# Year 10 Formal Assessment week — 'a reflection of your year so far!'

### Monday 5th June 2017 – Friday 16th June 2017



What you can do to help yourself out.

- Start to revise information to follow
- Use Form Time each day 20mins x 4 = 1 hour 20 minutes each week
- Increase your Attitude to Learning in each lesson
- Revision guides
- Except revision sessions homework should be revision
- Use Study Club on a Tuesday evening
- LRC closed for two weeks prior to half term to accommodate Year 10's only



- Why should you revise?
- Where should you revise?
- When should you revise?
- How often should you revise?
- How should you revise?



### Why should you revise?

 Your brain forgets details of the work you did months ago,

**But...** 

 You need these details to answer the questions in the exam,

**So...** 

 You need to 'top-up', by using the correct revision technique.



### Where should you revise?

- In a quiet room, perhaps a bedroom,
- Warm and well-lit,
- With a table to work at,
- Ideally, with a table-lamp, to help you to focus on the page,
- With a clock for timing (as described later).









### When should you revise?

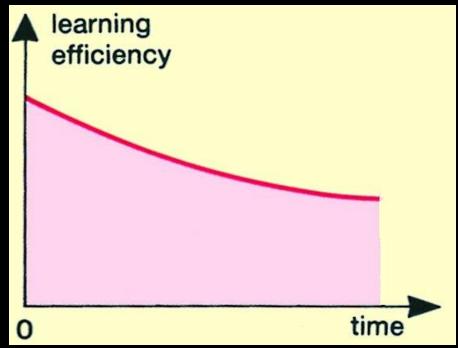
Start your revision early each evening, before your brain gets tired.



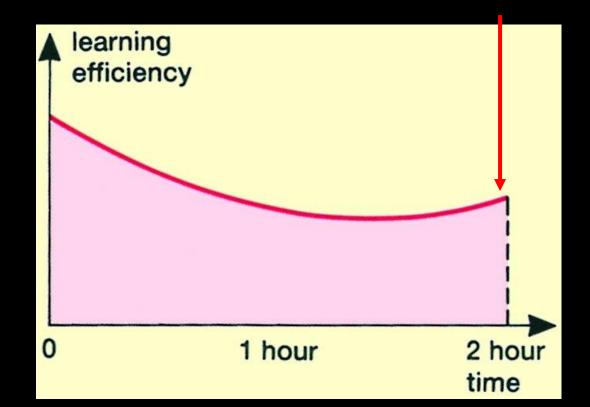
### **How should you revise?**

If you just sit down to revise, without a definite finishing time, then your learning efficiency falls lower and lower,

like this:



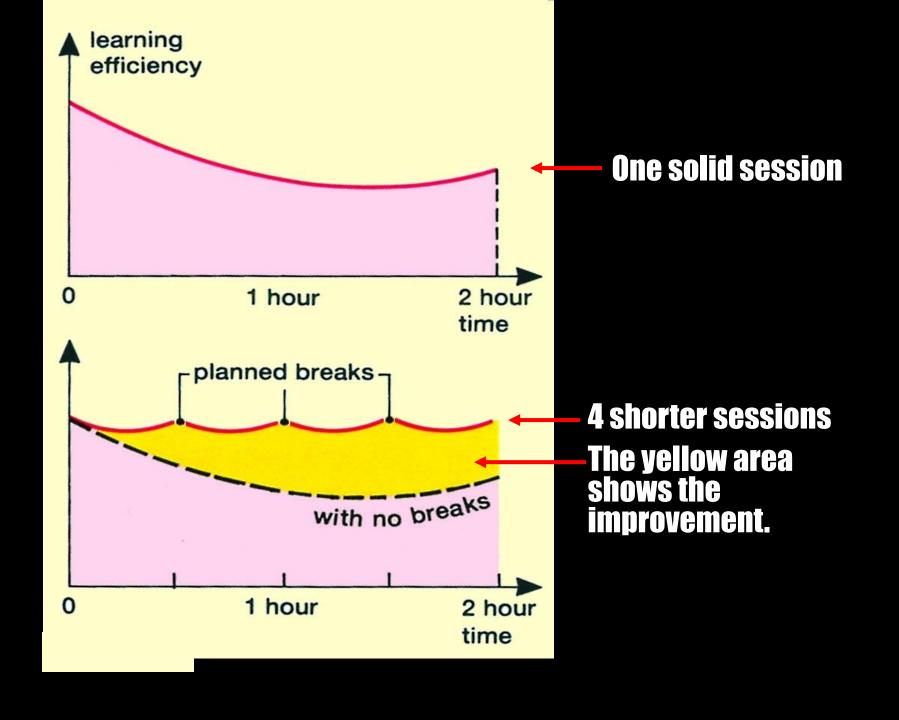




If you break up a 2-hour session, into 4 shorter sessions, each of about 25-minutes, with a short <u>planned</u> break between them, then it is even better.

**Compare the next 2 graphs:** 





For example,

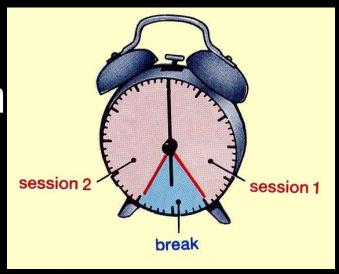
Suppose you start work at 6 pm.

You should decide, looking at your clock or watch, to stop at 6.25 pm -- and no later.

Then at 6.25 pm have a break for 5-10 minutes.

When you start again, look at the clock and decide to work until 7 pm exactly, and then have another break.

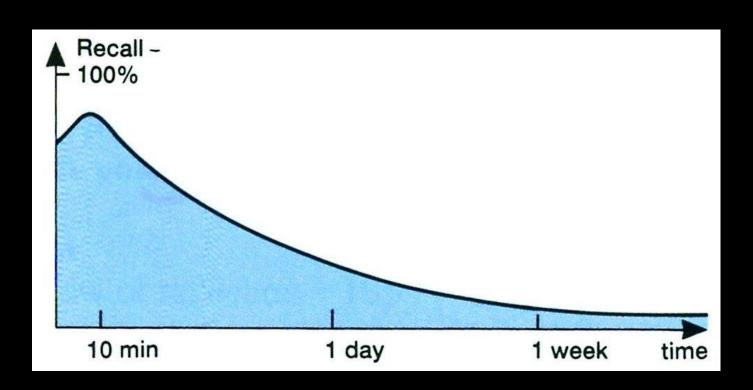
This way, you are working more efficiently, as the previous slide showed.



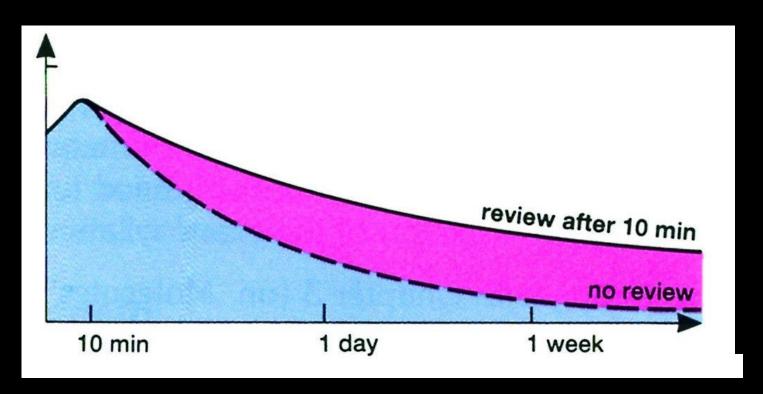
### **How often should you revise?**

Look at the graph below:

It shows how much your brain can recall later. It rises for about 10 minutes ...and then falls.



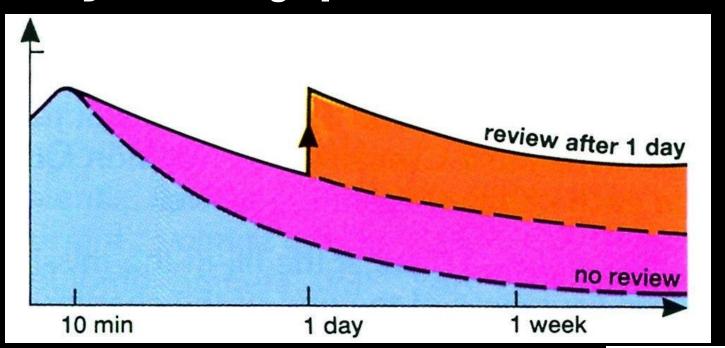
However,
if you quickly re-revise after 10 minutes,
then it falls more slowly! This is good.
Analyse the new graph:



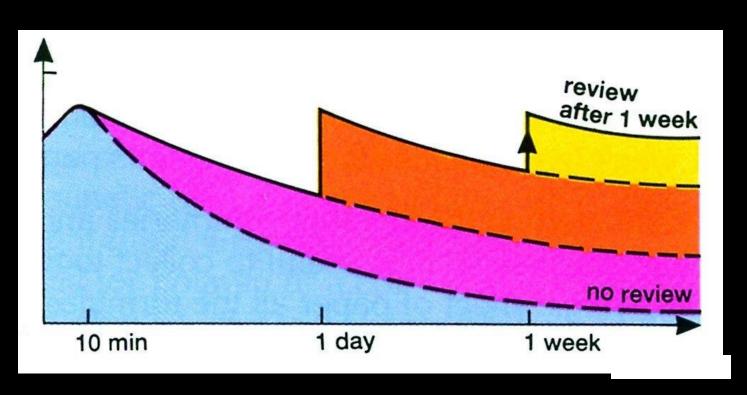
### **Even better,**

if you quickly re-revise <u>again</u>, after **1 day**, this will be form time

then it falls even more slowly! Good! Analyse the new graph:



And even better still, if you quickly re-revise <u>again</u>, after **1 week**, then it falls even more slowly! Great! Analyse the new graph:



So the best intervals for 'topping-up', by reviewing or briefly re-revising are:

- ✓ 10 minutes
- ✓ 1 day
- ✓ 1 week
- ...and then 1 month.

All this means that you must draw up a revision timetable — it is important so that your brain knows where you are going and the times you are going to be reviewing topics is clear.

Blank ones to be given in form time.



It's also a great feeling when you can cross off the work you have completed and see the countdown to the end of the exams!

### Top tips on revision techniques:

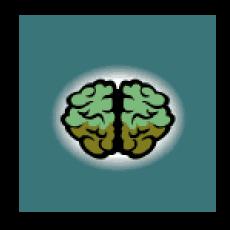
- ✓ Be realistic with your timetable
- ✓ Have deadlines and stick to them
- ✓ use revision notes make your own!
- ✓ USE DIFFERENT TECHNIQUES
- ✓ GET HELP IF ITS NEEDED
- ✓ DON'T GET STRESSED!
- ✓ lastly make sure you know all about the exam!

### **Specific Revision Technique**



Different things work for different people so this is just a list of possible methods.

However it is rare that the best approach is to read through your notes. This is PASSIVE revision and does not engage your brain.



# Revision Techniques Remember the three main learning styles:

✓ Visual (looking)



- ✓ Auditory (listening)
- ✓ Kinaesthetic (doing)



You will learn best in a certain way — but do not completely neglect the other approaches!

### **Listeners:**

- Repeat things to yourself out loud
- Remember things by setting to tunes
- Record things and listen to them again

### Lookers:

- ✓ Draw pictures and diagrams colour code your work
- ✓ Highlight work
- ✓ Mind mapping

### Doers:

- ✓ Highlight work
- ✓ Walk around whilst reading your notes
- ✓ Mind mapping

Try to use revision methods that require you to think and engage in what you are doing.

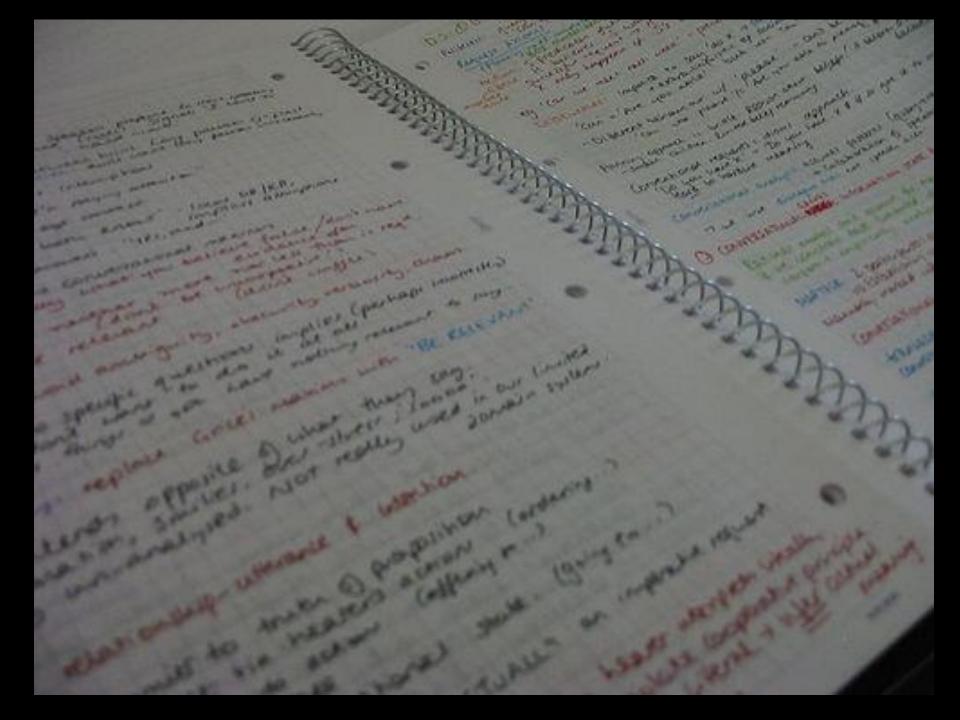


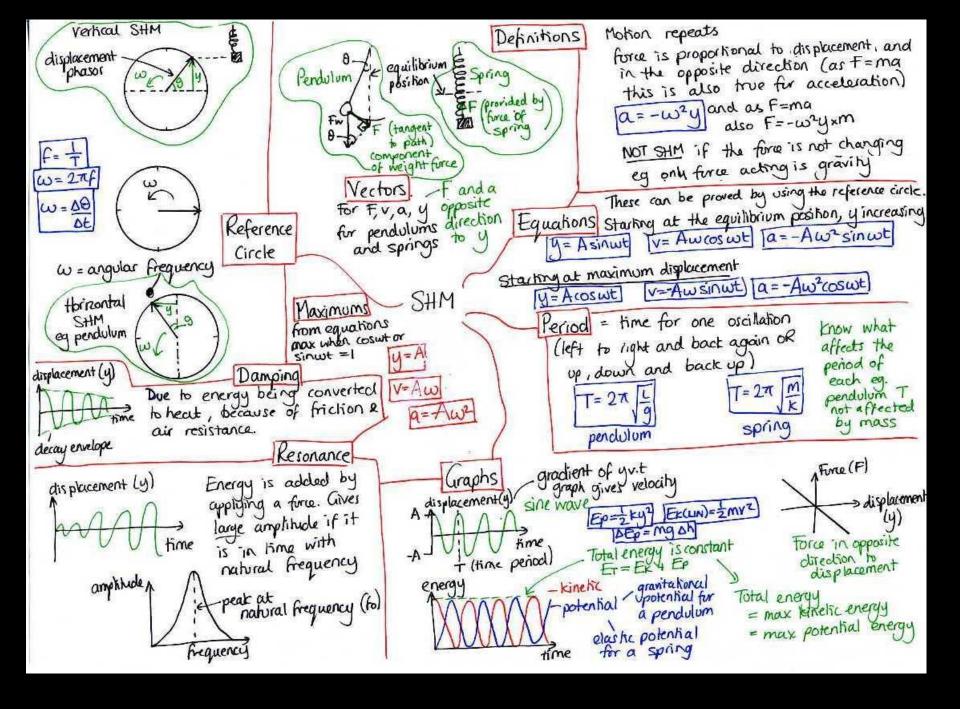
A brief note: make sure you revise the things you don't like as well as those topics that you do! The ones you don't like are often the ones you find hard!

The fail safe methods!

Write your own notes. From what you have – summarise the topic.

Get some all exam questions and answer them in as much detail as possible – use your book or revision guide to help. You can even go over these model answers again!





Mind mapping — mind maps are very useful for reviewing a topic and making the links between the different sections in your brain.

**Colour code the branches** 

**Use key words and images** 

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Highlighting – if you are reading through some notes or looking over past exam questions then have a highlighter in your hand and pick out key concepts or words – again this engages your brain in the activity.



Lastly you could get friends or family to test you — or even try teaching some of the material to a friend or member of your family.

You can find out a lot about how much you understand when you have to teach somebody something!