



Ideas to support
my child and help
them to succeed





How do I support my child when they don't want me interfering?

Finding the time to talk, even though they might be reluctant, will help your child to express their ideas and develop their understanding.

Are you unsure about the GCSE topics yourself?

You don't need to be an expert in the subject to be able to support and help your child.

Do conversations with your child about school often involve these comments?

- *No, I haven't got any homework.
- *I've done my revision.
- *Stop interfering, I can do it!
- *I'm rubbish at exams.
- *I've been on the Internet and done some revision!

Even though your child may say things are fine, just taking a little time to discuss their learning will help them to develop their learning at home.

Does your child tell you they have revised just by reading through their work?

Did you know...

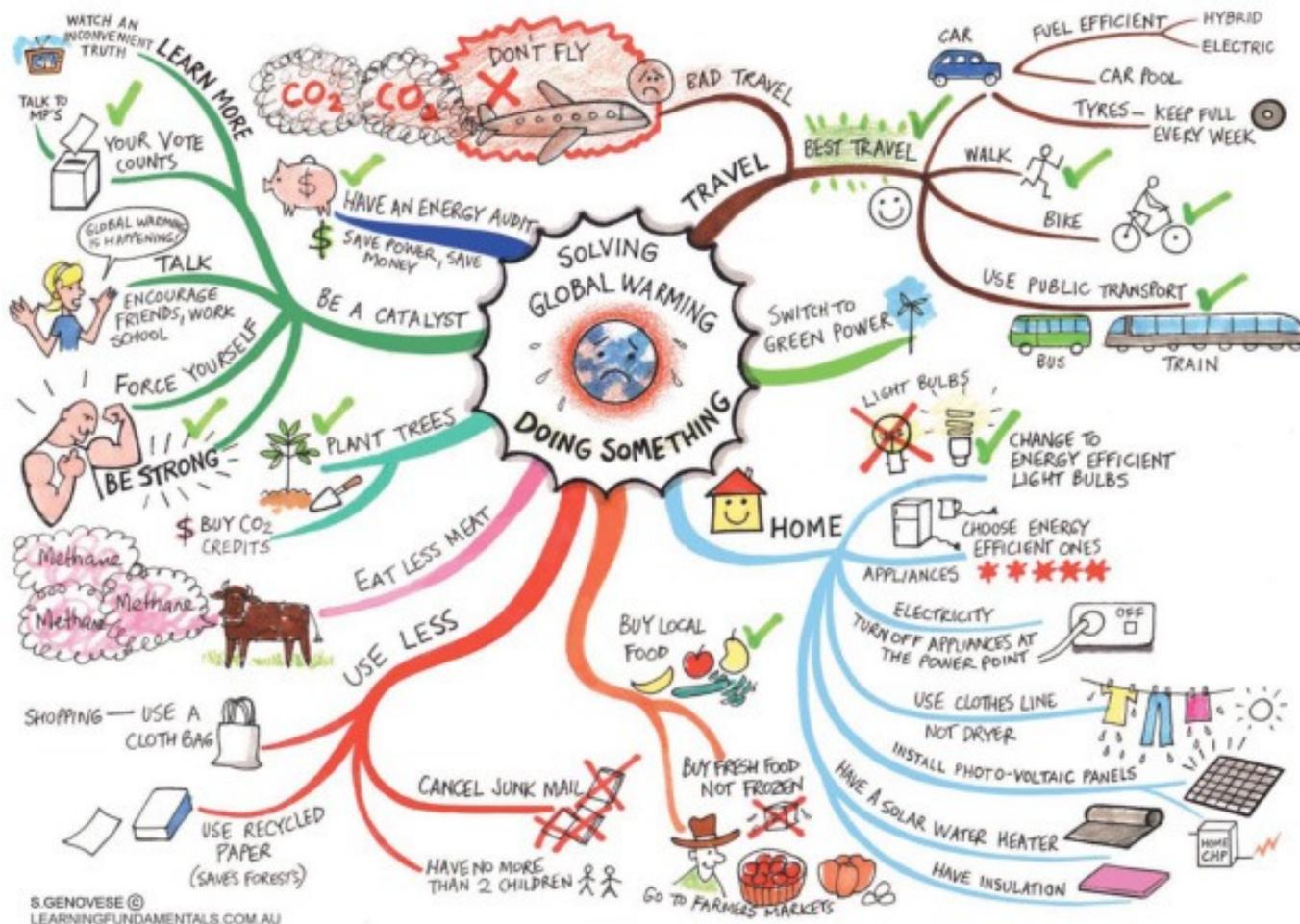
- *Only 20% of what you READ goes into the memory
- *50% of what you DO is remembered
- *75% of what you DISCUSS goes into the memory
- *90% of what you TEACH is remembered

6 Key Ideas to **Support Your Child's Learning**

1. Save their exam dates in your diary and display their exam timetable. Pupils receive their exam timetables via school email.
2. Provide notebooks, pens, highlighters and a quiet space for your child to work at home.
3. Act as a sounding board; discuss with them those topics your child finds confusing; let them teach you the topic.
4. Be a study buddy - help your child work on their revision. Can they show you their notes? Discuss a topic.
5. Use the subject websites list later in this booklet to check what subjects involve. This will help you discuss topics with your child.
6. If organisation is tricky, help your child to plan their revision in 30 minute slots. Help them to break down big topics into manageable chunks; focus on key topics or skills rather than the whole subject.

We all want to help your child to achieve their best, but they are often unsure about HOW to prepare

- * Condense large amounts of information using bullet points.
- * Create mind maps of content; use colour and key words so that information stands out



- * Create revision cards that contain key points
- * Download podcasts or create your own with audio boo
- * If they struggle to sit still, move around and take regular breaks
- * If listening to music helps aid their memory, use certain bands with certain subjects, it may help to jog the memory.
- * ACTIVE REVISION IS KEY!



Online resources to help support my child at GCSE

English

The VLE (how to access the VLE is explained later) provides resources for English Language GCSE, including power points and revision booklets. Recommended websites include BBC Bitesize, Sam Learning, AQA website and Andrew Moore website.

English Literature resources will soon be available on the VLE.

Maths

The Maths Department sell revision guides, CD ROMs and workbooks. Maths homework is designed as exam style questions, set each week. These sites below provide information and skills as well as the opportunity to practise questions.

Use www.mymaths.co.uk login=Noadswood password= lines
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/Maths

Science

Noadswood Science website provides revision power points, past paper questions, podcasts, games and links to other recommended sites.

www.noadswoodscience.com

Business Studies

BBC bite size for Business Studies, www.businessstudiesonline.co.uk and SAM learning www.samlearning.com centre id= S045NS username and password = 6 numbers of pupil date or birth and 2 initials for example 020196ab

Pupils have an exam case study and revision questions which they can use as preparation. Subject-made revision cards are provided.

Design Technology

VLE: online homework, online practice exam questions, electronic textbook, videos to demonstrate, quizzes. As a parent you can use the grade book to view your child's progress.

Geography

VLE: Active Teach Online textbook, resources will go online as preparation for exams.

Health and Social Care

DVD available on Student Shared Drive as well as use of textbook and BTEC guidance book in lessons.

History

VLE: Edexcel British Depth Study: power points, electronic textbook, online practice exam questions, quizzes and videos. Parent VLE page available. Audio boo available under mcroolio and missrawlinson at www.audioboo.fm or mcroolio available on iTunes as a podcast.

Modern Foreign Languages

Speaking assessments: ensure your child is revising for his/her speaking assessment, listen to your child practise his/her answers and test him/her. VLE: strategies to aid memorisation. www.forvo.com type in a word and hear how it is pronounced correctly. Writing assessments: ensure your child is revising for his/her writing assessments and test him/her. Listening and reading exams: www.linguascope.co.uk username: noadswood password: newforest - increase knowledge of vocabulary, listen to conversations in the intermediate section and to the radio and TV in the media section. AQA (French/German) and Edexcel (Spanish) exam board websites to practise past papers. www.samlearning.com www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize. Focus on 10 key words a day/week, practise these with your child. VLE: strategies for improving in listening and reading.

Music

VLE: Resources are available to aid revision on the Music pages.

PE BTEC

VLE: Active Teach Online textbook

PE GCSE

VLE: Active Teach Online textbook and past papers.

Accessing the Noadswood Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Why is the VLE useful?

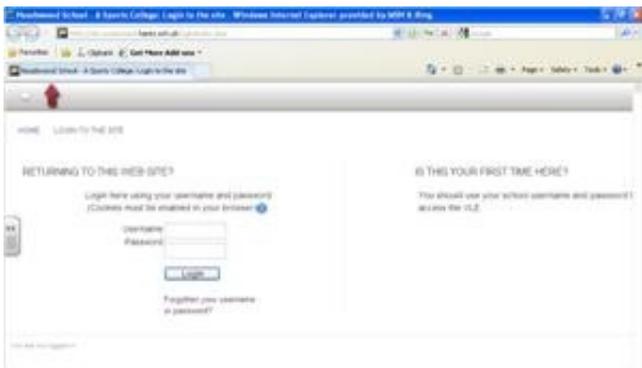
The VLE provides both pupils and parents with an online revision tool which is specifically designed by Noadswood Teachers.

We have tailored resources to provide the content pupils need to know, as well as resources for exam success.

How do I use the VLE?

1. Go to the school website at <http://www.noadswood.co.uk/>
2. Click on Noadswood VLE.
3. Login with the username and password provided by school.
4. Click on the subject VLE you are looking for, some subjects may have different pages within their subject for different exam papers.

5. On the page you may find



electronic textbooks, resources made by teachers, online exam questions and homework which allow work to be submitted online, and the teacher is notified when this happens!

6. On the main screen you will find your children listed on the right hand side. Here you will find links to their attendance, lesson timetable and a grade book.
7. Within the grade book click on the subject you wish to look at. You will then see a list of online work your child could submit, along with their answers, teacher's grades and feedback. This could provide an opportunity to discuss with your child their practice exam questions as a form of revision. Perhaps they could even explain to you how they would go about answering questions?

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