

How To Revise Workshop –

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Top Ten Tips for Revision Success



Plan before you start

Create a plan and stick to it so you get enough time to revise all your subjects.



Be Realistic

Can't just revise for 5 minutes but also cannot work 24 hours a day. Make a manageable plan.



The early bird...

Catches the worm. The earlier you start the less you will have to do in the long run.



A place of your own

A corner, desk or sofa... find a good place for you to revise. What works for you.



Mix it up

Use a variety of different strategies to help memorise information.



Look to the past

Look at past exam papers to help you practice answering questions.



Take breaks

Get up and move around. Make sure you have some time off.



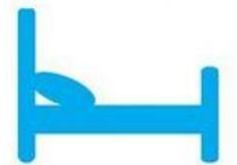
Eat and drink regularly

Refuel as you are more likely to focus and remember if you are fed and watered.



Check what you know

Test yourself with family and friends. It will help you check for gaps and fill them.



Get rested

Make sure you get a good nights sleep and are well resented prior to the exams.

Revision Strategy 1 – Blurting



- ✓ *Blurting* is about putting everything you can remember about a topic onto a sheet of paper.
- ✓ Just get a blank sheet and get started: write down everything you can recall about a topic.
- ✓ It doesn't matter about the order or structure of the information you *Blurt*.



Revision Strategy 2 – Elaborative interrogation



Elaborative
Interrogation

- ✓ Elaborative interrogation is a strategy for enhancing memory during the process of learning. You read the fact-to-be-remembered and generate an explanation for it.
- ✓ Use questions like ‘Why?’ and ‘How?’ to understand the meaning of the information. For e.g., “Why do leaves fall off some trees during winter but not others?” or “How does falling of leaves help trees survive during winter?”.
- ✓ You can take information from the exam specification and generate questions about it. This helps you to think like an examiner – you might even be able to predict exam questions this way.

Revision strategy 3 – Flash Cards



- ✓ Buy a fresh set of blank cards or create your own by cutting up card or paper
- ✓ The key term or question goes on one side of the card whilst the answer or description goes on the back.
- ✓ This allows you to both learn and keep a check on how much information you can remember.



Revision Strategy 4 – Mind Maps



Mind
Maps

- ✓ A mind map is a visual diagram that provides an overview or summary of a topic/idea.
- ✓ The main subject, topic or idea is located in the centre, with related ideas and information branching from it in many directions.
- ✓ Each related idea may have further information or ideas branching from them. Both words and images can be used when creating a mind map.



Revision Strategy 5: What are multiple choice questions?



Multiple Choice Questions

- ✓ Your teachers have written a lot of multiple choice questions for you. They are hosted on the revision team.
- ✓ These are quizzes with a range of answers to choose from. There are usually 3 or 4 answers.
- ✓ If you got the wrong answer, take some time to try to work out why



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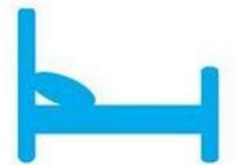
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Preparation = Good Luck!



✓ There's no substitute for **Revision Preparation!**