

Hello and Welcome - have a look at the 4 facts below

## 4 facts

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4. Norwich cathedral spire is 96m high (8\*12). The second tallest in the UK.



# What can parents and schools do to help students academically?

- Helping to learn knowledge
- Promoting understanding and analysis
- Practising skills
- Managing school/ home work balance.

Students - What strategies can you think of?

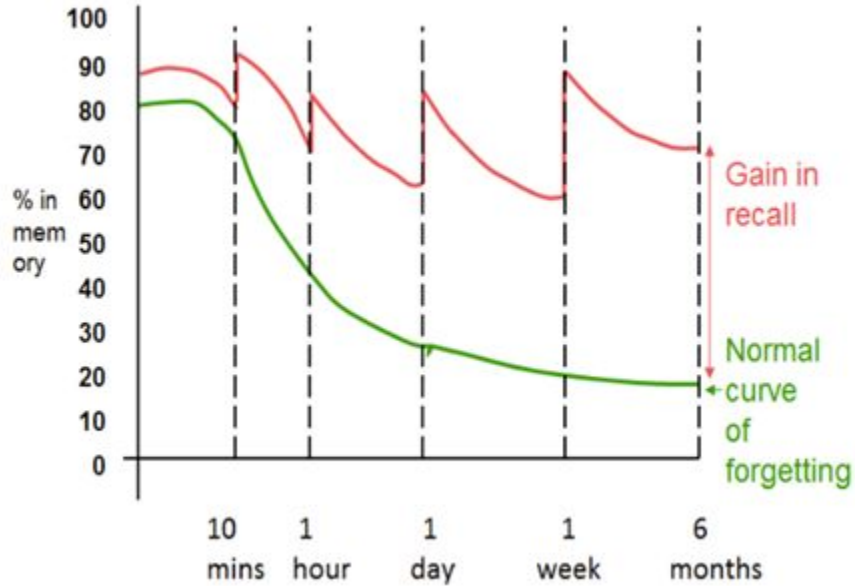
Parents - What did you use and what worked best?

GCSEs have changed and the content is much greater.  
No longer can you wait until Easter and panic.

## Revision is hard

- It forces you to confront what you don't know
- It is time consuming and can be dull. It is not new knowledge so it feels like you already know it.
- It doesn't guarantee success but it make it more likely
- It is repetitive

# Frequent



The curve of forgetting

Shows the importance of repetition

# Short

## THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE



**STEP 1**  
CHOOSE THE TASK



**STEP 2**  
SET A TIMER FOR  
25 MINUTES



**STEP 3**  
WORK ON THE  
TASK UNTIL TIMER  
BEEPS



**STEP 4**  
TAKE A SHORT  
BREAK OF 3-5 MIN



**STEP 5**  
REPEAT THE CYCLE 4 TIMES  
TAKE A LONGER BREAK AFTER 4 SESSIONS

Pomodoro Effect

Aim for 2 hr sessions

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# Focussed



Different subjects have different ways of identifying strengths and weaknesses



# Good revision uses information and changes its form

## Active

Good revision produces something tangible that you can use to help test you child with which could include

- Re-create a mind map from memory, check what is missing and repeat
- Ask someone to ask you the questions from a flash card (the answers are on the back so this can be someone who isn't an expert)
- Read the answer from the flash card and guess the question
- Answer past questions (if available use the mark schemes to check your answer)
- Create questions to answer next week
- Place keywords posters and post-it notes around your room / places where you spend a lot of time, so you are constantly seeing them
- Interleave your revision – don't spend a long time on one subject, it is much more effective to spend 30 minutes on algebra, 30 minutes on WW2 and then go back and re-visit algebra.
- Look, cover, write, check
- Creating flow charts to show the flow of information
- Dual coding – take a block of text, then change this into pictures, now change it into a table, now break it down into bullet points, now explain it verbally to someone. “Using” the information will help make it stick.

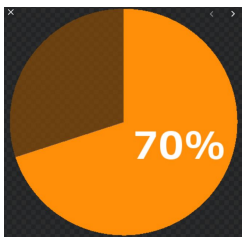
There are also computer packages that can be used, such as SENECA or MyMaths, which are on your child's RMUnify home screen or websites such as BBC Bitesize. Ideally this is the only time that a device should be involved in revision.

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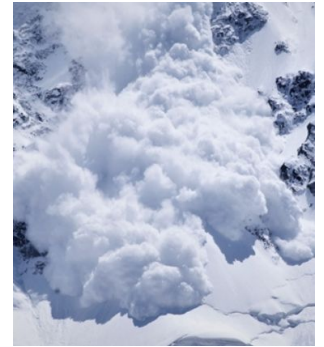
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# Revision activity to promote knowledge

Dual Coding a topic

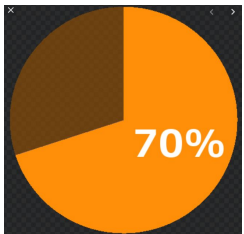


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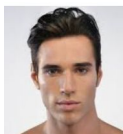
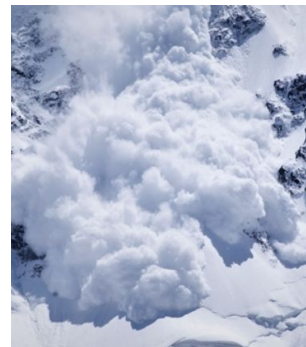
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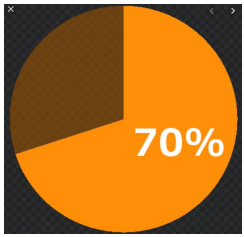


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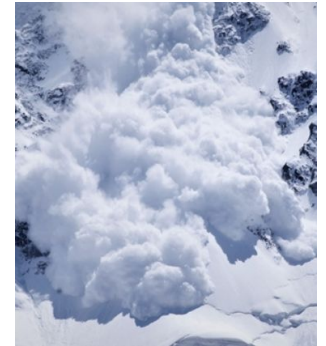
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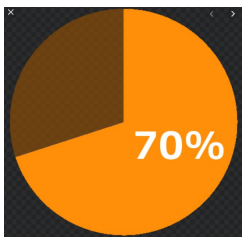
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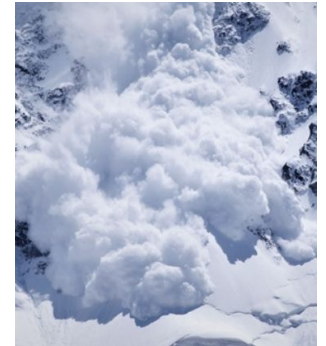
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How much can you remember?



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2. The last British film to win the Academy Oscar was called "A Man Called Otto" in 2015
3. The Great Wall of China is found in the PRC
4. Norwich Cathedral spire is 108m high (354ft). The tallest in the UK.

# Revision activity to improve explanation

What is the best way to save the rainforest?

Too often student change topic before they have fully explain a point - one method to keep them on topic is the Why Game?

What is the best way to save the rainforest?

**WHY ?**

Ecotourism

**WHY ?**

Makes the rainforest more valuable standing up than cut down

**WHY ?**

Gives the local people jobs so they can make money from protecting the rainforest

**WHY ? - not sure then next time can you say more?**

4 facts

Students are struggling with 9 GCSEs ?

Mental health and well being is an issue at the beginning of  
GCSEs?

Students unmotivated or disinterested in all their GCSEs?

Students struggling to engage with learning and the school?

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discuss options available to support your child further