

Welcome to Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

September 2025



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Aims of Presentation



- To share the Headteacher's key messages to Year 11
- To share key dates, exams information and ideas for supporting revision



Headteacher's Key Messages for the year ahead





Start with the end in mind



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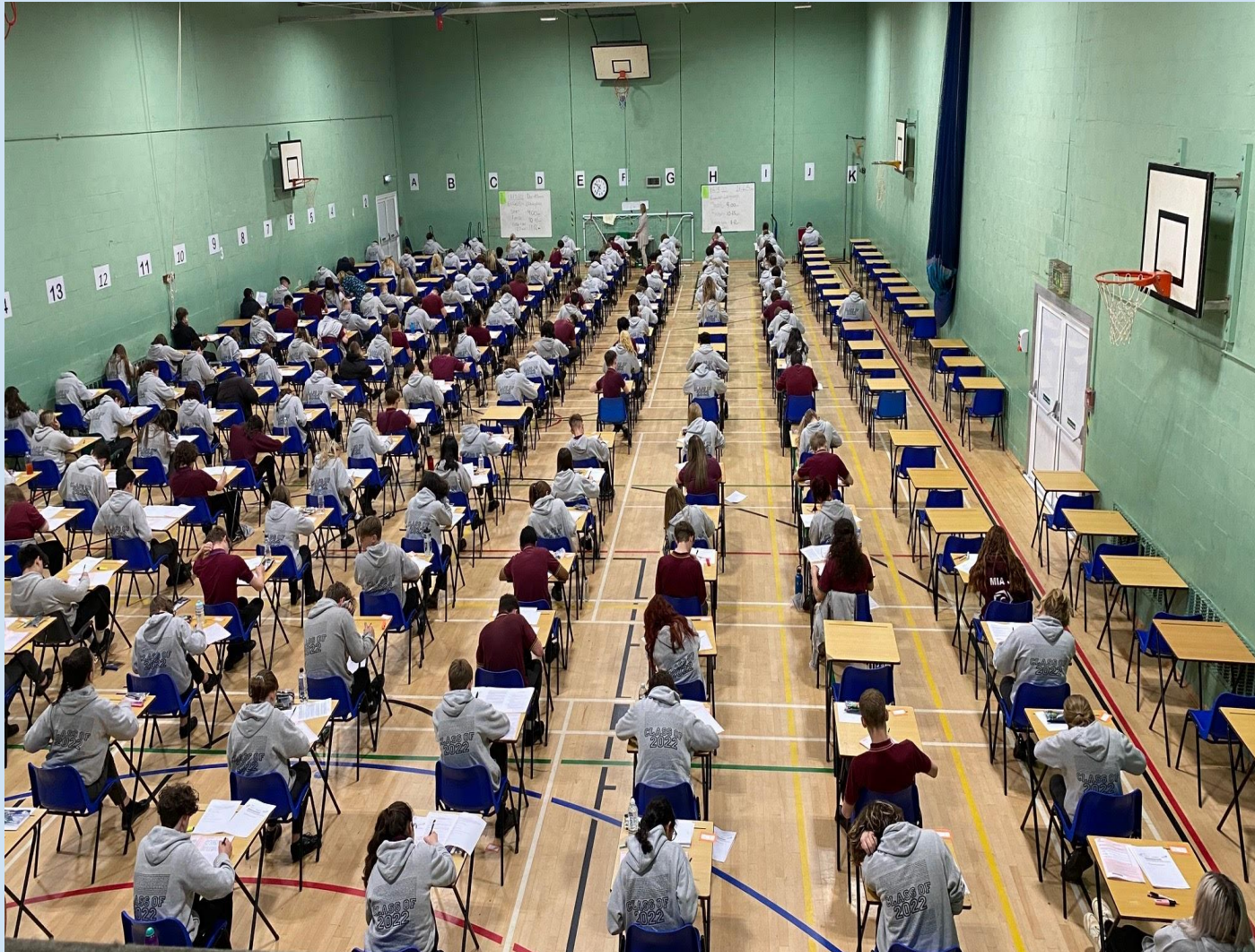


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Ticket to Prom

1. A positive conduct points score
2. Attendance above 90%
3. A good record of punctuality



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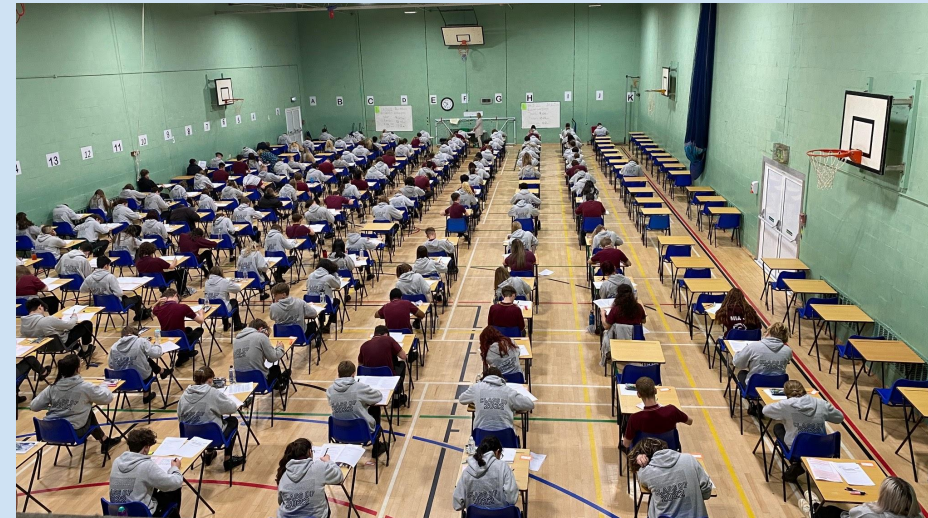


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So what do you have in mind?



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It's up to you



- Start with the end in mind
- Take responsibility - what actions do you need to take?
- Put in the effort
- Monitor your progress
- Be a role model



Whole school messages



Learning



We believe in the value of:

- Determined and consistent effort
- A hunger to learn new things
- Challenging ourselves to go beyond our comfort zone
- Viewing setbacks and mistakes as opportunities to learn and grow
- Seeking and responding to feedback
- Encouraging others to succeed

Our expectations



Academy Code of Conduct

Kindness

- We are kind to each other and to the environment around us.
- We are polite and follow all instructions when asked.
- We are focused, we listen and we contribute respectfully.



Curiosity

- We are confident to ask questions or ask for guidance when we need it.
- We are always prepared for lessons with a positive attitude to learning.
- We set no limits on what we can achieve.

Determination

- We try our hardest in every task.
- We keep trying when things get difficult.
- We represent our school as positive ambassadors at all times.



Behaviour for Learning Top 5



1. **Strong start:** we arrive on time, line up and enter the classroom calmly
2. **Full attention:** we are immediately silent and face the speaker when called to attention
3. **Full effort:** we apply ourselves with our full effort to the learning tasks set
4. **Full focus:** we focus all our attention on the learning tasks set
5. **Calm finish:** at the end of the lesson we wait in silence for the member of staff to dismiss us

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Social Time Top 5



1. Appropriate **language** used in student interactions at social times
2. **Physical interactions** between students are safe and follow the Academy value of kindness
3. Students show **respect for the Academy environment** – litter picked up and put in the bin, toilets and facilities used appropriately
4. Students **do not use mobile phones** on the Academy site from arrival at school until dismissed from class at the end of the day
5. Students present themselves appropriately at all times: hoods down around the site; **uniform** correct

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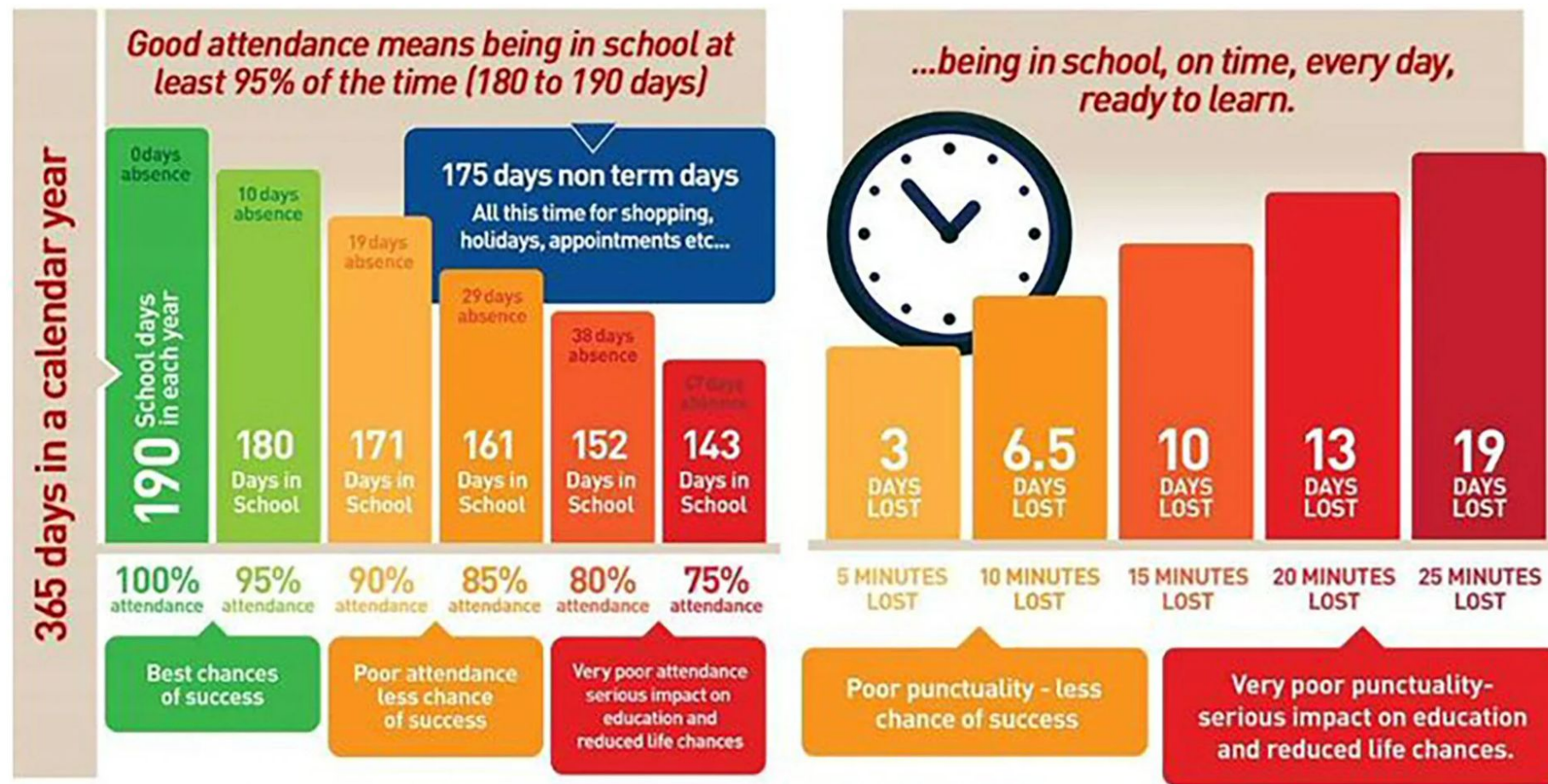
- To make a positive difference
- To set no limits on what we can achieve

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Churchill Academy attendance expectations



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

Attendance and Punctuality



- You are expected to be at your lesson by the start of lesson bell for tutor time, period 3 (after break) and period 5 (after lunch)
- You are expected to arrive with the rest of your class for periods 1, 2 and 4.
- If you have a genuine reason for being late you **must** have a note from home or from a member of staff, otherwise you will be marked late.
- **If you are late to a lesson you will be issued with a late detention on the same day**

Key Dates 2025-26



16 October	Sixth Form Open Evening
4-14 November	Mock Exams
18 November	Be A Sixth Former for a Day
27 November	Careers Convention
2 / 3 December	Academy Christmas Concert
Late December	Report 1 issued
8 January	Parents' Evening 4-7pm
2 - 12 February	Mock Exams
March	Report 2 issued
w/c 5 May	External Examinations begin (provisional date)
19 June	Last External Exam (provisional date)
24 June	Exam contingency day
22 June	Sixth Form Induction Day
20 August	GCSE Results Day

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Curriculum



- Outline of the Year 11 curriculum is available on the website :-
 - Content of each course
 - Exam board details
 - Assessment details
 - Recommended revision guides

Careers and Guidance



Information, advice & guidance careers meetings are available by request via a student's tutor or direct to the Academy Careers Adviser **Suzie McGonigal** at:

smg@churchill-academy.org or
careers@churchill-academy.org.

All students are entitled to an Independent Advice and Guidance appointment.



Exams



Special Consideration

- For when an “adverse issue or event” has had a material effect on a candidate’s ability to demonstrate their normal level of attainment in an assessment
- **Recent** - up to 4 months prior to exams taking place

E.g. illness, significant illness of a family member, injury, flare up of a long term condition, other crisis

exams@churchill-academy.org

Exams



Access arrangements

- A reasonable adjustment for students with specific needs such as special educational needs or temporary injuries so that no student is at a substantial disadvantage
 - Extra time
 - Word processor
 - Reader pen
 - Prompter
 - Scribe
 - Smaller room
- Anxiety about examinations is not sufficient evidence for access arrangements
- Deadline is March 2026 - should be in progress now
- Access arrangements co-ordinated by the SEND team

Exams



Exam malpractice

- Failure to follow the rules of an examination or assessment
- We are required to report all cases of exam malpractice to the examination boards
- Exam boards will decide and apply sanctions

Exams - likely sanctions



Student talks to another student whilst in the exam room (before or after the exam)



Warning - kept on record for two years. Can lead to a cumulative sanction

Student talks to another student during the exam (not related to the exam content)



Mark of zero applied to that individual exam paper

Student talks to another student during the exam (about the exam content)



No grade for that whole qualification

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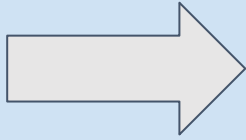


Student brings a banned item into the exam room but doesn't use it e.g. mobile phone (off), revision notes



Mark of zero applied to that individual exam paper

Student uses a banned item e.g. mobile phone or revision notes



No grade for that whole qualification

Student introduces new material into controlled assessment



No grade for that whole qualification

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Exams



Exam malpractice

- Also applies to assessments which contribute towards final grades
- Also covers disruptive behaviour, use of AI, leaving exam room early, offensive language on exam papers, copying



How our memory works

Lucy James, Deputy Headteacher



To set no limits on what we can achieve

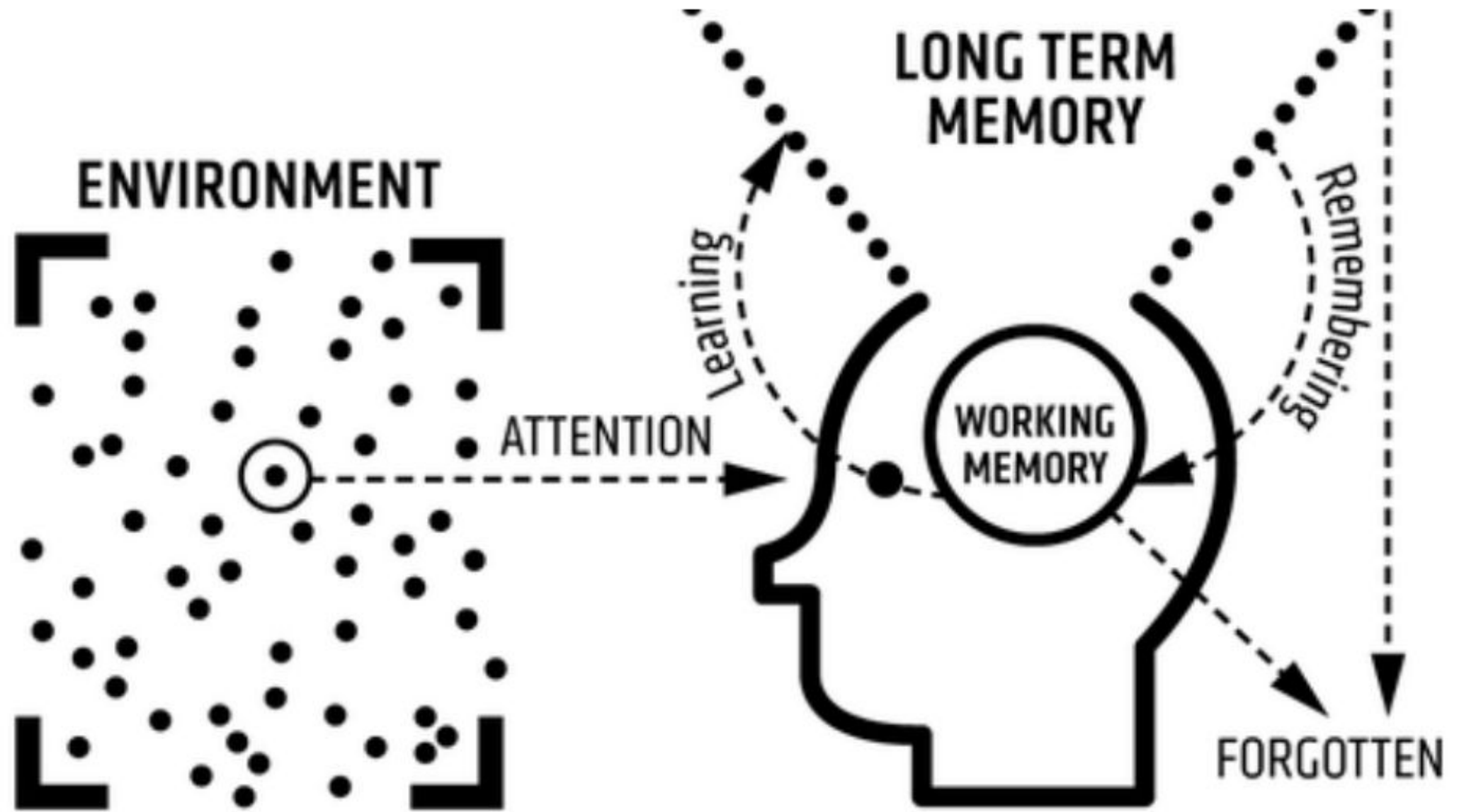


Year 11 Families: Supporting with exam revision

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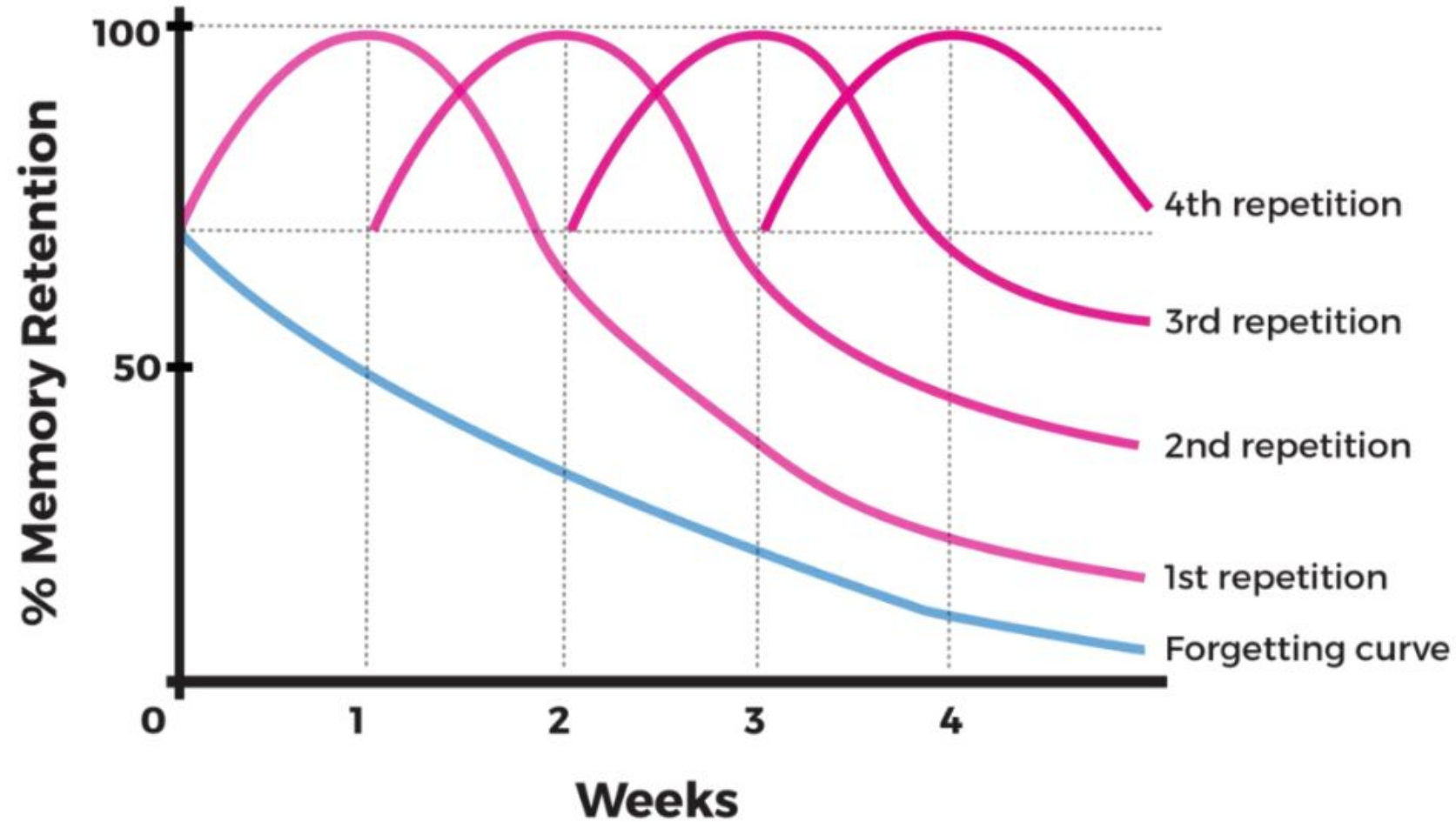
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Curve of Forgetting

For newly learned information



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Science shows that **repetition and revision of information** works best when ...



... you fully understand the information and can explain and describe it



... you can give examples



... you switch between topics



... you space your revision out over time

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Short term memory test



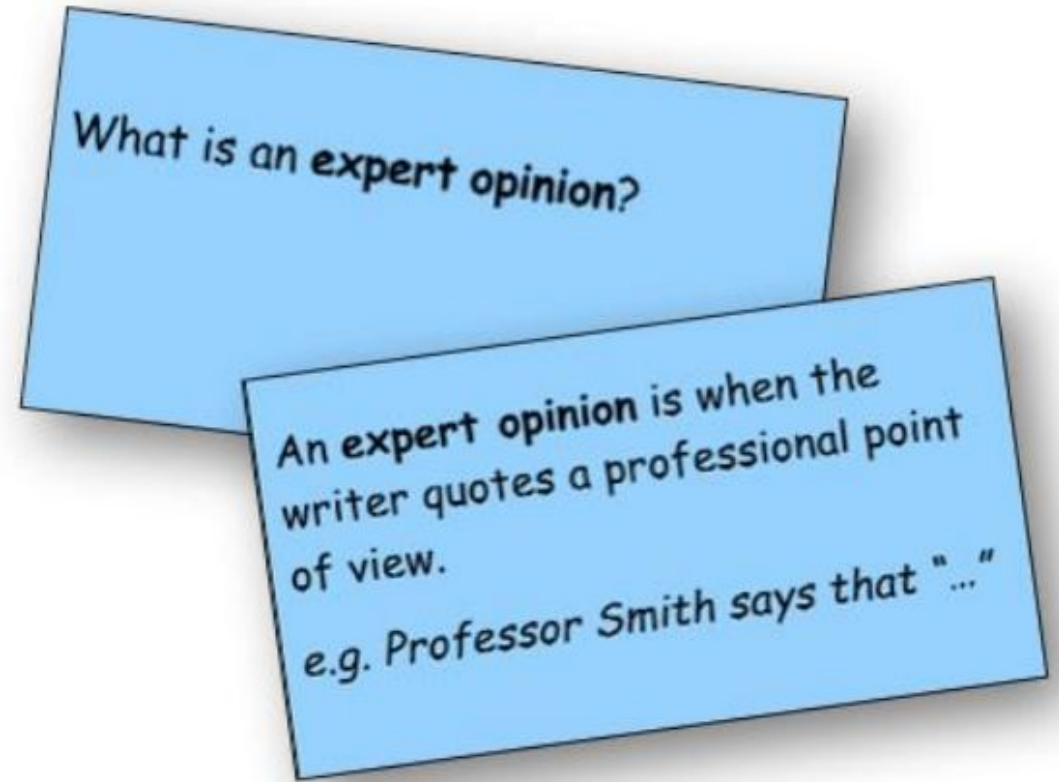
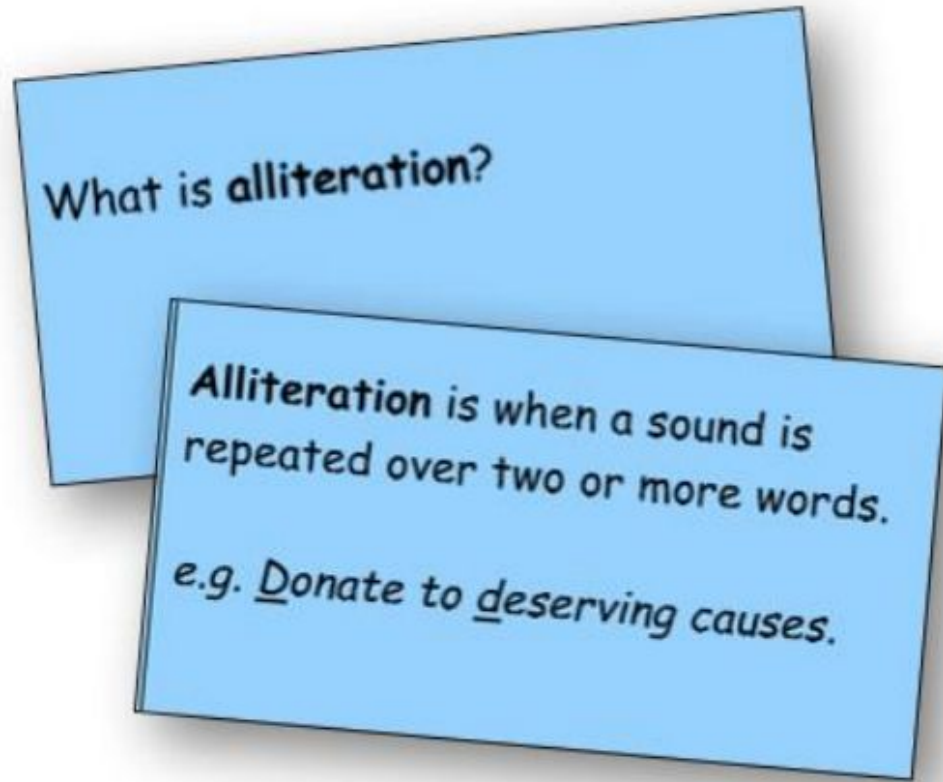
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Number of letters	Correct letters
2	U M
4	T Z L D
6	K X C E J O
8	A V C Y I S E H
10	L B F Q R P M A U X
12	Z Q E C T B U M O N R V

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Effective flashcards will have:

- A small amount of information on each card
- Use a prompt such as a question, key term, date or quote on one side and the answer on the other side



Self Quizzing



Look



Cover



Write



Check



Correct

Look – read and reread the section a few times to make sure that you understand it. You could also read it aloud.

Cover – cover up this part of the knowledge organiser

Write – write (from memory!) everything you can remember

Check – check what you have written using the knowledge organiser

Correct – correct any mistakes, spelling errors or bits missing (using a different coloured pen)

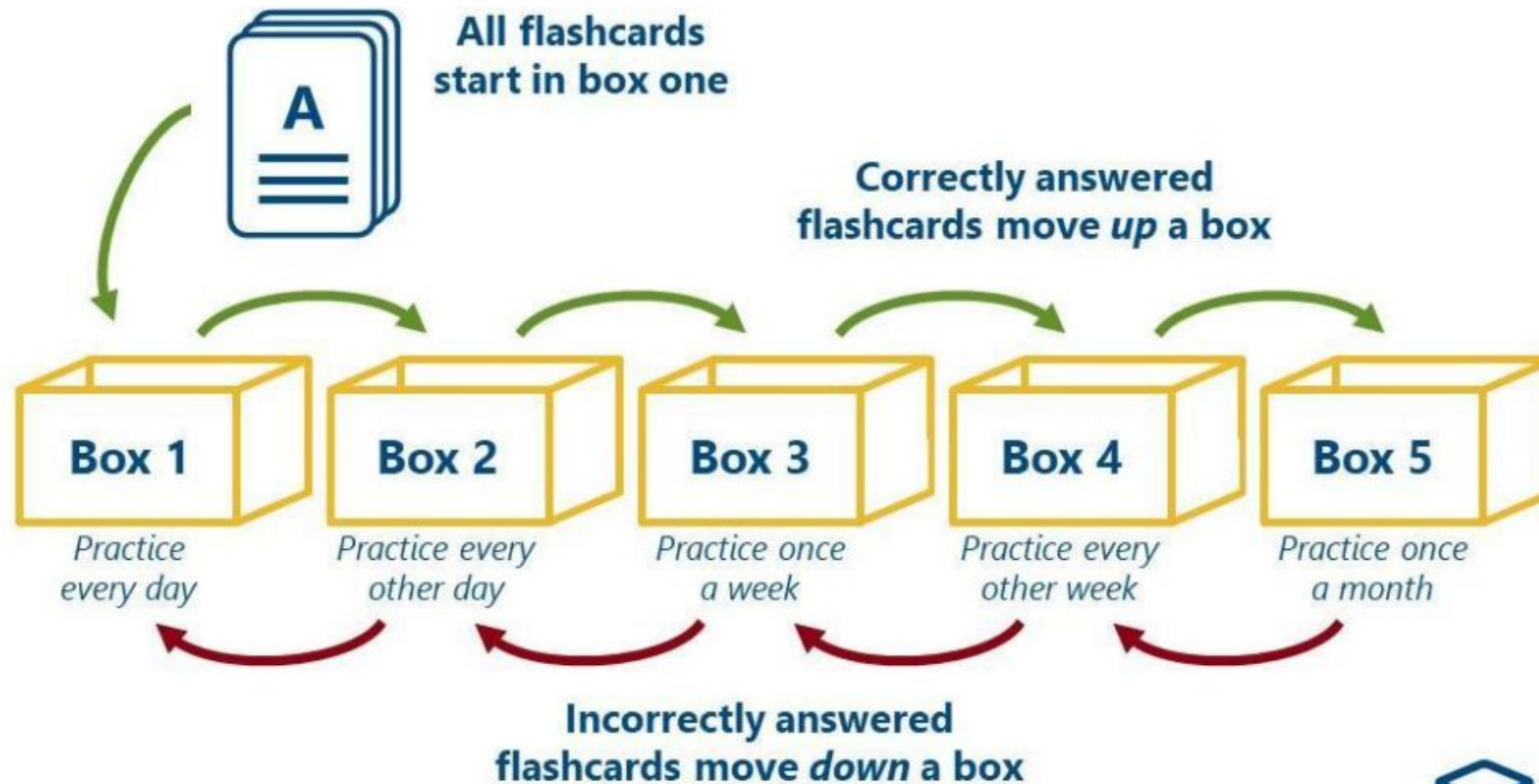
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How to use the Leitner system for flashcards

Increase your memory with spaced repetition and active recall



ExamStudyExpert.com/Leitner-system



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Omniscient narrator (all knowing)
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 Omniscient narrator.

Narrative voice } who is telling the story.
 Narrative voice
 Narrative voice
 Narrative voice
 Narrative voice

Narrative perspective } Point of view of a person who is telling the story.
 Narrative perspective
 Narrative perspective
 Narrative perspective
 Narrative perspective
 (point of view or mood of the person telling the story)

1st person } "I"
 1st person
 1st person
 1st person
 1st person

2nd person } "You"
 2nd person
 2nd person
 2nd person
 2nd person

3rd person } "He"
 3rd person
 3rd person
 3rd person
 3rd person

1) What is omniscient narrator - an all knowing

2) What is 1st person - "I"

3) What is 2nd person - "You"

4) What is 3rd person - "He", "She", "They"

Types of narration. Tuesday 10th April 2019

- 1) 1st person = "I"
- 2) 2nd person = "you"
- 3) 3rd person = "He", "She", or "They"
- 4) Omniscient narrator = an all knowing narrator (like God)
- 5) Narrative voice = who is telling the story.
- 6) Narrative perspective = the point of view or mood of the person telling the story.

- 1) 1st person
- 2) 2nd person
- 3) 3rd person
- 4) Omniscient narrator
- 5) Narrative view
- 6) Narrative perspective

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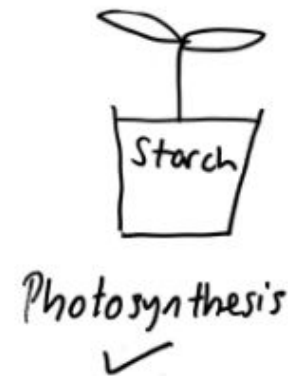
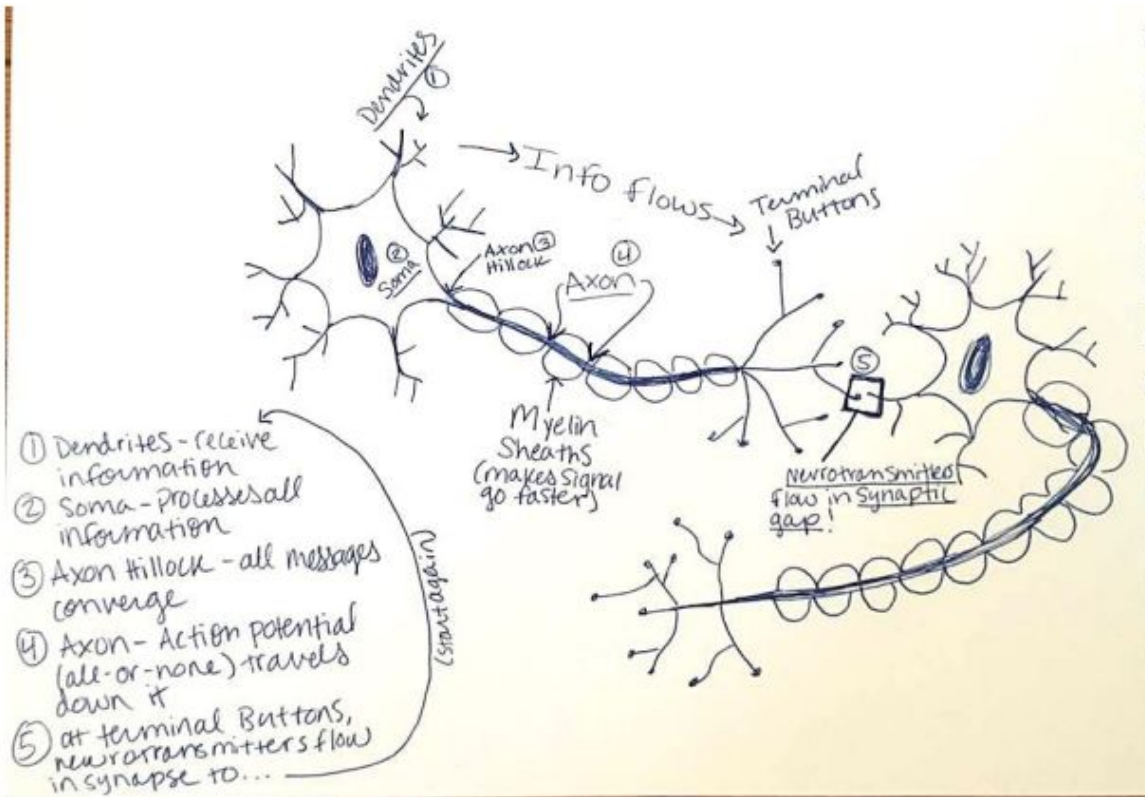
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Other meanings or examples.

- 1) I
- 2) She, he, You, You = 2nd person
- 3) They, She, he, They = 3rd person
- 4) all knowing
- 5) point of view
- 6) who is telling the story.

Dual coding



Valid inference

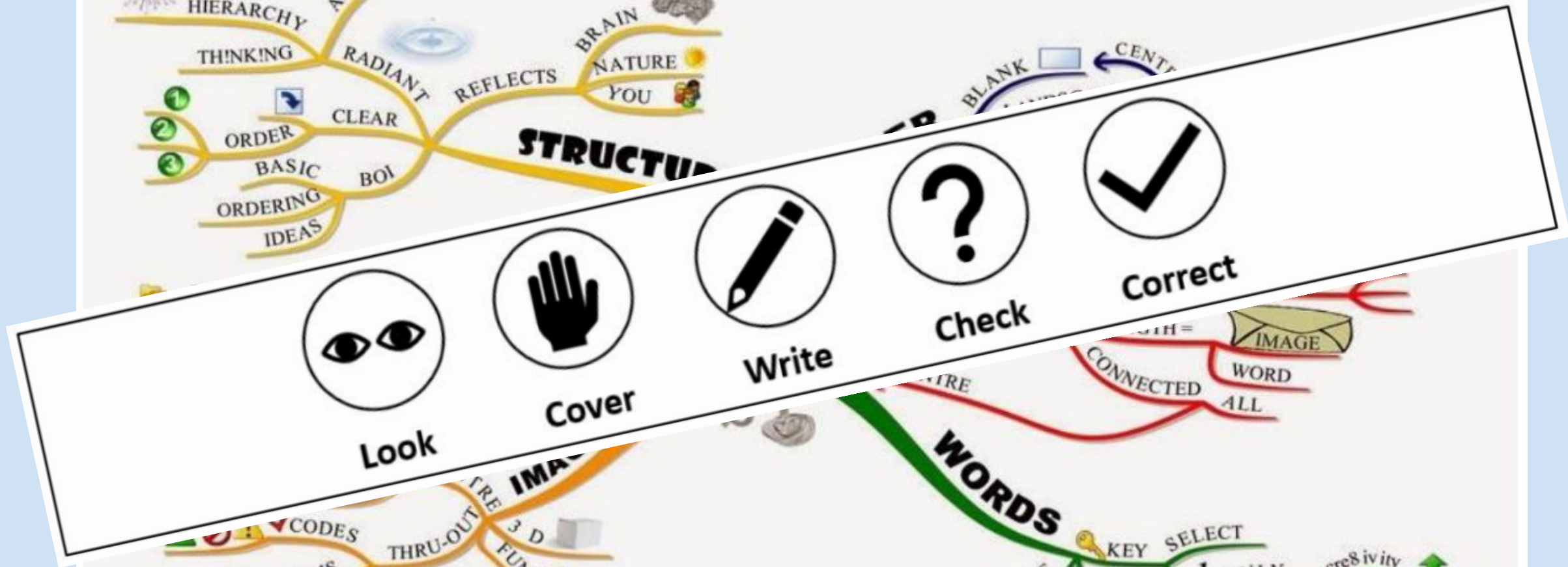
X Water?
 or X sunlight?
 or X temperature?

Invalid inference

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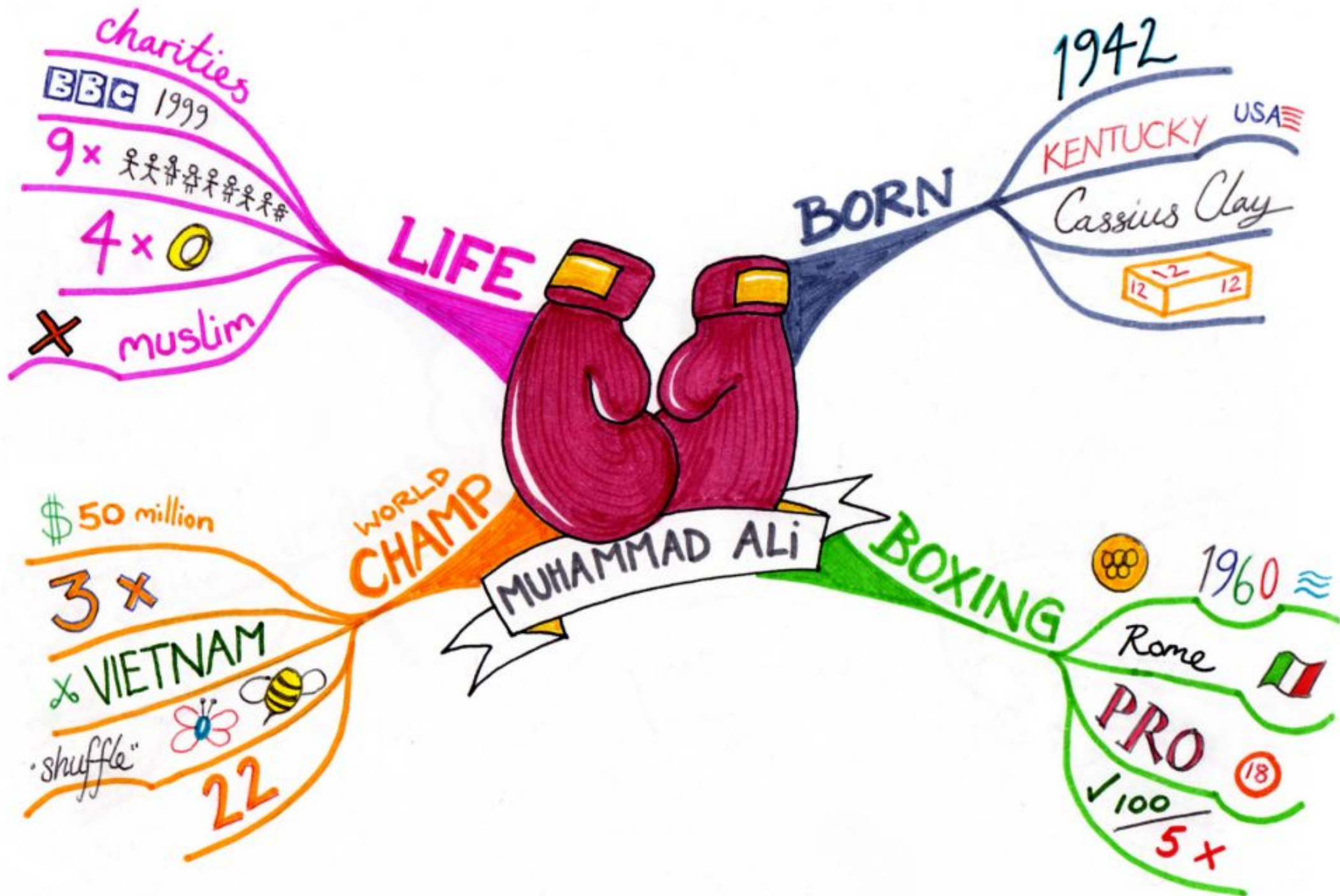
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Look



Cover



Write



Check



Correct

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Test!



1. When was Muhammad Ali born?
2. At what age did he become world champion for the first time?
3. How much did he earn throughout his career?
4. What was Ali's record of wins vs losses?
5. How many times was Ali married?

Test!



1. When was Muhammad Ali born? 1942
2. At what age did he become world champion for the first time? 22
3. How much did he earn throughout his career? \$50m
4. What was Ali's record of wins vs losses? 100 wins – 5 losses
5. How many times was Ali married? 4

Revision timetables



Students will not need to spend an equal amount of time on all subjects.

They need to think about which subjects and topics they need to prioritise.

Revision timetables



- Think about the **time** they will be revising
- What is **realistic** for them to do each day?
- What **other activities** or plans do they have?
- Know when they will revise and then **stick to it!**
- The plan won't be the same for every week – make a **different plan for each week** running up to exams
- Plan the **topics** to revise not just the subjects

Revision timetables



WEEK	English Language	Maths	Biology	Physics	French	Geography	TOTAL
Monday	Writing (1 hour)				Sport (1 hour)		2 hours
Tuesday		Fractions (1 hour)	Enzymes (1 hour)			Trade/Aid (1 hour)	3 hours
Wednesday				Energy (1 hour)	Transport (1 hour)		2 hours
Thursday		Vectors (1 hour)				Settlements (1 hour)	2 hours
Friday			Evolution (1 hour)				1 hour
Saturday			Nerves and hormones (1 hour)			Volcanoes (1 hour)	2 hours
Sunday		Triangles (1 hour)		Waves (1 hour)			2 hours
TOTAL	1 hour	3 hours	3 hours	2 hours	2 hours	3 hours	14 hours

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Top Tips



- Include **extra-curricular** activities, family activities and downtime into revision timetables.
- **Little and often** beats “cramming” ... short, regular revision sessions are more effective and motivating.
- Find a **dedicated revision space** for revision
- Remove **distractions** (including mobile devices!)
- Maintain a **self-care routine** – healthy eating, staying hydrated and regular exercise

Other useful support



- Exam board resources
- Other useful revision sites
- Revision guides

These methods really work!



- What was the 10 letter sequence from the start of the session?
- What is one advantage of being a sole trader?
- How much did Muhammad Ali earn across his career?

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- What was the 10 letter sequence from the start of the session?
 - **L B F Q R P M A U X**
- What is one advantage of being a sole trader?
 - **Decisions – quick to set up – keep profits – privacy**
- How much did Muhammad Ali earn across his career?
 - **\$50 million**

Any questions?



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Curriculum enquiries - subject teachers

Pastoral or wellbeing concerns - tutor



Thank you

We will be around to answer any questions you may have

