We encourage you to try different revision techniques to discover which ones prove to be the most effective for you. Listed below are a few ideas Tim Benton recommended. Variety is crucial – make sure you **see it, hear it, say it, do it!**

**Mind Maps**
- Put all the relevant information for a particular topic area on a mind map. Try to memorise it all. Use pictures and colours.
- The next night try to reproduce the same map from memory. Fill in all the missing details that could not be remembered. Continue this over several nights and more will be remembered each time.

**Post-its**
- Write key facts on post-its and place them around the bedroom/house.
- Keep reading them!

**Revision Cards**
- Write key facts on revision cards. Keep reading them.
- Ask friends/parents to test these facts.

**Posters**
- Draw key facts on posters. Place these around the home.
- Familiarity will help learn the facts.
- Make posters with questions you can’t answer; cross them off as you feel confident about answering them.
- Put Revision Timetables up on your wall.

**Use Tech Wisely**
- Switch off phone or put on silent when working. Only check it in your breaks.
- Dictaphone key points on your phone and add to music playlists.
- Downloads to phone, eg literature books. Revision apps.
- Use Bitesize, MyMaths, S-Cool, etc.

**Engage the Heart so the Head will learn**
- Occasionally work in friendship groups to break up the monotony.
- Mnemonics, rhymes or even daft songs may work for you.
- Give yourself rewards.
- Learn points on your hand, and make them memorable.
- Test yourself with the A to Z technique.
- Learn Top Ten lists.
- Chunking: Can you fit all you know on a topic to the back of a 50p coin?

Above all learning should start in 15 – 20 minute bursts. Learning can be fun when working with friends.

Have some sort of revision planner. Grid populated with all the topics you need to learn - tick and date when you visit a topic.

Practice, Practice, Practice. If you get stuck, ask for help.

Once topics are learned, it is important to keep reviewing the work so that the knowledge is not lost. Ideally **review after 24 hours, 3 days, 1 week, 3 weeks.**
Believe you can do it and put the work in. “There is no substitute for hard work” – Edison

“Whether you think you can, whether you think you can't – you're probably right!” – Ford

Websites:
S-Cool
CPD Revision Guides
Revision World
Get Revising
BBC Bitesize
My Maths
Education Quizzes
examtime.com
badger learning

Apps:
Revision Buddies
Learners Cloud
Collins Revision App
GCSE Exams
GCSE Pod
GCSE Revision App
Ultimate Revision App
Timeline maker

iAccomplish
top 20 revision tips app
Snapchat
exam countdown3
maths alarm clock

Exam boards. You can find past papers and syllabuses here:

AQA: www.aqa.org.uk
Edexcel: www.edexcel.com
OCR: www.ocr.org.uk
Welsh Joint Education Committee: www.wjec.co.uk
Scottish Qualifications Authority: www.sqa.org.uk

Websites to help with MFL:
www.spellmaster.com - lots of interactive games
www.textivate.com - paste up to 500 words of text and get 26 different exercises based on it, such as fill the gaps and reordering tasks
www.cueprompter.com - an online teleprompter which is helpful for learning chunks of text. This one is great for preparing for oral assessments
www.linguascope.com - more interactive games

FIRM Learning:
Framework - learn things as lists, on your hand, questions to answer etc
Imagery - pictures around the house
Repeated - look over often
Memorable - shocking, emotional, naughty, useful, rewarding, important or unusual things stick!
Organisations that offer emotional support:

**Childline:**
0800 1111
www.childline.org.uk

**The Samaritans:**
08457 909090
Welsh language line: 0300 123 3011
www.samaritans.org

**Get Connected:**
0808 808 4994
www.getconnected.org.uk

‘**The Brain Box**’ By Tim Benton and David Hodgson – Revision Strategies and motivation. Available on Amazon or from Waterstones now.