

# TOP TIPS

## How you could help your son/daughter to revise!

1. **How do you eat an elephant? Cut it up into small pieces!** - Students can not revise absolutely everything they've ever learnt so they should prioritise their revision, breaking large amounts of material into smaller, more manageable and less daunting chunks.
2. **The Environment** - The student must have a tidy, quiet organised space to work with no distractions and no background noise (including music).
3. **Repetition! Repetition! Repetition!** - Students should ensure they repeat and revisit work that they *think* they've learnt extremely often.
4. **Verbalisation** – When learning material, students should talk to themselves out loud as they are thinking, saying and hearing what they need to know. This could also be useful getting to pronounce difficult words in a foreign language.
5. **Quizzing** – Students should work in pairs or small groups in order to test each other. They get used to their own responses and it makes them more aware of the questions they could be asked.
6. **Read it / Write it / Record it** – Students will not learn from merely reading material. They need to write it out again, summarising the main points or noting down important items. They could record what they've learnt onto an MP3 player or into their mobile phone and play it back to themselves.
7. **Mind Mapping** – Mind maps and spider diagrams are useful tools for revising and retaining large amounts of information related to a particular topic
8. **LaCaWaC** - Look and Cover and Write and Check! Also known as 'cover and reveal'. Students cover their work and then test themselves, uncover the original and see if they were correct.
9. **Invent Mnemonics** – Never Eat Shredded Wheat (compass points). Silly Old Harry Cut All His Toes One Afternoon (trigonometry).
10. **Revision Cards** – Students could make a set of revision cards - with one main topic per card, each topic listing ideas or information for this topic. They can carry these cards with them and, if they choose, get them out and revise ANYWHERE!