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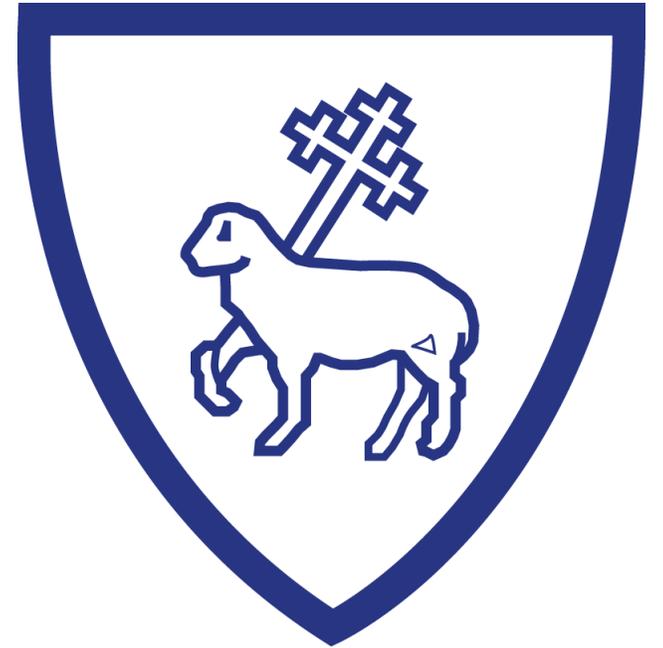
**Brockington College**

**Strategies for  
Success**

First thought...

I walk  
slowly,  
but I  
never  
walk  
backward.

Abraham Lincoln



# Revision – the basics

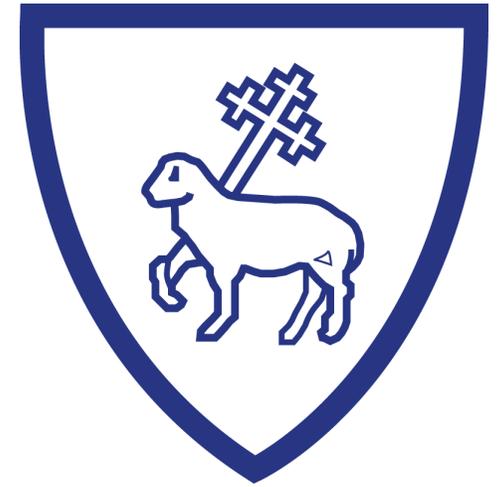
**“I spent too long doing “bad revision” at the start – I wish I’d tried different ideas early on.”**

**Year 11 Student, 2017**

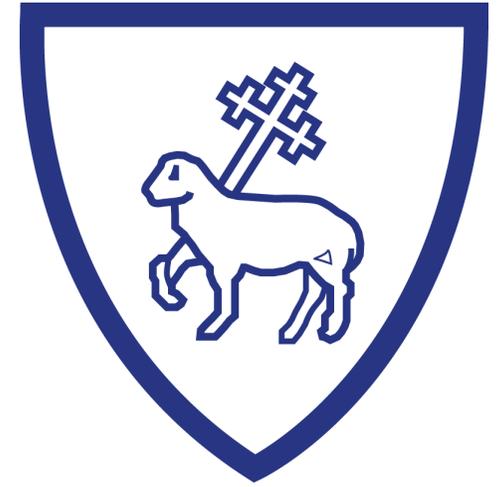
Revision does not have to be one technique – it is whatever works for a particular student

There are literally dozens of proven ways to revise – being aware of them and trying new things is important

Subject knowledge is important, but so is exam practice – students need to know what the examiner wants and how they want it written



# Revision – food for thought, environment and timing



**Eat well** – it's very important that children maintain a good diet that contains plenty of slow-release energy.

**Sleep well** – pulling “all nighters” doesn't work especially well. You may get a short-term gain, but in the long run you'll lose out.

**Avoid distractions** – keeping a peaceful environment is vital. Painful though it is, lock away the iPhone and the Xbox.

**Take breaks** – long revision sessions rarely work. Set a short-term target for a session and stick to it.



# How to revise...

Use Personal Learning Checklists to rate your confidence

Complete practice papers and ask your teacher to mark them

Make cue cards or flash cards

Create a study group with 3-4 friends

Revision Suggestions

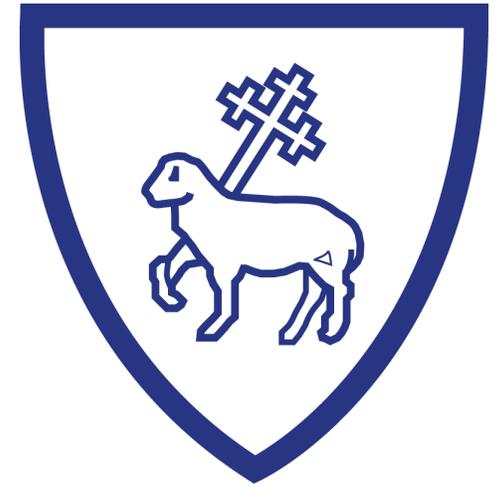
Summarise your notes

Create wall displays using post-it notes and cue cards

Record your notes on to your phone and play them back

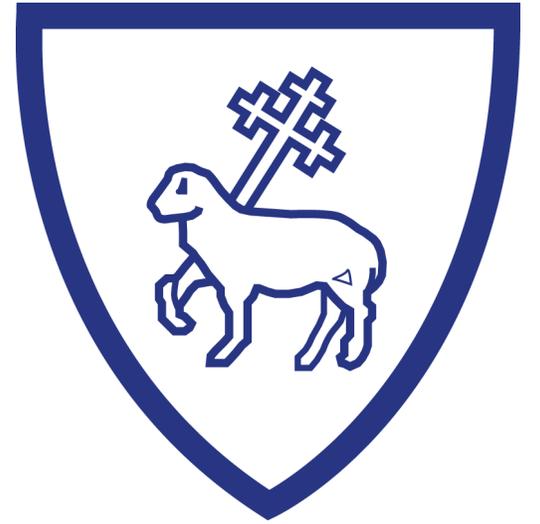
Practice question in exam conditions

Use the latest online resources (podcasts, Youtube, testing websites)



Being resilient...

Failure is **not**  
**falling down but**  
refusing to get  
**up.** ~Chinese proverb



## Finding resources...

Revision guides

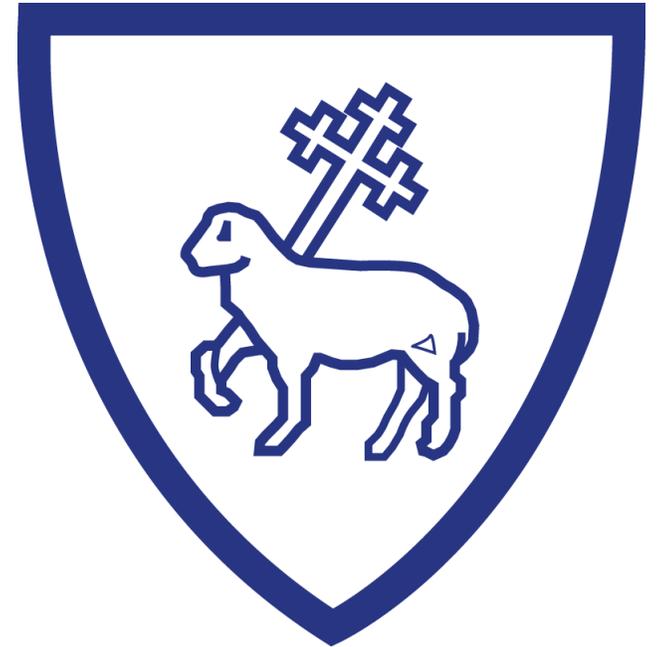
Revision sessions

School Website

Key websites (e.g. BBC Bitesize)

Revision Apps

Class teachers or Heads of Department



# What our leavers said...

“Revise small amounts as soon as you start Year 11 as it's all builds up...”

“Try hard both in lessons and with revision. Go to any extra sessions you can and ask the teachers for help. Don't leave it too late to revise, I started in March but wish I had started in October for my mocks! Also any coursework really really counts so go all out for the best grade you can get.”

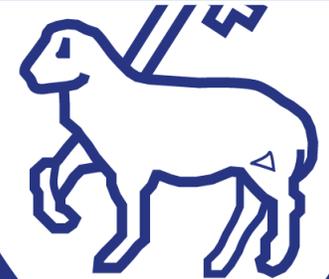
“Don't over do it, make time to relax”

“Use the half term classes, u will get more revision done there then at home during the half terms”

“Revise and prepare from the moment you begin your GCSEs. Everything you are told, every piece of information, will be vital to your end success. If you put in the work to begin with it will pay off in the long run”

“Make sure to keep on top of your work, and make revision resources as you go along so during exam period you can use them more rather than still making them.”

Organisation with your notes is key, and start revision as you go along, make revision notes/flashcards/mind maps



## What our leavers said...

“Don't stress too hard. There is no point in worrying about something that hasn't happen yet, as it won't change the outcome. Just try your best and that's all anyone can ask of you. It's better to try and fail than not try at all.”

