



12th May '25

GCSE COUNTDOWN

WEEKS

COMING

6

SOON

PREPARE NOW!

French Speaking tests begin **22nd April**.

In addition, **coursework** based subjects have **individual deadlines** and exam components. Please check these dates with your child!

**Tuesday 1st April 6pm - 7pm
Year 11 Achievement Evening**

Please join us for the
**Headteacher Presentation
Followed by Mock Results**

**Dinner and Refreshments provided!
Newsome's famous Popcorn Chicken
served with wedges and a drink
(vegetarian/halal alternative available)**





Period 6 (3-4pm) sessions continued last week. We are happy to report that these sessions are having a huge impact on those who attend and engage. We had 80% attendance last week on average which while great means 20% of students are missing out on vital revision.

We can't stress enough how important these **free revision sessions** are with their class teachers who are expert in what each individual child needs.

We have introduced a '**Prom Passport**' which your child will get stamped at each session. This allows access to the Prom as well as special bonus prizes.

P6 sessions missed without a verified reason will be recorded as P6 unauthorised and may mean your child missing out on the Prom and other reward Events.

This is in addition to the **RACE to EXCEPTIONAL** – the next 2 weeks' focus is **ATL and GCSEPod usage**. **The winning team will enjoy a lunchtime treat at the end of the term.**

Top Revision Tips

Don't let the stress of revision overwhelm you. Stay in control with these top tips.



1 
START EARLY
Cramming at the last minute is stressful and has limited success.

2 
MAKE A PLAN
Work out how much time you have and how long you can spend on each subject.

3 
STUDY SPACE
Find a quiet spot away from distractions and keep everything all in one place.

4 
MIX IT UP
Use a mixture of revisions techniques for best results.

5 
TAKE BREAKS
It is possible to work too hard, make sure you take regular breaks.

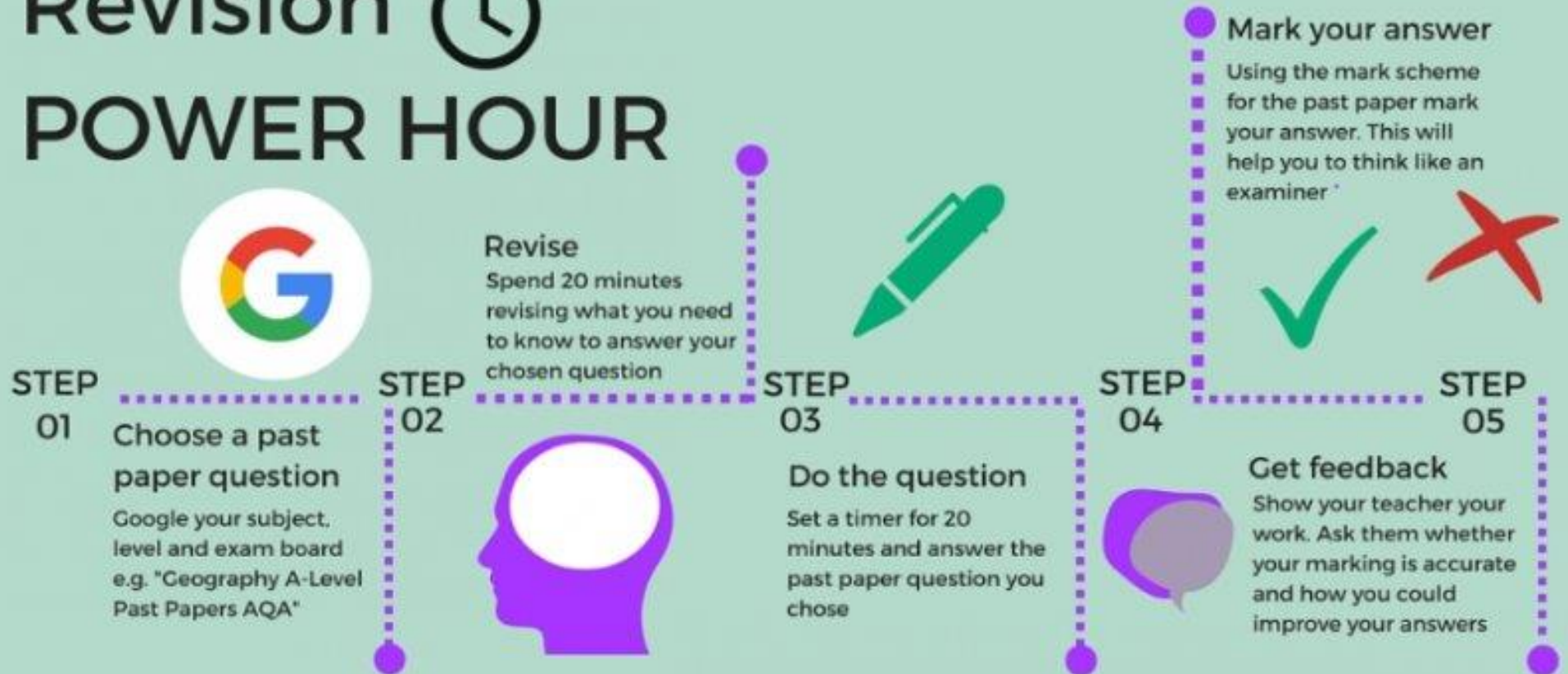
6 
GET TOGETHER
Meet with friends to chat through what you have learnt.

7 
USE PAST PAPERS
These are a great way to get used to exam format and testing what you have learnt.

8 
EAT HEALTHY
Certain foods boost your brainpower and will help you remember more.



Revision ⌚ POWER HOUR



WANT TO REMEMBER MORE?

Active Learning combines lots of methods together and is extremely effective at helping you to remember information faster and for longer.

GCSEPod combines **LISTENING, READING and SEEING.**

You can make your learning even more effective by adding some activities that get you **THINKING and DOING** as well.

Let's look at some examples...





HELP YOUR RESULTS SOAR!



We've invested in GCSEPod to help you reach your goals. Join the hundreds of thousands of students using GCSEPod for revision, independent learning and homework today.

"Happy with my results. Shout out to GCSEPod for getting me where I am!"

 Student Tweet

"I ♥ GCSEPod"

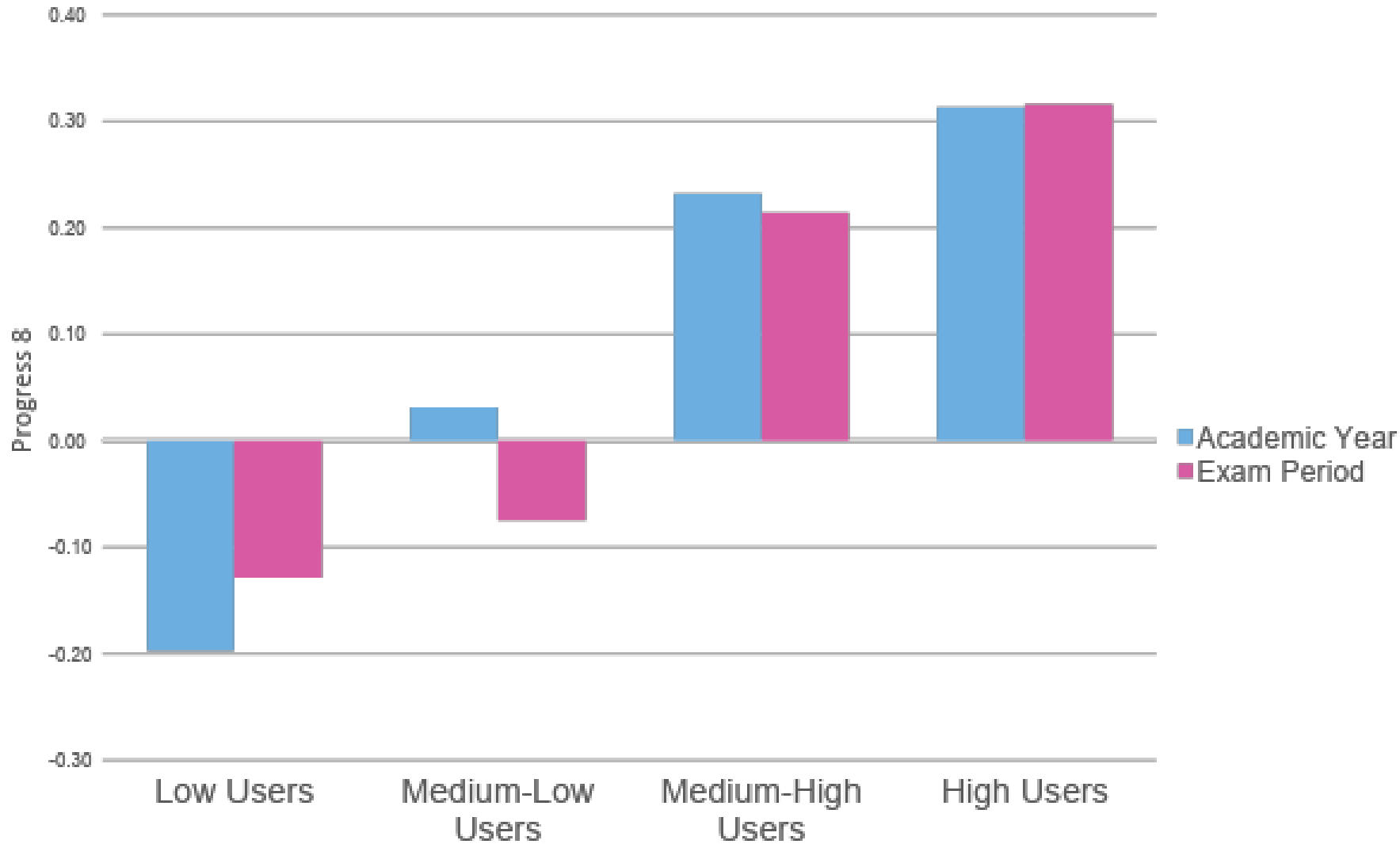
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"All the revision worked then! Cheers GCSEPod for getting me to the next level."

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RESPECT | INTEGRITY | TEAMWORK | ASPIRATION

Average Progress 8 by Category of GCSEPod User



On average, the Best GCSEPod Users, achieved 0.51 progress 8 scores higher than the lowest users.



GCSE Summer Exam Calendar



Date	Morning Exam Start Time 9:00am	Length	Lunch	Afternoon Exam Start Time 1:00pm	Length
Thurs 1 st May				Pearson Edexcel Paper 3 Digital Information Technology Effective Digital Working Practices BIT03/01	1 hr 30 mins
Mon 12 th May	AQA English Literature Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19 th Century Novel 8702/1	1hr 45mins		AQA Computer Science Paper 1 Computational thinking and programming skills 8525/1B	2 hrs
Tues 13 th May	AQA Religious Studies Paper 1 The study of religions: beliefs, teachings and practices Christianity and Islam 8062/13&15	1 hr 45 mins		AQA Biology Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8461/1F & 1H	1 hr 45 mins
				AQA Combined Science Biology Paper 1 Trilogy Foundation and Higher 8464/B/1F & 1H	1 hr 15 mins
Wed 14 th May	AQA Geography Paper 1 Living with the physical environment 8035/1	1 hr 30 mins			
Thurs 15 th May	OCR Mathematics Paper 1 Foundation (calc) J560/1	1hr 30mins			
	AQA Mathematics Paper 1 Higher (Non calc) 8300/1H	1hr 30mins			
Fri 16 th May	Edexcel History Paper 1 Thematic study & historic environment 1H10 B1	1 hr 20 mins		NCFE Business & Enterprise	1 hr 30 mins

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Mon 19 th May	AQA Chemistry Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8462/1F & 1H	1 hr 45 mins		NCFE Food & Cookery	1 hr 30 mins
	AQA Combined Science Chemistry Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8464/C/1F & 1H	1 hr 15 mins			
Tues 20 th May	AQA English Literature Paper 2 Shakespeare & Unseen Poetry 8702/2	2 hr 15 mins		NCFE Health and Fitness	1 hr 30 mins
				AQA Computer Science Paper 2 Computing Concepts 8525/2	1 hr 45 mins
Weds 21 st May	Pearson Edexcel French Paper 1 Listening Higher & Foundation 1FR0 1H & 1 F	F = 35 mins H = 45 mins		AQA Religious Studies Paper 2 Thematic Studies 8062/2A	1 hr 45 mins
	Pearson Edexcel French Paper 3 Reading Higher & Foundation 1FR0 3H & 3F	F = 45 mins H = 1 hr			
Thurs 22 nd May	AQA Physics Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8463/1F & 1H	1hr 45mins	Pearson Edexcel Turkish Paper 4 Writing Higher 1TU0 4H	1 hr 25 mins	
	AQA Combined Science Physics Paper 1 Foundation and Higher 8464/P/1F & 1H	1 hr 15 mins	Pearson Edexcel Arabic Paper 1 Listening Higher 1AA0 1H	45 mins	
			Pearson Edexcel Arabic Paper 3 Reading Higher 1AA0 3H	1 hr 05 mins	

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Fri 23 rd May	AQA English Language Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading & writing 8700/1	1 hr 45 mins			
Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May	SPRING BANK HALF TERM			SPRING BANK HALF TERM	

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Mon 2 nd June	Pearson Edexcel Statistics Paper 1 Foundation 1ST0 1F	1 hr 30 mins			
Tues 3 rd June	Pearson Edexcel Arabic Paper 4 Writing Higher 1AA0 4H	1 hr 25 mins		AQA Panjabi Paper 1 Listening Higher 8683/LH	45 mins
	Pearson Edexcel Portuguese Paper 1 Listening Higher 1PG0 1H	45 mins		AQA Panjabi Paper 3 Reading Higer 8683/RH	1 hr
	Pearson Edexcel Portuguese Paper 3 Reading Higher 1PG0 3H	1 hr			
Wed 4 th June	AQA Mathematics Paper 2 Higher (calc) 8300/2H	1hr 30mins			
	OCR Mathematics Paper 2 Foundation (non-calc) J560/02	1 hr 30 mins			

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	Pearson Edexcel Portuguese Paper 3 Reading Higher 1PG0 3H	1 hr			
Wed 4 th June	AQA Mathematics Paper 2 Higher (calc) 8300/2H	1hr 30mins			
	OCR Mathematics Paper 2 Foundation (non-calc) J560/02	1 hr 30 mins			
Thurs 5 th June	Edexcel History Paper 2 Period study & British depth study 1 HI0 2A-2W	1hr 50 mins		Pearson Edexcel French Writing Higher and Foundation 1FR0 4H & 4F	F = 1 hr 15 mins H = 1 hr 20 mins
Fri 6 th June	AQA English Language Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives 8700/2	1 hr 45 mins		AQA Geography Paper 2 Challenges in the human environment 8035/2	1 hr 30 mins

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	AQA Combined Science Biology Paper 2 Foundation and Higher 8464/B/2F & 2H	1 hr 15 mins			
Tues 10 th June	AQA Spanish Paper 1 Listening Higher 8698/LH	45 mins		Edexcel History - Paper 3 Modern Depth Study 1HI0 31	1hr 30 mins
	AQA Spanish Paper 3 Reading Higher 8698/RH	1 hr			
Weds 11 th June	OCR Mathematics Foundation Paper 3 (calc) J560/03	1 hr 30 mins		Contingency Afternoon	
	AQA Mathematics Higher Paper 3 (calc) 8300/3H	1 hr 30 mins			
Thurs 12 th June	AQA Geography Paper 3 Geographical applications 8035/3	1 hr 15 mins		AQA Further Maths Paper 1 Level 2 Certificate 8365	1 hr 15 mins
				AQA Panjabi Paper 4 Writing Higher 8683/WH	45 mins
Fri 13 th June	AQA Chemistry Paper 2 Foundation and Higher 8462/2F & 2H	1 hr 45 mins		Pearson Edexcel Portuguese Paper 4 Writing Higher 1PG0 4H	1 hr 20 mins
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	AQA Combined Science Physics Trilogy Foundation & Higher 8464/P/2F & 2H	1 hr 15 mins				
Tues 17 th June	AQA Spanish Paper 4 Writing Higher 8698/WH	1 hr 15 mins				
Wed 18 th June					AQA Further Maths Paper 2 Level 2 Certificate 8365	1 hr 45 mins
Wed 25 th June	Contingency Day				Contingency Day	