

Essential Revision Tips

Revision is a **really** good use of your time, even if it looks a bit daunting. And if it's worth *doing*, it's worth doing **right**. To give you a gentle nudge in the right direction, check out some of the tips given below.:

1. Start revising early

Start now, not the night before!

2. Plan your revision using a timetable

Planning out your revision means you can spend more time revising and less time worrying you've forgotten something. You have been given a blank revision template (and there is another one at the end of this booklet). Your tutor will give you some hints and tips on how to create a really effective one.

3. Don't spend ages making your notes look pretty

This is just wasting time. For diagrams, include all the details you need to learn, but don't try to produce a work of art. Stick to the facts and make sure you can apply them to an exam question.

4. Set up a nice, tidy study space

You'll need somewhere with good lighting, your pens close by, your phone out of sight and your TV unplugged. Try not to revise on your bed. Sit comfortably at a desk or table.

5. Vary your revision with different activities

Try a variety of different revision techniques — answering practice questions, writing down notes from memory, and using revision guides, revision cards, mind maps, exam papers, revision materials from revision work from your teachers.

6. Stick revision notes all around your house

So in the exam you think, "Aha, quadratic equations, they were on the fridge..."

7. Do lots of practice papers and questions

You'll find it far easier to answer questions in the exam if you've tried similar ones at home before hand. Your teacher will give you what you need, but you can also look on the exam board's web site for more papers and mark schemes.

8. Set aside time to do fun things

Don't totally stop yourself from having fun. This will help you stay motivated, relax, and allow you to keep up with your favourite hobbies.

9. Keep your phone and other distractions away.

Phones are great, but they're a one-stop shop for procrastination. Heed our warnings and stick it in a drawer while you're revising.

10. Don't just read your notes

You have to WRITE STUFF DOWN, create flash cards, mind maps, invent mnemonics and other things that work for you in that particular subject.

11. Sleep and eat properly

Sleep is more important than you'd imagine — it helps your brain store all the juicy information you've learned throughout the day. Drinking plenty of water and eating healthy foods will also boost your concentration throughout the day.

12. On exam day, make sure you arrive in plenty of time

Nothing adds extra pressure to exam day like the fear of being late. Just make sure you set off at a little earlier than usual. While you wait, if people around you seem stressed about the exam, try to relax and not let their worries affect you.

WEEKLY REVISION PLANNER

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	TIME	SATURDAY	SUNDAY