

In order to encourage our students to regularly practise, rehearse and retrieve the knowledge that they need to learn for each topic, students are provided with knowledge organisers. You will find these in your child's book/file as well as on the school website within the curriculum section.

Students should be using these knowledge organisers in the following ways to help them move this knowledge into their long-term memory. These are important strategies for revision.

These strategies, and any other revision strategies, are best when used **regularly and repeatedly**.

**Look, Cover, Write, Check:** Students should study and try to commit to memory, a small portion of the knowledge organiser. They should then cover it over and try to reproduce this by writing it out. They should then check this against the knowledge organiser and repeat the process.

**Turn it into a mind map:** Students should use the knowledge organiser to create a mind map. They should take the sub-topic headings to help them do this and should only include the key ideas and most important content into their mind map. It should not be a 'copied out' version of the knowledge organiser. This process of selection helps students to think about the knowledge.

**Test yourself:** Students can then use the mind map they have created to test themselves further. They should sketch out the shape/headings only of their mind map and then without looking at their mind map or the knowledge organiser should see how much they can recreate. They should then check this against the original and keep adding. Repeat the process.

**Test each other:** Knowledge organisers are also a great way to get others to test you. Give your partner/friend/parent the knowledge organiser and they ask you questions linked to this. Factual recall questions such as 'In what year did...', 'Who said...', 'What is the definition for...' are all a great way to retrieve and practise the knowledge learned and these are easy for friends and family to check.

For further revision ideas, have a look at the Year 11 Revision Evening Presentation (School Life, Revision and Study Support, five separate presentations); these slides apply to any student, in any year.