

## Welcome to.... 'Words of Wisdom'



## Advice and strategies from your peers...











Dear Class of 2028

We know this is a busy and challenging time of year as you develop within your *GCSE* journeys. As such, as the Sixth Form, we are reaching out and letting you know we will be here for you at every step of the journey. Please enjoy this review of the clever things we learnt as the Classes of 2026 & 2027. Here you can find advice from peers who can help when you need it.

**Best of luck**

The Student Executive Team & Sixth Form



Platforms that work	
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cognito</li> <li>• Hi - we make video lessons for GCSE science and maths. The lessons give a concise run-through of everything you'll need to know for your exams.</li> <li>• <a href="https://cognitoedu.org/home">https://cognitoedu.org/home</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@Cognitoedu">https://www.youtube.com/@Cognitoedu</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freesciencelessons</li> <li>• Videos</li> <li>• GCSE Chemistry, Physics &amp; Biology</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@Freesciencelessons">https://www.youtube.com/@Freesciencelessons</a></li> </ul>
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Save my Exams</li> <li>• The examiner-written revision resources that improve your grades 2x</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.savemyexams.com/">https://www.savemyexams.com/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physics &amp; Maths Tutor</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com">https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com</a></li> <li>• Revise GCSE! Past papers, exam questions by topic, revision notes, worksheets and solution banks.</li> </ul>
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gizmo AI</li> <li>• Great flashcard generator</li> <li>• <a href="https://gizmo.ai/">https://gizmo.ai/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quizlet</li> <li>• Quizzing &amp; Flashcards</li> <li>• <a href="https://quizlet.com/gb">https://quizlet.com/gb</a></li> </ul>
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use BBC Bitesize to help with your homework, revision and learning for GCSE.</li> <li>• Find free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes.</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anki</li> <li>• Anki is a program which makes remembering things easy.</li> <li>• <a href="https://apps.ankiweb.net/">https://apps.ankiweb.net/</a></li> </ul>
	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Corbettmaths is a revision and study resource that provides a range of materials and tools to help GCSE students prepare for their exams</li> <li>• <a href="https://corbettmaths.com/">https://corbettmaths.com/</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to Revise — 17 Essential Revision Tips</li> <li>• <a href="https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/info/exams-or-demon-fighting/essential-revision-tips">https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/info/exams-or-demon-fighting/essential-revision-tips</a></li> </ul>

*Maths Genie*



- Maths Genie
- Maths Genie is a free GCSE revision site. It has past papers, mark schemes and model answers to GCSE
- <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/>

- Seneca
- Free revision for your GCSE Join over 6.5 million students learning 2x faster across
- <https://senecalarning.com/en-GB/>

Advice from your current Sixth Form peers...

**Start Early & Spread Out Revision from Zaynah, Kate, Zarrah, Amtul, Dllloydina, Pritha, Mariam & Aaminah**

- Don't leave revision to the last minute; start well in advance.
- Spread learning over time to avoid cramming and reduce stress.
- Build revision gradually from topics you struggle with to those you are more confident in.

**Active & Effective Revision Techniques from Tayba, Zainab, Yasmin, Arayah, Maia, Aliyah, Aysha, Nethra, Zarrah, Azka & Pravanya**

- Active recall & spaced repetition: Test yourself on what you've learned instead of passive reading.
- Use flashcards, mind maps, and revision notes:
- Organise material visually and connect subtopics. Practice past papers & exam-style questions: Helps with application and exam technique.
- Focus on understanding concepts, not just memorising.

**Self-Management & Organisation from Aliya, Yasmin, Zaynab, Zaynah & Nimshi**

- Create a revision plan or tracker to prioritise topics.
- Stay organised, avoid procrastination, and limit distractions (e.g., phone/doom scrolling).
- Revise in a way that works for you: alone for focus or with friends for testing knowledge.

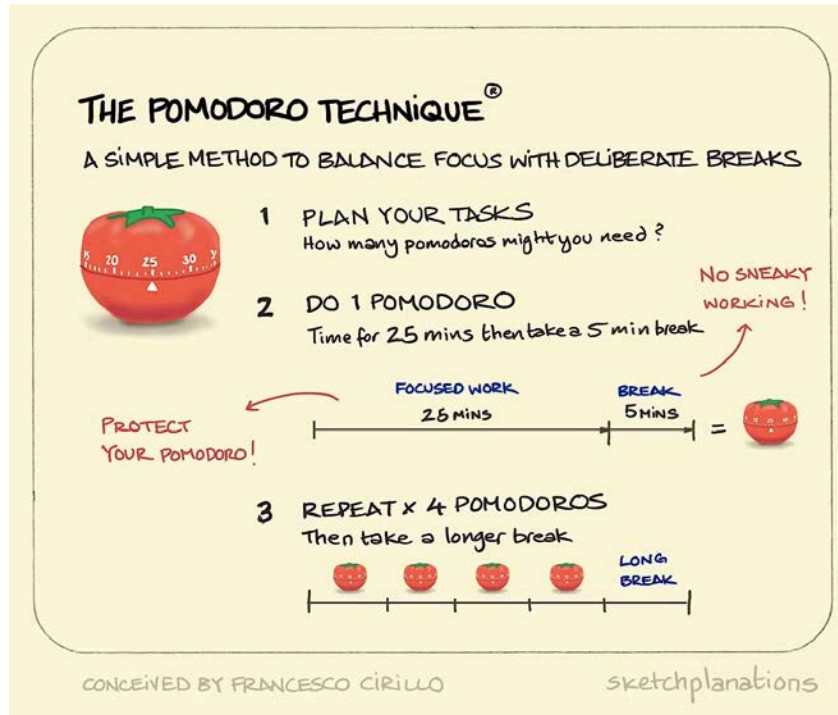
**Wellbeing from Zainab, Nimshi, Safa, Zaynah, Sabrina, Dllloydina, Mariam, Zoha, Zarrah, Azka, Pritha & Safa**

- Take regular breaks and avoid burnout.
- Don't stress over a single bad grade, use it as motivation.
- Maintain balance: relaxation, family time, hobbies, and sleep matter.
- Avoid overworking or overthinking; quality vs quantity.

**Subject-Specific Tips from Maia, Pravanya & Yasmin**

- Languages: Make vocabulary books and practice essay questions.
- Science & Maths: Use PMT topic questions, flashcards, and lots of practice papers.
- English Literature: Focus on themes, characters, and key quotes; make flashcards for recall.
- General: Use apps or online resources for extra support (e.g., Cognito).

- Try the Pomodoro method to maximise your after school schedule and coverage of subjects to ensure spaced repetition and retrieval practice is making a difference



### Advice on effective and ineffective approaches to revision:

- **Ineffective revision** focuses on getting information INTO your head (e.g. reading over class work, highlighting key words)
- **Effective revision** focuses instead on getting information OUT OF your head. This 'Retrieval Practice' helps things to stick.  
For example:
  - testing yourself from some flash cards you have written
  - Asking someone else to quiz you
  - Learn keywords for the topic, so you can be confident of understanding the question, as well as answering with detail.
- **Ineffective revision** involves revising things you already know
- **Effective revision** is focussed on your gaps in knowledge and areas of difficulty
  - Testing yourself or explaining something to someone helps to identify any gaps in your knowledge
  - Doing an online quiz to practice a specific topic e.g Quizlet, SparxMaths
- **Ineffective revision** often attempts to learn everything in one go by cramming.
- **Effective revision** breaks up your revision into manageable chunks, spacing it out over time. It takes less time overall AND you remember it for longer!
- **Other top tips:**
  - Create mind maps which link different ideas together
  - Ask for help if you come across something you are unsure of when revising - your teachers are always more than happy to take some time to explain ideas
  - Put your phone away!