

1. Focus on 'understanding'

Try to develop your understanding of a subject/topic rather than simply memorising rules, dates, formula etc.

Understanding goes much deeper and time spent on this will enable quicker recall and a more logical approach to answers. This will help you hugely when you can't ask for help in your examinations!

3. Make a plan!

When you know what you need to study, you need to calculate the amount of time you have available and specifically plan which subjects you will work on (and when you will work on them!).

Share your plan with the people in your household (display on a fridge etc.) They will then know when you're working and when you're having a break.

This will help reduce stress levels and pressure from friends and family!

5. Create a suitable working environment

For effective revision, you will need a suitable environment. You will need space for your books as well as room to work!

Fresh air and natural light will help (make sure you open your curtains fully and your window a little bit).

Stay hydrated! Feed your brain! Eat healthily!

2. Identify your strengths and areas for improvement!

It is easier to revise a subject which you enjoy (and are already good at!) but your revision needs to be focused where there is greatest need.

You need to consider seriously where your strengths already lie and ensure that you target the right areas to improve.

If you're unsure, ask your teacher!

4. "Chunk" your revision!

Revision is most effective when you study a subject for a short period, regularly.

Try to study two subjects for half an hour each, have a break for 10-15 minutes then study two more subjects for half an hour each, before having another break.

Remember to revisit these subjects again later.

6. Avoid distractions

Some learners say that they find it helpful to play music whilst revising—this is not normally true!

Turn off your mobile phone, put it downstairs and only check it on one of your allocated 'breaks'.

Log off Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat etc.!

These things will still be there when you have finished revising!



If you need more support with revision or examination preparation then please ask a teacher for help.

We are here to support you!

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8. Don't forget the exam skills!

Remember that passing exams is not just about knowing the curriculum inside out. You will also need to be able to structure an essay, follow ideas through logically and, most importantly, manage your time effectively.

Estimate how much time is allocated to each exam question and keep this in mind when allocating time to practising them during your revision.

If you can write a good answer, in the correct amount of time, during your revision then you will be able to do it in the exam!

10. Be ambitious!

You will do well if you aim high.

If you aim to achieve the highest grade possible then you are more likely to achieve it.

Have faith in yourself, prepare effectively and revise!

7. Look at your old class work

Everything that you study in lessons is useful for your GCSE examinations. Your books are not just for your classwork—they are revision guides as well!

By looking through past work you can familiarise yourself not only with the content but also with the style of the questions.

Attempt old class questions again for revision. If you can improve on the answer in your old book then you are improving your understanding!

9. Be positive!

It is easy to become disheartened and demotivated, to feel that it is an uphill struggle and that you'll never get the results that you want – banish these thoughts.

With a realistic plan and a determination to stick to it, you will achieve your aims – **BE POSITIVE !**



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Top 10 Tips for... Revision!

Getting the basics right!