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I HAVE NO SPECIAL
TALENTS. I AM ONLY
PASSIONATELY
CURIOUS.

-ALBERT EINSTEIN

SCIENCE



1. Definitions

There is a lot of Science specific terminology students need to know for their exams.

Grab your child's exercise book/revision guide and ask them to define a randomly chosen word.



2. News Articles

Discuss scientific news stories, and ask which topics in their GCSE they can relate to.

Realising the lesson content does have real life applications can really help give meaning to revision.



3. Learn the Facts

Use the Science factsheets to cover the core basics.

For those struggling with understanding, a solid knowledge of the basics can really help.



4. Avoid Favouritism

Combined Science GCSE grades are calculated based on Biology, Chemistry and Physics marks, so exams in all three are important.

A fantastic mark in one can be destroyed by a terrible mark in another, so give them all their fair share of revision time.



5. Practice Questions

You can never complete too many practice questions!

These can be done as timed sets, individual questions, spoken quizzes, etc.

Helps not only to check factual recall, but also exam style.



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The more you know
about the past, the better
prepared you are for the
future.

~Theodore Roosevelt

HISTORY



1. Revision guides and folders

- Use revision guides with **practice questions** not just content summary tasks
- Keep content tasks relatively brief and devote time to practising questions
- Revision is not last minute, but should be **embedded** in homework activities and routines
- Use of **organised/labelled folders** to separate themes and topics



2. Timelines

- History is about the **causes** and **consequences** of events
- Mock exams have shown knowledge of the order and date of events is poor in places, particularly the Cold War unit
- Create simple and clear **timelines** for each of the four modules
- **Colour code** events into religious, political, key changes etc.
- An alternative way to make **useful revision notes** and gives the bigger picture



3. History PiXL App

- Vary revision techniques and **activities** to maintain interest and response
- **PiXL App** has quizzes for different topics, chronology activities etc.
- A more interesting (and less obvious!) way to revise effectively
- Particularly useful for **Cold War** unit (lowest overall mock performance)

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1. Choose a topic

2. Choose an activity

Cold War

Crime

Elizabeth

Germany

Medicine

Norman England

Russia

USA

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Take a test

Skills Overview

Gap Analysis

Scoreboard

1. Choose a topic

2. Choose an activity

Chosen topic:

Cold War

Go back



True or false

Identify true or false statements

Sort it!

Distinguish between group 1 and group 2

Multiple choice

Identify the correct answer from a selection for a given question.

Matching

Identify the correct key word for a given definition

'Do it!'

Answer questions based on a given image

Sequencing

Place the given events in chronological order

Question 1 of 40

Multiple Choice

Select the correct answer from the options below to answer the following question:

Who were the members of the Grand Alliance?

Britain, France and Italy

Britain, USA and France

Britain, USA and Italy

Britain, USA and the USSR



4. Timed responses

- **Timings** are one of the biggest obstacles in History exams
- 16 mark **essays** feature in all four topics
- Students should practice writing the 16 mark questions in no more than **25 minutes**
- Start off with using notes/plans and then **reduce** in the run up to exams
- Use different **colours** for different topics



5. Connection maps

- Useful at **any stage** of revision- either reintroduce a topic or help to consolidate knowledge at the end
- Series of words/people/phrases used in a particular unit
- These are spread across the page and pupils need to draw and **explain links** between these
- Saves time on revision notes and helps pupils to see **bigger picture** and themes/links across topics



Connection map: draw and explain as many links as possible between the words

Warsaw Pact

Brezhnev Doctrine

Test Ban Treaty

Bay of Pigs

Prague Spring

Telephone
Hotline

Berlin Wall
Crisis

Eastern bloc

Paris Summit

Cuban Missile
Crisis

Khrushchev

John F Kennedy

Nuclear war

Czechoslovakia

Fidel Castro

Gary Powers



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