

Year 12 and 13 Information Talk

Thank you for being here – research shows parental engagement over a student's school career is equivalent to adding three years progress to that student's education.

Success at KS5



**KS5 is really hard,
but it is a series of
small steps, and each
of those small steps
are easy.**



Only 20% of KS5
grade is influenced by
GCSE results

- Excellent GCSE results? Restart.
- Poor GCSE results? Fresh start.

Success at KS5

- 50% of work is completed in lessons
 - 27 hours a fortnight
 - Includes homework
 - Around a D/C grade
- 50% of work is completed independently
 - Reading and researching around the subject
 - Active revision
 - Supports achieving the A/A* grades



Steps to KS5 Success - Hinterland

- Core knowledge = essential knowledge that all students must learn and retain
- Hinterland knowledge = enriching, contextual knowledge that surrounds the core



- Signposted by teachers in lessons e.g. podcast, article, visit

Steps to KS5 Success - Flashcards

- Prompt on one side that requires you to think of a specific answer or requires you to elaborate with multiple details or give an explanation
- Two piles: those you got right and those you got wrong, repeat wrong pile more often (remember to shuffle), still repeat testing with ones you got right



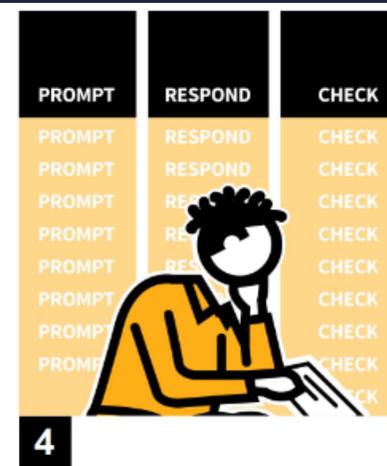
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FLASH CARDS &
CHECK YOUR
UNDERSTANDING



RUN THROUGH THE
SET



EXPLORE YOUR
WRONG OR
INCOMPLETE
RESPONSES



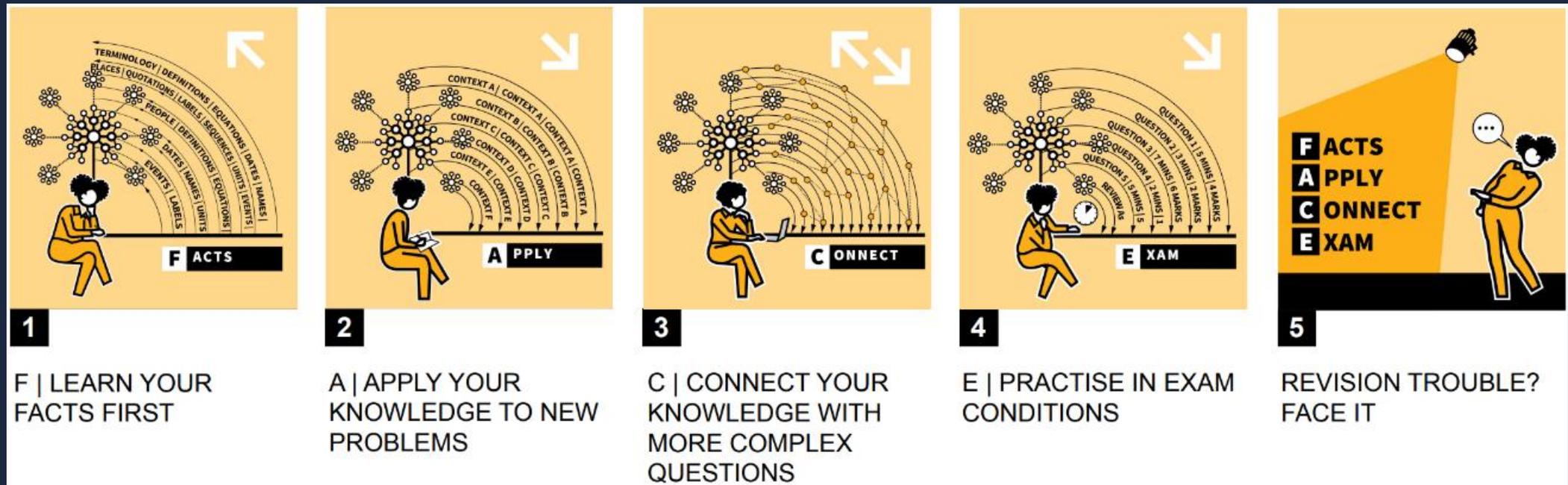
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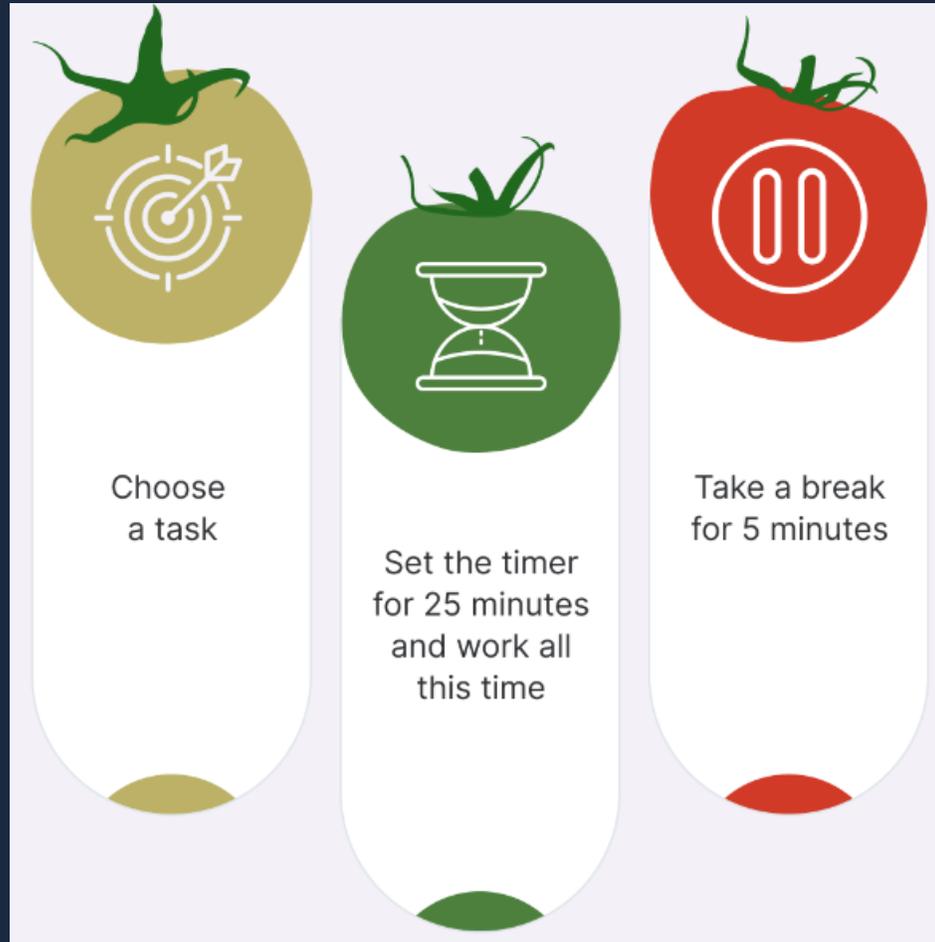
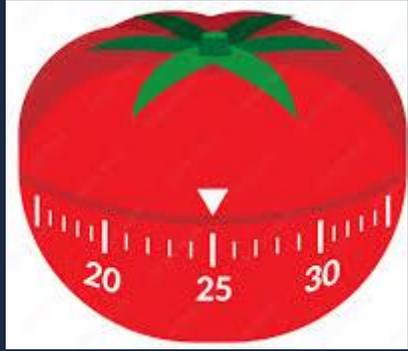
SHUFFLE & RETEST AT
INTERVALS

Steps to KS5 Success – Face It

- Make a start and then build up to the more challenging parts
- With your facts secure, tackle questions where the knowledge is tested in a variety of contexts and timed conditions



Steps to KS5 Success – Pomodoro Technique



- Adds up - 20 x 25 minutes = 500 minutes (8 hrs 20 mins) of focused study in a week
- Fits around your schedule
- Regular breaks keep your brain fresh and help maintain concentration

Role of Students

- Own your choices: At KS5, every decision impacts your success
- Engage fully in lessons and tutor time
- Commit to independent work, go into the hinterland
- Use proven strategies: Flashcards, Face it, Pomodoro technique

**What you are not
changing
you are choosing.**



Role of Families

- Regular check-ins: Ask about what they've learned and how they're managing their workload
- Test their knowledge: Use flashcards or quick quizzes to help with active recall
- Encourage attendance: Support punctuality and full attendance at lessons and tutor time
- Provide a study-friendly environment: Quiet space, minimal distractions, and access to resources



Feedback

