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## GCSE Revision Pack

Use this revision pack to get organised and make the most of your time spent learning.

# Top Revision Tips

Don't let the stress of revision overwhelm you. Stay in control with these top tips.

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**1 START EARLY**  
Cramming at the last minute is stressful and has limited success.
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**2 MAKE A PLAN**  
Work out how much time you have and how long you can spend on each subject.
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**3 STUDY SPACE**  
Find a quiet spot away from distractions and keep everything all in one place.
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**4 MIX IT UP**  
Use a mixture of revisions techniques for best results.
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**5 TAKE BREAKS**  
It is possible to work too hard, make sure you take regular breaks.
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**6 GET TOGETHER**  
Meet with friends to chat through what you have learnt.
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**7 USE PAST PAPERS**  
These are a great way to get used to exam format and testing what you have learnt.
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**8 EAT HEALTHY**  
Certain foods boost your brainpower and will help you remember more.

# Revision Time Table



Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Notes for Tomorrow							

# TOP TIPS FOR STUDYING AT HOME

Here's 4 top tips to keep in mind when you are revising at home.

## STICK TO A ROUTINE

Agree on a structure with your parents that closely resembles a normal school day.

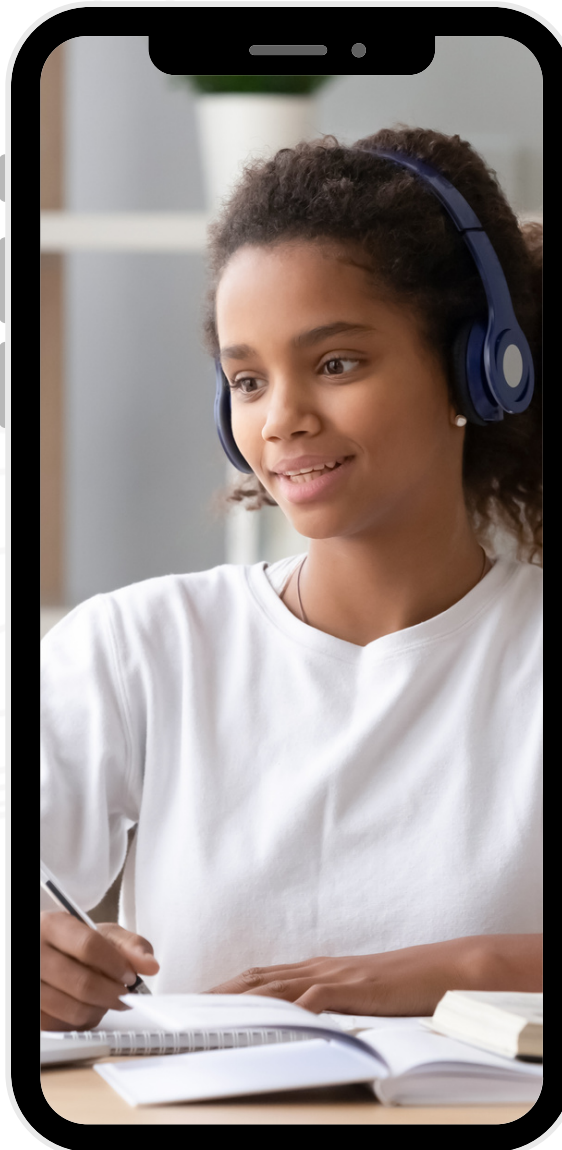
Consider making your daily timetable visible so everyone in the house is aware of your routine.

Schedule for breaks, lunch and snacks as well as physical exercise.

## STAY CONNECTED

When you aren't doing school work or revising, keep in contact with your friends.

Talk with your parents and teachers where possible to make sure you share your thoughts and feelings.



## CREATE A WORKSPACE

Assign a workspace in your house that will be used for your school work.

Make sure the space is clear and tidy with reliable WiFi. Keep distractions to a minimum.

## KEEP A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Prepare healthy lunches and snacks the night before so you have the maximum amount of time to relax during your breaks the next day.

Monitor your online activity so you don't find yourself spending too much time in front of a screen – take breaks involving fresh air and physical activity.

# TOP TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN MATHS EXAMS

## GETTING THE REVISION RIGHT

### REVISE MATHS BY 'DOING MATHS'

Practise questions 'little and often' - you can't learn it all by cramming in a couple of long days. Maths is like building blocks you must develop over a long time.

### IDENTIFY YOUR KEY AREAS

Use past papers and tests to identify your strengths and areas to improve.

Spend revision time on the topics you are not good at, seeking help with these areas from teachers or the online resources that you have available to you.

### LEARN THE SKILL OF 'CHECKING'

Practice checking through your work, or marking other people's work and finding errors; this will help you in your own exam.

### LEARN YOUR FORMULAE

Check with your exam board which are given and which aren't.

## HANDLING THE EXAM

### REMEMBER YOUR TIMING

Don't spend too long on one question. If your calculation seems too complicated, stop and check you are going down the right path. The first few pages are the most important part! If time allows revisit them at the end.

### WHAT IS THE QUESTION ASKING?

Read is carefully and underline the keywords. Pause to think about what it is asking before beginning.

### ACCURATE WORK

Keep calculations neat and work down the page. Show all your workings. Underline the values that you are using again. Use the given diagrams to mark on any given information carefully. Check your work carefully to make sure it makes sense.

### ALWAYS HAVE A GO

If a long question seems 'too hard' try to write down something that you do know - you will pick up valuable 'method marks'. Sometimes when you come back to a question after a break it magically makes Sense

# TOP TIPS FOR SUCCESS IN ENGLISH EXAMS

## GENERAL

### TRY NOT TO WAFFLE

Avoid overly lengthy responses to the reading questions as you'll lose clarity and focus. Instead, think about the number of marks awarded for a question. A 20-mark question will need a longer response than a 9-mark question. Remember, clear writing equals a clear mark.

### KNOW YOUR EXAM BOARD

It's important to consider the Assessment Objectives (AOs) for each exam question - your teacher can help with this. Generally, the highest marks come from discussing the effect of a certain piece of writing or technique. Pay attention to the specific things your exam board AOs are looking for.

### PLAN AND PROOF-READ

Don't lose marks, think about how you are going to structure your response. Then check afterwards. Is it clear? Have you removed anything unnecessary? SPaG?

Also if you run out of time you're better off finishing the question you are on and moving on to the next. Answering just one question well is not enough. You need to show your skills across multiple questions.

## TACKLING QUESTIONS

### COMPARING, AGREEING AND DISAGREEING

when you compare, remember to focus on the feelings and perspectives of the writers - not just the techniques. It's not enough to note that one used a list whereas the other used a simile. When you agree or disagree, try to determine where each text would sit on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being strongly disagreed and 10 being strongly agree.

### ANSWER CLEARLY AND CONCISELY

There are a lot of ways to do this. Firstly, make sure you've read any text at least twice before or during the exam. You need to understand what the text is about, to answer the questions well. Also make sure you are specific about the effects the text has upon the reader and avoid phrases which could be applied to any technique in the text, such as 'it has an effect'. Go into more specific detail.

### AVOID SIMPLY LISTING TECHNIQUES

Always remember to go into detail about the effects and/or effectiveness of the techniques being used. Remember to focus on the text at all times and make sure you're commenting upon what the question wants you to explore. This may be the purpose of effectiveness of the text.

# Useful Revision Techniques

**WATCHING GCSEPod COMBINES SEEING, LISTENING AND DOING.**

**MAKE YOUR LEARNING MORE EFFECTIVE BY COMBINING EXTRA ACTIVITIES TO GET YOU THINKING AND DOING.**

## GIVE IT A GO

Watch GCSEPod and try one of these activities

### WRITE A MEMORY STORY

Write down all the key words, dates and names in the GCSEPod you've watched.

Now, turn them into a very short story. For example:

Words to remember  
Bird, Hazel, Grandfather, 1925

Short Story: I count 19 birds sitting in a tree. My friend Hazel arrives and counts them again and says "there are 25." But my grandfather says im right!

### WRITE A MEMORY STORY

Draw one of the labelled diagrams you saw in the GCSEPod video.

Next to each label, write down everything you can remember about that thing.

### CREATE A MNEMONIC

If you are really struggling to remember something, a mnemonic can help!

Want to remeber the colours of the visible spectrum?

Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo and Violet

You might find it easier to remeber...

Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain

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## YOU'LL FORGET THIS IN 24 HOURS!

Did you know that you forget 80% of what you learn in the first 24 hours? That's why cramming for exams doesn't work!

**IF YOU DON'T REVIEW WHAT YOU LEARN, YOU'LL ONLY REMEMBER ABOUT 5%**

**IT IS PROVEN THAT BY REVIEWING WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT AT REGULAR INTERVALS, YOU CAN REDUCE HOW MUCH YOU FORGET TO JUST 10%**

**REVIEW YOUR WORK 4 TIMES WITHIN A MONTH AND YOU'LL REMEMBER NEARLY 100%**

## HOW TO REVIEW

Vary your activities to maximise your memory's power.

Immediately After Class	4 Hours Later	1 Week Later	1 Month Later
<h3>Mind Mapping</h3> <p>Watch GCSEPod and write down all the key words. Now from memory, fill in as much information as you can remember.</p>	<h3>Review Maps</h3> <p>Cover your mind map and see how much you can remember. Highlight the information you couldn't remember and revise it.</p>	<h3>Memory Cards</h3> <p>With a friend, create your own question cards with answers on the reverse and then test each other's knowledge.</p>	<h3>Past Papers</h3> <p>Watch GCSEPod again and practice past paper questions.</p>

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# Exam Checklist

Follow this checklist to ensure you are prepared for an exam.

Do you have...

- ✓ 2 pens (black)
- ✓ Pencil
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Eraser
- ✓ Angle measure or protractor
- ✓ Calculator
- ✓ Highlighters
- ✓ Bottom of water
- ✓ Clear pencil case

Things to remember...

- ✓ Get a good nights sleep
- ✓ Eat a healthy meal
- ✓ Review the GCSEPod exam playlist
- ✓ Check where your exam is being held
- ✓ Arrive 15 minutes early

You got  
this!



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