for your strong and weak areas**
- **If completed in timed conditions – can help time management**
- **Helps you get a feel for likely topics & question styles**
- **Practice staying focused**

Art – AQA

Computer Science – OCR

Science – AQA

Design and Technology – AQA

French/German – Edexcel

English – AQA

Maths – AQA

History – Edexcel

Music - Eduqas

Physical Education - OCR (CNAT)

Triple Science – AQA

Geography – AQA

Photography – Edexcel

Food prep – OCR

Drama – AQA

Media – Eduqas

Textiles – AQA Art and Design

Health and Social Care – OCR (CNAT)

Business Studies - Edexcel

Task – Write down your subjects and their exam board so you have them readily available





How can you access PP's

DIRECTLY FROM EXAM BOARDS

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses.html>

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/>

WEBSITES OFFERING ALL EXAM PAPERS

<https://www.savemyexams.com/gcse/>

<https://cognito.org/dashboard>

<https://revisionworld.com/>



Mark Schemes



- **Study mark schemes alongside the question papers**
- **Take advantage of any exemplar material**
 - **Make use of examiners' reports**



Do you understand mark scheme terminology? Here is a list used in a Maths paper.

Guidance on the use of abbreviations within this mark scheme	
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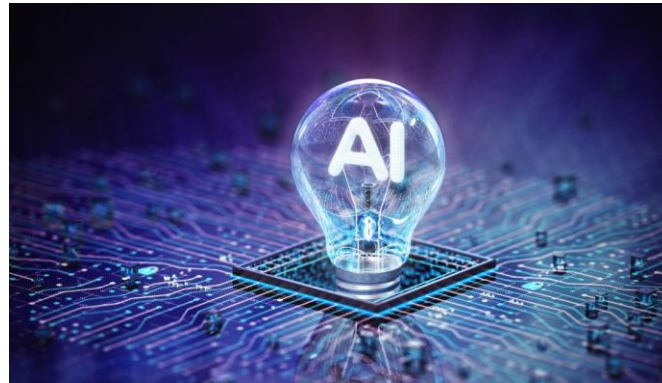


1 finding out details AROUND the facts – linking ideas together

eg. how did WW1 help to cause WW2?

2 making quizzes for yourself

eg. make me a quiz to help me remember photosynthesis. Build a 5-stage practice set that gets harder each round. Include hints and answers.



3 regenerating complicated text

eg. rewrite this text to make it appropriate for a 15-year old

4 presenting you with very specific things that you can't know

eg. What are the 5 mistakes people make with the topic of ..., and how do I avoid each one?

eg. Show me where this shows up in real life. Use examples that fit everyday situations.

5 executing tasks in seconds that would be hard work for you

eg. make a me a revision timetable that includes these subjects ... - I am only free between 7 and 8 every evening.

eg. Create a fun mnemonic using 10 common German infinitive verbs:

eg. create a funny poem to explain 5 literary techniques

Beware the hallucinations – be prepared to fact-check.

Online is great for...

- Finding content FAST
- Range of material
- Personalised learning
- Presenting info in a variety of ways

Online is not great for...

- Likely distractions – alerts etc
- Potential for lost time finding materials
- Technical limitations

Online revision – advice

DO

- know what you're looking for – be precise – “revise Maths” is a big ask! “revise trigonometry” is much more realistic.
- remember that staring at a screen is not necessarily revising. You have to process the information.
- switch off notifications if on your phone.
- Take something away from the vast information you're given. Just because you've watched a video doesn't mean you're getting the most out of it.
- Know your own areas for improvement in each subject. If you don't know it now, find out from your teacher and make sure you do know when you get your mock feedback.

What to do with the information you find.

Summary notes?

Mindmap?

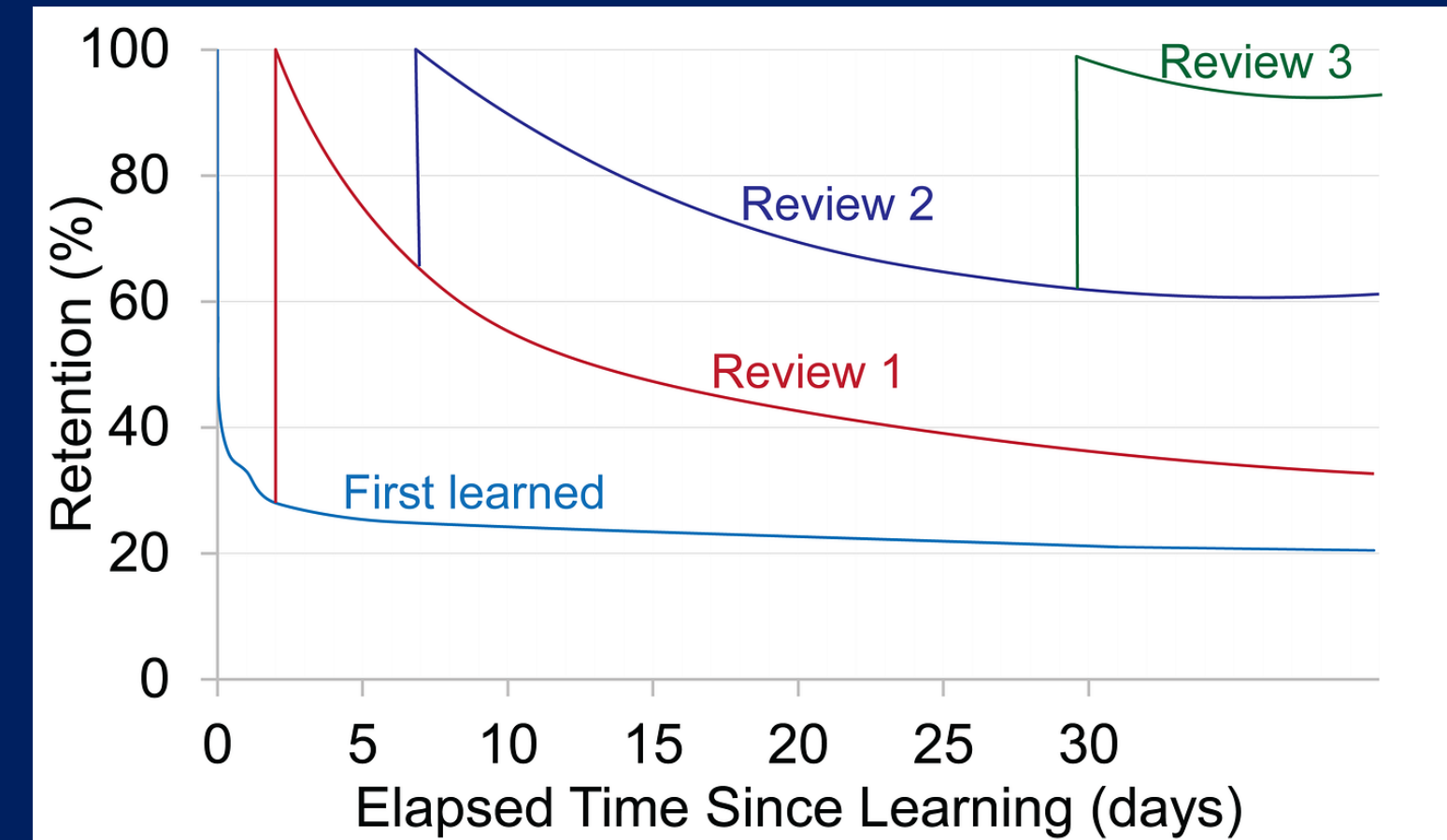
Flashcards?

Have someone quiz you?

Quiz a friend?

Post-its?

Record it?



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