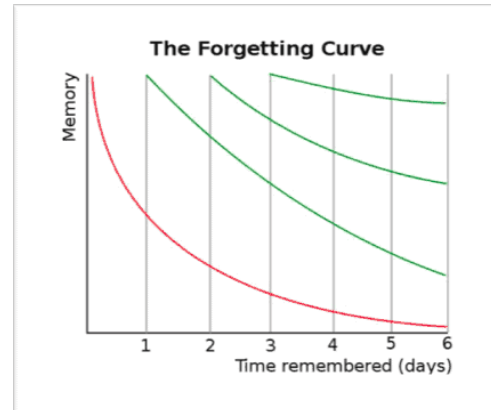# Bloxwich Academy
# Revision Support Guide 2023
## Strategies for Revision
### *The best way to revise – Informed by Evidence*

# Interleaving and Spacing

**What is it?**
This is the idea that you space out revision and keep re-visiting older knowledge. You do not cram revision but keep re-visiting topics over time.

**Why should I do this?**
This helps you to remember older topics as you have to retrieve that knowledge and use it. It also helps you make sense of new information as you can make links to what you already know.

**How to use it** –
1. Create a revision plan, spread your learning.
2. Use the final countdown to help you organise revision

**What methods can I use?**

- Test yourself with revision cards.
- Seneca
- The big picture concept maps
- Creating a timeline of events
- Using sequence maps to write down what you remember and then filling gaps
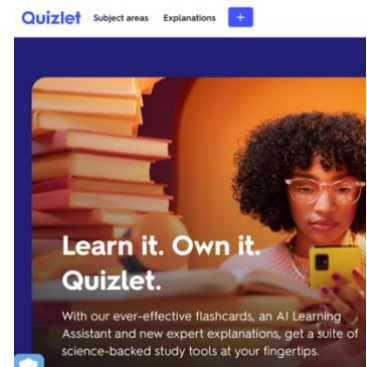- Cornell Notes
- Dual Coding
- Deliberate Practice

# Flashcards

**How to do this**: Create revision cards with questions on one side and answers on the other. These can even be colour code for specific topics

**How to use these:**
Key terms
Key facts
Big Questions
Summaries
Causation/Judgement
Agree/Disagree
Narrative

**You can also make these online through Quizlet**

− use the QR code to see a video of how to use flash card for notes and how to quiz yourself

# Retrieval practice

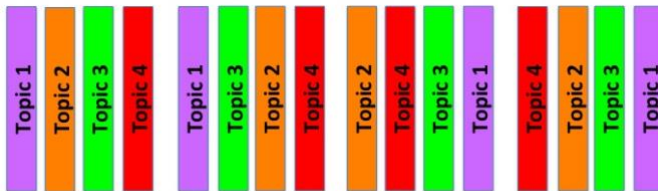**What is this?** Testing what you know. The effort of thinking and remembering aids memory

**How to use it**

Spaced practice this is when you revise different topics over time, not just one topic.

**Massed presentation**

| Topic 1 | Topic 2 | Topic 3 | Topic 4 |

**Spaced and interleaved presentation**

Topic 1 | Topic 2 | Topic 3 | Topic 4 | Topic 1 | Topic 3 | Topic 2 | Topic 4 | Topic 2 | Topic 4 | Topic 3 | Topic 1 | Topic 4 | Topic 2 | Topic 3 | Topic 1

For example – In History, keep revising little sections of Germany, Conflict and Tension and Medicine over time. Not just cram one topic before that exam.

Create knowledge organisers from memory or use them to fill gaps in your knowledge then write questions to quiz yourself or a friend - Multiple choice, True or False, short explanation questions, odd one out or 'if this is the answer, what is the question?'



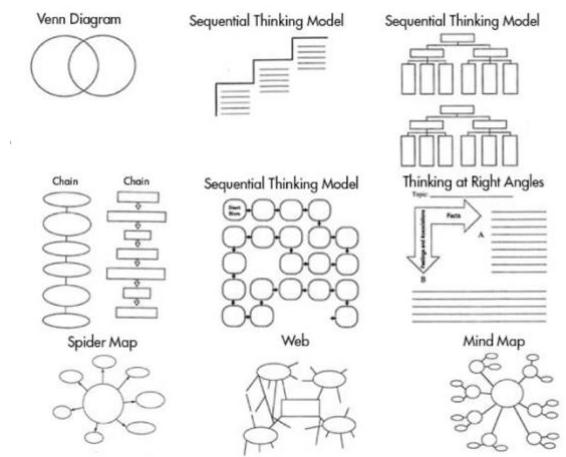Geography Knowledge Organiser: Plates, Earthquakes and Volcanoes

# Transform it – Graphic concept maps

**What is this?** Transferring notes into visual representations

**Why does this help?** This can be used to create links, show sequences and to compare and contrast. It also helps to make your notes and comparisons more visual

**Venn Diagram** – use this to compare similarities and differences between a topic. For example, characters in Blood Brothers or two poems in English.

**Sequential thinking model** – This can be used to remember a narrative account in history or a process in science.



**Spider map, Web, Mind map** – These help with remembering the bigger picture of a topic and how links can be made. For example, themes in English. It is also a good way of testing what you can remember.

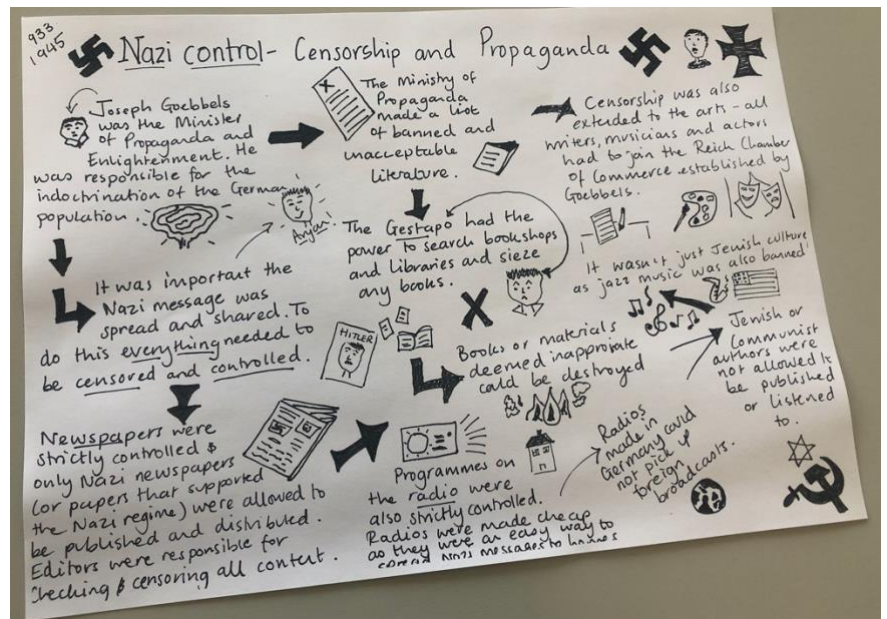**Use the QR Code to see how to make concept maps**

# Dual coding

**What is it?** Using images and text together.



**Why use it?** It is a simple method of putting knowledge into a visual form so that increases the chance of remembering it.

**How to use it** – Simple drawings with a description and make links between them



▶ **YouTube**  **Use the QR Code to see examples of Dual Coding and how to do it**

# Deliberate Practice

**What is this?** Set aside time to practice improving your **skill** and **knowledge**.

**Skill** – e.g. answering exam questions
**Knowledge** – remembering the facts to apply to these questions

**How to use this** – Analyse models, complete practice questions and papers

# Cornell Method –

This method can be used to make you think carefully about revision.
It can help you to organise a topic by considering:

- Keywords
- Big Questions
- Main Knowledge Points
- Creating summaries



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