

**The Birches Head BIG 9 Effective Revision Strategies**

- Past papers and mark schemes
- Cue cards/flash cards
- Revision grids
- Self-testing
- Mind maps
- Transforming your notes
- Asking why
- Mnemonics
- Technology

Please note that all of the ‘Big 9’ Strategies involve ‘doing’ something with the subject content. This is a key component effective revision and is proven to make things stick. However, it’s important to remember that revision is down to the individual and finding a strategy that works for them.

Revision Strategy	Revision Strategy
<b>Past Papers and Mark Schemes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Past examination papers are one of the best ways to revise</li> <li>• Deliberate practice – practice what you DON’T understand</li> <li>• Very useful if exam technique is an area for development</li> </ul>	<b>Transform it</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take a concept and change it to another form example Turn notes into: Venn - diagram, mind map, symbols, bullet points, audio recordings or post notes</li> </ul>
<b>Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of Apps when revision</li> <li>• Audio revision e.g., podcasts</li> <li>• Effective use of twitter</li> </ul>	<b>Mnemonics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial letters of a word or group of words and making a concept you can remember</li> <li>• Example NEWS – North, South, East and West</li> </ul>
<b>Revision Grids</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up topics in the form of question grids – used both during lessons and also for homework</li> </ul>	<b>Asking Why</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking why a concept is true will help you remember if</li> <li>• Example – serving in badminton requires coordination. Why? Because you need to synchronise 2 movements into one smooth action</li> </ul>
<b>Self-Testing –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading content and then testing yourself or getting others to test you</li> <li>• Focus on the information that you DONT understand</li> </ul>	<b>Flash Cards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key points</li> <li>• Learning is chunked</li> <li>• Combinations of bullet points and diagrams</li> <li>• Questions and answers on different sides</li> <li>• Colour code topics</li> </ul>
<b>Mind Maps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All concepts must link</li> <li>• Text/images or both</li> </ul>	