GCSE Revision Tips

- Ensure you use your 'Preparing for GCSE Guide' to identify focus areas for revision.
- Use the science revision timetable which has been sent to your email.
- Create a study folder if yet to do so.
- Use GCSEpod
- Review WAGOLL exam answers sent out by the science team via email and teams.

Revision Techniques

1. **Use flashcards**: revise a concept then write down the key points in a flashcard. Add knowledge to one side of the card and prompt questions on the reverse [Revision Card Template](#).

2. **Use mind maps**: when you're revising a concept or topic, create a mind map on a flashcard or A4 paper.

3. **Revise Actively**: the basic technique for active revision is 'read-cover-recite-check'.
   a. Read over a key topic from your notes or student textbook
   b. Cover what you have read
   c. Recite from memory what you have just learnt.
   d. Check your notes or notebook to see what you've missed out. Then fill in those missed gaps.

Once you have completed the steps, repeat until you are 100% confident you've now learnt that topic

4. **Space out your learning**: the best way to drive information into your long-term memory is by learning over a long period of time. It could mean spending five minutes after school reviewing a topic you did not understand in class. Then go through the topic again in increasing intervals. e.g., two days, five days, ten days later and so on.

5. **Write your own questions**: here's a good way to take notes.
   a. Identify up to three key things that you need to learn (learning outcomes).
   b. Construct at least one question that relates to each learning outcome.
   c. Try to answer the questions you've written. This will help you to think about what you learnt.

6. **Practice Past Papers**: practicing exam papers ranks highest for effective learning techniques. This process will help you develop your subject knowledge and identify gaps in your knowledge.

7. **Teach someone else**: teaching others is another extremely effective learning technique. It improves understanding & memory retention.