

REVISION TIPS

“BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE, PREPARATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS”

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- Think about how much revision you did for previous exams and make changes where needed.
- It is easier said than done, BUT do not put yourself under too much pressure. You will not learn. Try to have fun, you will find things easier to remember this way.
- Approach a subject from lots of different angles. Software, games, activities, books, flash cards and practical applications all help.
- Use past papers and talk through the answers with friends.
- Speak to your teachers and see how they believe you can improve.
- Set achievable targets for yourself, do not try to do too much, you will end up disappointed.
- Give yourself rewards and regular breaks.
- Do not just read notes, make sure that you understand it.
- Highlight key points in your revision - use colour coding.
- Focus your revision on areas of weakness. There is no point revising the areas you find easy.
- Make revision cards by condensing notes into key headings on cards, use colour or pictures to help memorise topics. Pin them up in your room or carry them around with you.
- Do not leave your revision until the last minute, you will not cram 3 years work into 2 hours.
- Revise at set times, find out what suits you best.
- Avoid revising after 10pm, you are not at your best at this time!
- Do short bursts of revision on a variety of subjects, do not do one subject per day.

EXAM TIPS

- Get up on time.
- Eat a good breakfast.
- Get any equipment ready the night before e.g. scientific calculator, black pen.
- Read instructions carefully, make sure you know which questions to answer.
- Read each question fully and very carefully underlining any key words.
- Divide your time between the questions according to the number of marks.
- The number of marks after a question on the exam paper gives you an idea of how much time to spend on each question.
- Plan your work for essays, make a plan using key words, planning lets you answer the question that has been set and gives you confidence.
- If you are running out of time, answer in note form.
- Check your answers when you have finished.
- Be aware that getting stuck is not a problem, move on and if you have time come back to the hard questions at the end.
- Believe in yourself, if you can't do a question the first time, try again, "you can do it!"

96% OF STUDENTS FEEL UNDER PRESSURE TO DO WELL



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COPING WITH PRESSURE

- Start early enough to spread the load.
- Concentrate on the positives, reward yourself when you have:
 - Tackled a difficult topic
 - Asked for help from your teachers
 - Understood a difficult subject/topic
- Exercise takes your mind off work, gives you a well earned break and makes you feel fresh and ready to do more.
- Listen to music without lyrics during revising.
- You are not the only person feeling stressed, talk to your friends, family and teachers about how you are feeling.
- Give yourself something to focus on, like a holiday, or a particular job or college place you would like to get when you have done well in the exams.
- Don't panic, kept things in perspective, the exams are only a short time period in your life so make the most of them



ADVICE FROM PREVIOUS STUDENTS

- Planning a revision programme makes you feel less nervous and more organised.
- Revise your weaker subjects more than your strong ones.
- Revise for the exams you have first, not the ones you like the most.
- Do not listen to your friends about the amount of revising they have or have not been doing, do your own thing.
- You cannot revise what you can't understand.
- Don't write all you know on a topic in the exam - the examiner wants to know if you understand and can discuss a subject.
- Don't overdo the revision all at one time - come back to difficult topics at a later time.
- Talk to your teachers about ways to revise. There are many different ways to do this and what suits one person may not suit another.
- Go to after school revision sessions.

16% OF YOUR WEEK IS SPENT IN SCHOOL, ARE YOU USING THE REMAINING **84%** WISELY?

“THE HARDER I WORK, THE LUCKIER I GET”

THOMAS JEFFERSON



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