AIMS

• To share some of the ‘science’ behind effective revision
• Ensure you are familiar with the approaches we have suggested to Year 11
• To look at how you can help as the examinations get closer

There’s no test at the end and I will put the PowerPoint up on the website
ARE ANY OF THESE APPROACHES FAMILIAR?

The longer I revise the better...I’ll revise Macbeth for two hours...NAILED IT!
Although there’s no hard evidence, the commonly agreed selective sustained attention span of a teenager is 15-20 minutes.
ARE ANY OF THESE APPROACHES FAMILIAR?

I’m going to read these ten pages of notes and 5 pages from the revision guide…NAILED IT!
Reading over notes has its use but is not the most effective means of retaining knowledge...your brain has to do something with the information.
ARE ANY OF THESE APPROACHES FAMILIAR?

I’m going to highlight all the important bits in different colours…wow, that page is all highlighted…and it’s pretty! NAILED IT!
It might be colourful…it might be pretty…but if key words / facts / ideas don’t stand out on the page, this isn’t really useful
FOUR STEPS TO SUCCESS

• UNDERSTAND IT
• CONDENSE IT
• MEMORISE IT
• REVIEW IT
Tonight I'm going to revise Biology
Life Processes
Movement
Respiration
Sensitivity
Growth
Excretion
Reproduction
Nutrition

Cells
What are Cells?
Structure of animal and plant cell
Similarities and differences between animal and plant cells
Cell Specialisation—Animals
Cell Specialisation—Plants
Unicellular Organisms
Multicellular Organisms
Cells, Tissues and Organs

Enzymes
What are Enzymes?
How Enzymes work
Optimum conditions for enzymes

The Living body
Food and Digestion
Why we need food?
A Balanced Diet
Carbohydrates
Proteins
Fat
Fibre
Vitamins and Minerals
Water
Digestion
The Digestive System
Animation of the Digestive System
Enzymes and Digestion

In and out of cells
Diffusion
Example of diffusion in plant cells
Example of diffusion in animal cells
Osmosis
Osmosis in animal cells
Osmosis in plant cells
Active transport
Theme: The main idea / topic being revised

Main Ideas: The points that underpin the THEME

Details: The points that hold all the ideas together
Genes

Chromosomes; Inheritance; deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)

structural proteins such as the ones found in muscles and hair enzymes, such as proteases and other digestive enzymes.

Different versions of the same gene are called alleles, and these can determine features like eye colour, and the inheritance of disorders such as cystic fibrosis
A gene is a small section of DNA that contains the instructions for a specific molecule, usually a protein. The purpose of genes is to store information. Each gene contains the information required to build specific proteins needed in an organism. The human genome contains 20,687 protein-coding genes. Genes come in different forms, called alleles. In humans, alleles of particular genes come in pairs, one on each chromosome (we have 23 pairs of chromosomes). If the alleles of a particular gene are the same, the organism is described as homozygous for that gene. If they are different the organism is described as heterozygous for that gene. An individual’s phenotype is determined by the combination of alleles they have. For example, for a gene that determines eye colour there may be several different alleles. One allele may result in blue eyes, while another might result in brown eyes. The final colour of the individual’s eyes will depend on which alleles they have and how they interact. The characteristic associated with a certain allele can sometimes be dominant or recessive.

You could try to revise a long set of notes like this…but it’s not necessarily the most effective way.
TRY DIFFERENT APPROACHES

Start with the main theme

Then separate out the main ideas

Before revising the details for each idea

Start with the main theme
WHY CAN’T I JUST READ MY NOTES?

The LEFT SIDE of the brain orders your thoughts and ideas; it makes the connections.

The RIGHT SIDE of your brain engages your interest.

Effective revision appeals to both sides of the brain.

HEART OF ENGLAND
Creating Futures
MEMORISE IT

• Use visual memory to build pictures to memorise key ideas / words
• Write out key words / ideas over and over again
• If you’re reading to revise, summarise each paragraph when you’re done reading
• Mnemonics
This is where people fall short...they do all the hard work and then don’t plan to revisit the topic, giving their brain time to forget.
REVIEW AND PRACTICE

• The day after revising a topic, aim to spend 10 minutes reviewing the ideas
• A week later, plan to review that topic for 5 minutes
• 2 weeks later, review that same topic for 2-5 minutes

DON’T GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO FORGET
HOW YOU CAN HELP

• Help them create a manageable revision timetable
• Maximum of 20 minutes on a specific topic
• Ensure that they make revision as practical as possible
• Encourage them to use sites such as:
  
  www.quizlet.com
  www.getrevising.com
  www.mathswatch.co.uk
  www.mymaths.co.uk
  www.doddle.co.uk
  www.s-cool.co.uk
  www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize
  
  http://www.podcastrevision.co.uk
The topics in yellow are ‘new’ topics (approx 20 minutes each)

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The topics in Green are ones I am revisiting (5-10 minutes)

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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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<td>If I don’t take responsibility, I can’t fix it.</td>
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FLASHCARDS, FLASHCARDS, FLASHCARDS!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C20EvKtdJw

If you watch this YouTube Link it will help you to be able to organise an effective way of revising using flashcards