

STUDY SMART Using GCSEPod with cognitive learning techniques. A guide for parents and carers.



First, a quick reminder:

We have invested in an award-winning **digital content and learning provider**, called GCSEPod.



Pod Credentials:

- Supporting students at KS4 for over 10 years
- Used in over 1,300 schools worldwide
- Recommended by the Association of School and College Leaders
- Winner of multiple educational technology awards:

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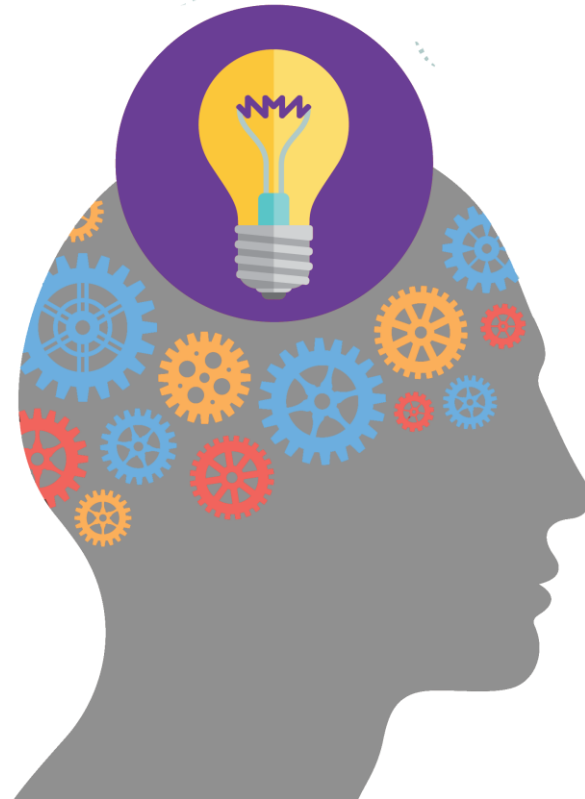
GCSEPod helps your child to:



Accelerate progress and raise results.



Consolidate subject knowledge and improve recall.



Improve engagement and encourage independent learning.



We're going to look at:

1. GCSEPod and retrieval practice
2. GCSEPod and spaced learning
3. GCSEPod and dual coding
4. GCSEPod and flipped learning
5. GCSEPod and interleaving



RETRIEVAL PRACTICE

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“**Retrieval Practice**” is a learning strategy where we focus on getting information **OUT**. Through the act of retrieval, or calling information to mind, our memory for that information is strengthened and forgetting is less likely to occur.



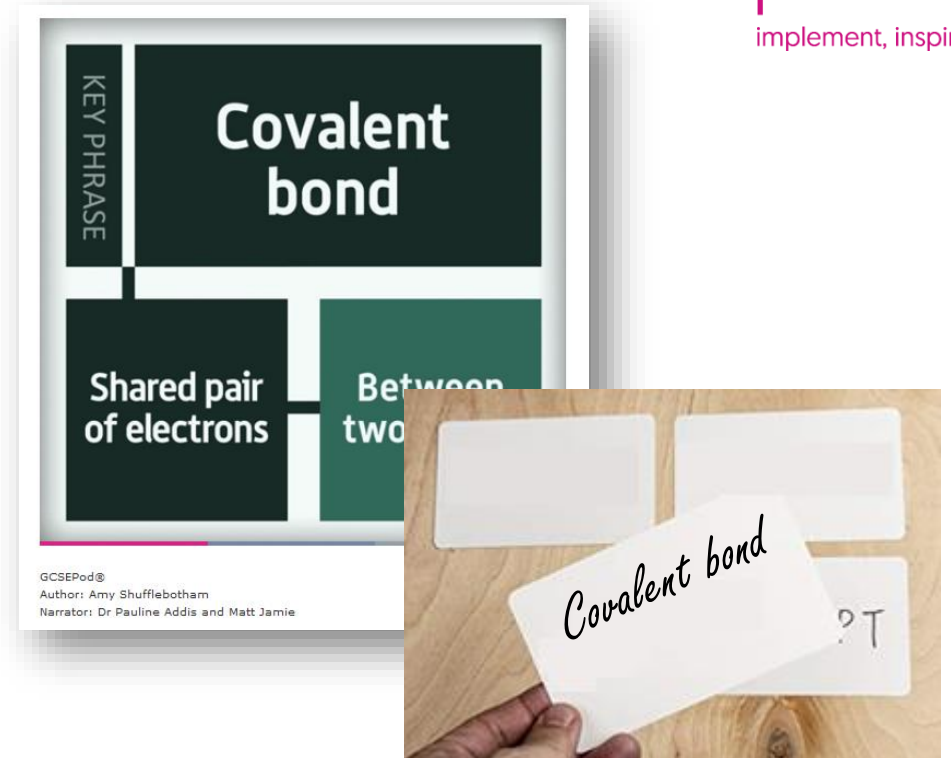
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At-home activities using Retrieval Practice

- Watch a Pod with your child.
- Ask your child to write key words on a flash card.
- Watch the Pod again – your child should summarise their knowledge of each key word on the back of each flash card.
- Allow your child time to flesh out their cards with as much information as they can remember.
- Test your child by asking them to define the flash card words without looking.

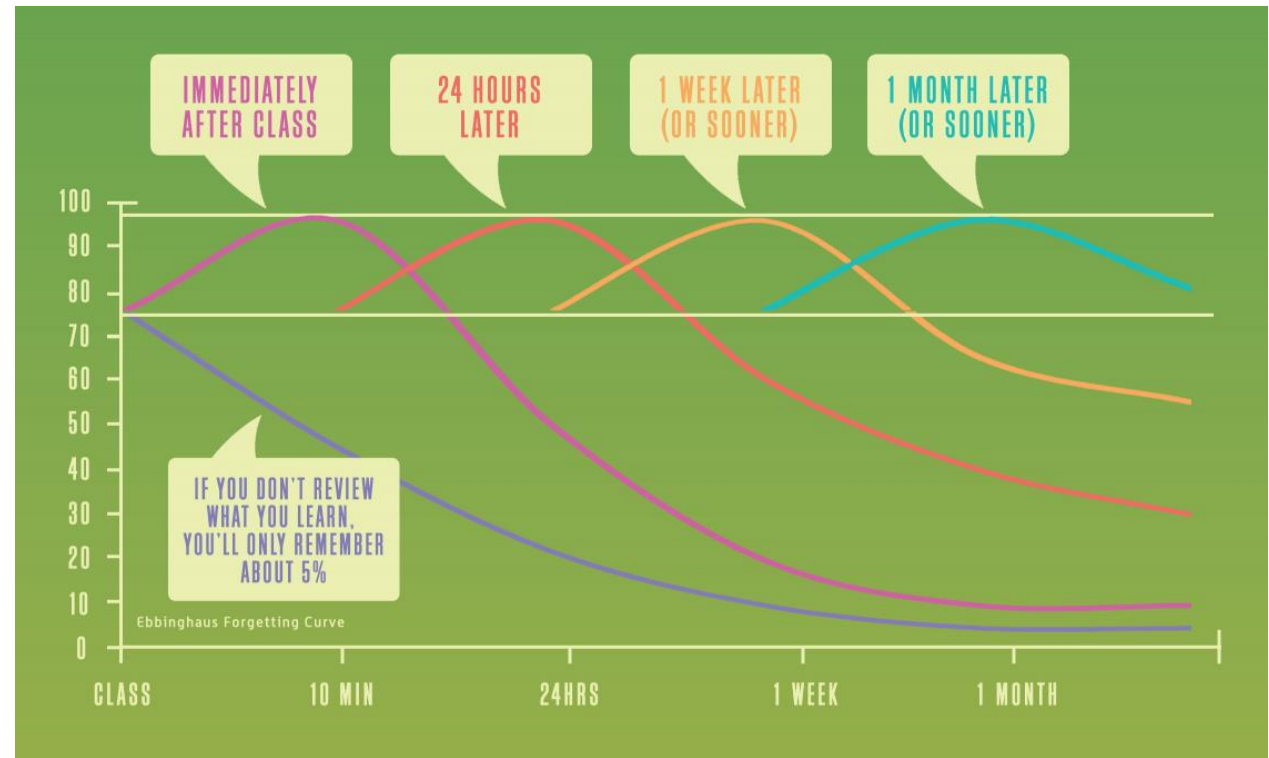


SPACED PRACTICE

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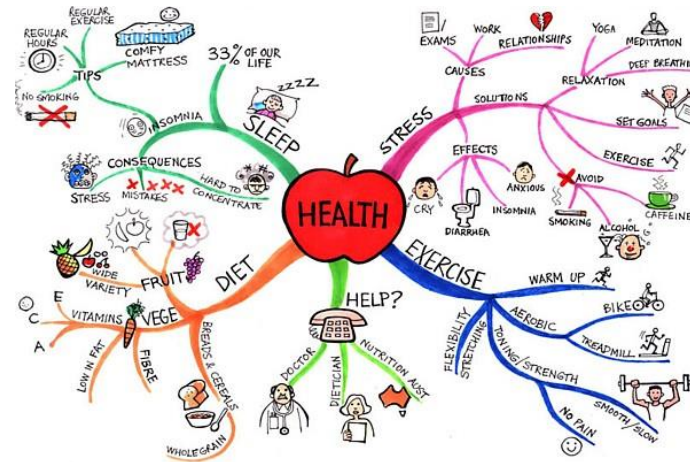


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Immediately After Class

Mind Mapping

Encourage your child to watch a Pod and write down all the key words. Then, from memory, ask them to fill in as much information as they remember on a mind map.



4 Hours Later

Review Maps

Cover your child's mind map and see how much they remember. Highlight the information they couldn't remember and recommend revising the topic again.

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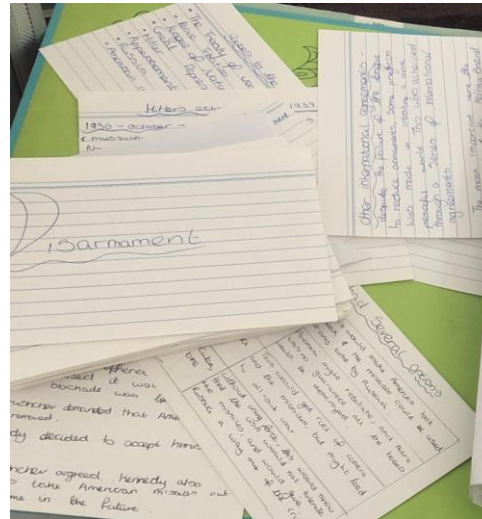


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1 Week Later

Memory Cards

Encourage your child to create their own questions with the answers on the reverse. Then, test their knowledge.



1 Month Later

Past Papers

Encourage your child to watch GCSEPod's Pods again and then practice past papers.



DUAL CODING

The science behind why students get better results with the help of GCSEPod.



Combine both words and visuals for quicker and stronger recall

INTERLEAVING

Interleave your revision to help you remember more.



Interleaved practice is a learning technique that involves switching between topics and ideas and has been shown to improve long-term learning relative to blocked study of the same idea or topic.

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- Ask your child to create a learning/revision timetable using the interleaved practice example below. They should choose topics that are similar and related either from the same subject or a different one.
- The Pods on GCSEPod are set out in a very clear and organised way. This makes it easier for your child to plan out their revision so that similar and related ideas and concepts, such as in Maths and Science, are studied together and in different orders, rather than separately and/or always in the same order.

Less Effective Blocked Practice

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5
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Highly Effective Interleaved Practice

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Topic 1	Topic 4	Topic 2	Topic 5	Topic 3
Topic 2	Topic 5	Topic 3	Topic 1	Topic 4
Topic 3	Topic 1	Topic 4	Topic 2	Topic 5

- Your child can watch the Pods on each topic and then complete active tasks from the previous slides.

Not Activated Yet?



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Go to: <https://members.gcsepod.com>

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Click New to GCSEPod? Get Started!

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Enter your details

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Create your username and password

A screenshot of the GCSEPod login page. The page has a purple and pink color scheme. On the left side, there is a vertical sidebar with a purple background. At the top of this sidebar is a button that says 'New to GCSEPod?' with a 'Get started' button below it. Further down, there are two more buttons: 'Forgotten my login details' and 'Info for Parents / Carers'. The main content area on the right has a pink background. At the top right of this area is the 'Login' heading. Below it are two input fields: 'Username or Email' and 'Password'. To the right of the 'Password' field is a 'Login' button. Below the input fields is a horizontal line. Underneath the line, it says 'Or Sign in with:' followed by two buttons: 'Sign in with Google' (with the Google logo) and 'Sign in with Office 365' (with the Office 365 logo). At the bottom of the page, there is a small note: 'Your GCSEPod account and external account must have matching email addresses.'



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