

Study Skills

Aims

- Give students an insight into study methods used by current Year 13 students.
- Demonstrate that there are different types of learners who retain information differently.
- Allow students to realise the which type of learner they are to study effectively.
- Prepare students with appropriate study methods for them for their future studies of GCSE's

Types of Learners

- Auditory Learners
- Visual Learners
- Read/ Write Learners

Auditory Learners

- Learn through listening and hearing information.
- Learn best when information is read aloud or spoken.
- Processes information by talking through things.
- Prefers lectures and discussions over writing from a textbook.

Auditory Study Methods

- **Repetition** – Constantly repeating information will help you to remember it better
- **Teach someone else** – Get someone and explain the topic as if you were teaching it
- **Get someone to test you** – Have someone ask you questions on a topic and then speak the answers
- **Discuss points in context** e.g. use real life scenarios – Talking about real life scenarios can help make it easier to remember

Visual Learners

- Learn best when information is presented using patterns, shapes and other visual aids e.g. flowcharts.
- Prefers using graphic elements to process information over words.
- Processes information using charts and graphs.
- Needs images to explain complex concepts and ideas.

Visual Study Methods

- **Mind maps** – Include key words, make them organised, colourful, and include diagrams.
- **Highlighting** – Key terms, notes or in questions.
- **Colour coding** – Use a certain colour for every topic
- **Annotated diagrams** – Properly annotate every diagram
- **YouTube Videos** – Use appropriate videos to further your understanding of a topic e.g. Corbettmaths, Tutor to U.

Read/ Write Learners

- Learn best when information is written down.
- Processes information by writing notes.
- Prefers to receive information via written notes.
- Describes diagram using written words.
- Benefit from rewriting and rereading notes.

Read/ Write Study Methods

- **Blurting**– Write everything you know about the topic then check your notes for what you have missed and do this continuously.
- **Notes as you go**– Write notes after each topic to make sure you remember and include everything.
- **Flash cards**– Question on one side answer on other. Very useful for quick revision
- **Rewrite notes** – Rewrite notes so there organised also helps you to remember information
- **Mind maps** – Include key words, use colour coding and keep them organised.
- **Write and read summaries**– Summarise topics to include all key bits of information, condense notes. Use bullet points

Information on Study Methods

- Don't have to use the study methods that other students are using.
- If you are unsure of what type of learner you are you can use trial and error using a method for each type of learner and find the one that is most effective.
- You may find that the study method you use might be more effective for one subject than for another, so you might use a variety of methods

General Study Tips

- Take breaks (Attention span)
- Avoid phone
- Know when to stop
- Study plan
- Don't miss lessons
- Work Hard
- Remove distractions
- Don't cram
- Ask for help
- Use your own words
- Reward yourself (Moderation)

Questions

- Any questions about anything that you have heard today or anything you would like to know?

Conclusion

- Thank you for listening.
- Good luck with your future tests