

# Revision planning

- When are your exams?
- How to make a workable plan

# From last time..

Effectiveness	Strategies
High	Practice testing Distributed practice
Moderate	Elaborative interrogation Self-explanation Interleaved practice
Low	Summarization Highlighting Keyword mnemonics Imagery for text Rereading

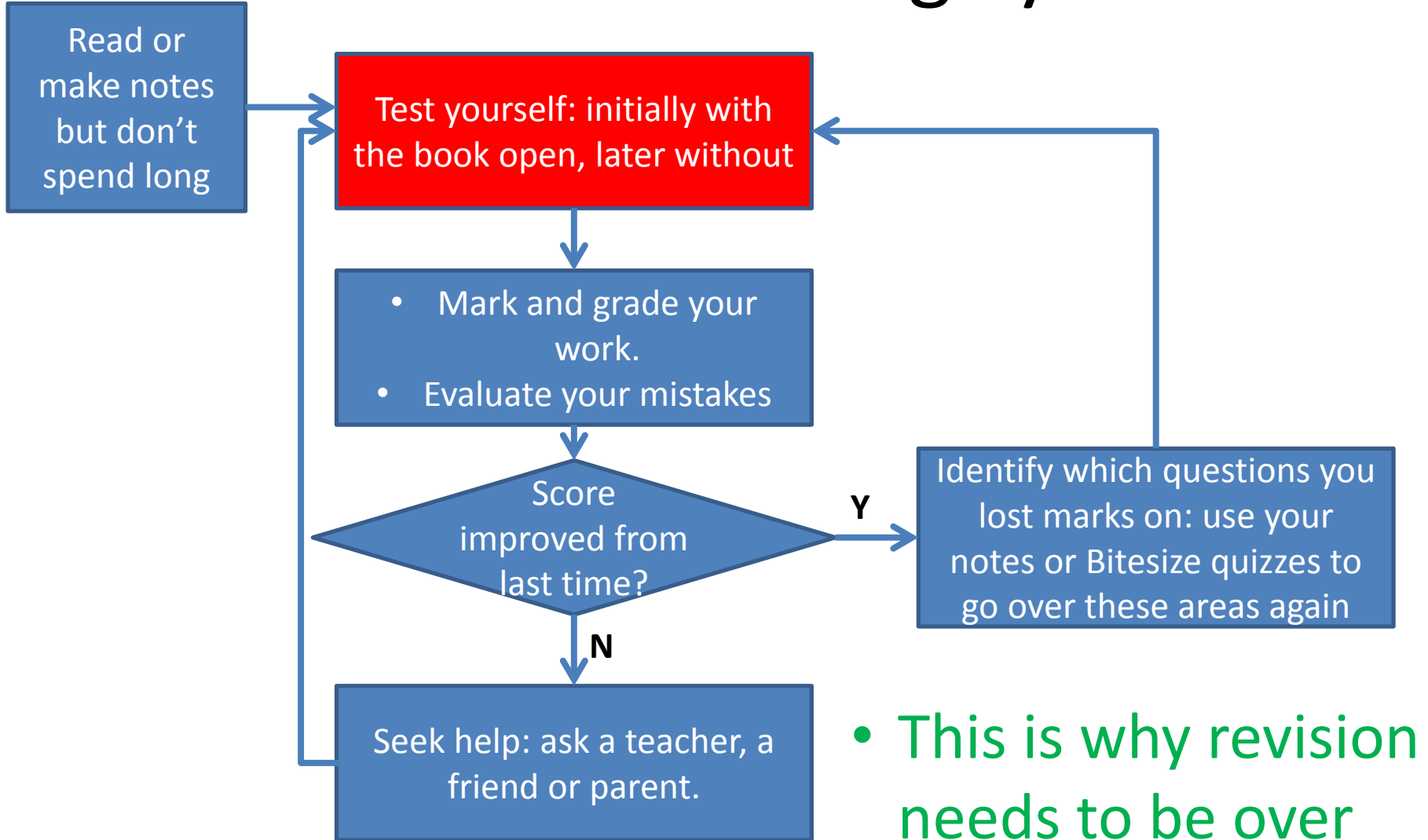


# Reminder: Distributed practice

- Following a revision timetable that spreads out activities over time



# Distributed testing cycle



- This is why revision needs to be over several weeks..

# Planning: Hard facts

- After Spring half term it is 10 weeks until 1<sup>st</sup> GCSE exams
- Study leave doesn't start for another 14 weeks (May half term):  
> ½ exams done by then
- Most of your total revision budget needs to be built into evenings, weekends, and holidays

Don't let this be you...



Plan ahead!

# Making a plan: budgeting

## Identify..

1. ..all exam dates using our blank timetable
2. ..when you will start revising (half term break?)
3. ..days / evenings you can't revise on (commitments)
4. ..**realistic** time you can revise:
  - On a school night
  - On a weekend
  - During a holiday day

## Calculate..

- Your total revision **time budget**

## Example:

Starting on 15<sup>th</sup> Feb:

- 22 holiday days @5hrs each
- 17 weekends @6hrs each
- 55 school nights @ 1hr each (ignoring Thurs – rugby training)
- Budget =  $(22 \times 5) + (17 \times 6) + (55 \times 1) = \mathbf{267 \text{ hours}}$

# Making a plan: **prioritising**

**Identify the subjects which need more time than others..**

- ..subjects you find hard
- ..subjects you badly need (next steps)
- ..subjects that simply have more to learn for

**Identify how many exam papers you will sit into total**

**Calculate..**

- Your **time budget per exam**

**Example:**

- Total Budget = **267 hours**
- Total exam papers I will sit = **20**
- 70% of my budget = **187 hours**
- Standard revision per exam =  **$187 / 20 = 9$  hours**
- 30% of my budget = **80 hours.**
  - Use this extra time to top up your priority subjects

# Making a plan: filling in timetable

Using the grid we are providing, or online software:

- Block out other commitments
- Starting with your 'priority' exams:
  - Work backwards from date of exam
  - Fill in the grid with 1 hour chunks, leaving spaces between to 'distribute' your practice
  - Don't write any more than 'History paper 1'
  - Continue this until time budget for that exam used up
- Repeat for remaining subjects.

Revision Timetable 2016					Name: _____
	MON 15 FEB	TUE 16 FEB	WED 17 FEB	THU 18 FEB	
11					
	MON 22 FEB	TUE 23 FEB	WED 24 FEB	THU 25 FEB	
10					
	MON 29 FEB	TUE 1 MARCH	WED 2 MARCH	THU 3 MARCH	
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# Example: filling in timetable

- This example is still in the process of being completed:
  - Starting earliest on earlier exams
  - NOT leaving later exams until the last minute / space btw. Exams
  - Protecting commitments, relaxation etc

	MON 14 MARCH	TUE 15 MARCH	WED 16 MARCH	THU 17 MARCH	FRI 18 MARCH	SAT 19 MARCH	SUN 20 MARCH
7	RE Paper 1: 1hr	HI Paper 1: 1hr	FR Listen: 1 hr	RE Paper 1: 1hr	HI Paper 1: 1hr	Netball match	
6			RE Paper 1: 1hr	FR Listen: 1 hr	HI Paper 1: 1hr	Netball match	RE Paper 1: 1hr FR Listen: 1 hr
5	GG Paper 1: 1hr	RE Paper 1: 1hr Bio B2: 1 hr	Netball match	FR Listen: 1hr Chem C2: 1hr RE Paper 2: 1hr GG Paper 1: 1hr	RE Paper 1: 1hr HI Paper 1: 1hr GG Paper 1: 1hr	Netball match	Bio B2: 1 hr EN LIT 1: 1hr
4	Chem C2: 1hr RE Paper 2: 1hr	Bio B2: 1 hr EN LIT 1: 1hr HI Paper 1: 1hr	Hockey match	FR Listen: 1 hr EN LIT 1: 1hr	Chem C2: 1hr GG Paper 1: 1hr	Netball match	HI Paper 1: 1hr Bio B2: 1 hr RE Paper 2: 1hr

# Executing the plan: individual sessions

- Your timetable needs to be ‘high level’
  - Planning in the detail of each 1hr sessions up front doesn’t work!
- Each week you need to set aside 30mins to plan the details e.g.
  - Mon History: complete topic checklists
  - Tues Geography: do a past paper
  - Wed Spanish: memorize
  - Thurs Geography: mark past paper and revisit topics linked to mistakes
  - Fri Biology: maker flashcards for Cells topic
- Each week you should also set aside 30mins for reflection:
  - What went well this week?
  - What has proved hard?
  - Do I need to ask for help?

