


## Ten TOP TIPS for REVISION

Remember the school is here to support you - **ask your teachers for help and advice about how to revise**. You could also approach the Learning Support Department.

### Preparation

1. Try to **write notes as you study topics in class**, whether electronically or by hand. Index cards are an excellent method as they can be labelled and stored in order. It is best to do this a few days after you have studied the topic in class.
2. **Create a workspace that is just for you** - it may be a quiet corner, but near a busy kitchen so you are kept on task. Make it yours and keep it uncluttered.
3. Stock up on **colourful stationery and learning tools**: highlighters, index cards with a storage box, coloured pens, large paper for mind-maps, dictation note pages on your phone, a bouncy ball to practise lists aloud, and post-it notes that work well for learning topic vocabulary - paste them around the house, a different room per topic.
4. Think  about **HOW YOU** learn best - some of us are more visual than auditory; many of us need to do in order to learn. **Choose revision methods that suit you**, but make sure they are active and varied, not just reading over notes.

### Revision sessions

5. Closer to the exam period, **draw up a revision timetable**, especially for the holiday period before your exams. Make sure you have a list of the topics you need to know for the exams and check them with teachers. Be realistic about the time available to study - check the family diary and cross off blocks of time when you have other commitments. Cross off the days!



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6. **Tick off what you already know**. Test yourself by reviewing sub-topics using the index in your textbook. Tick off topics that you know already, so that you have enough time to revise the topics you know less well. Do not re-revise topics you find easiest - move on to areas you have not covered.
7. When you come to actually learning the information, short sessions of a maximum of 30 minutes are most effective and it best to **change both subject and topic every session** - "*pick and mix*". Use different revision methods for different topics, too. This keeps the brain as active as possible. Move around in your breaks rather than remaining seated. Turn off your phone or use the *Forest App*.



8. As you get closer to the exams, **start answering questions rather than simply reading and highlighting notes**. After all, in the exam you will be asked specific questions, not just told to regurgitate your notes, so the sooner you start doing this, the better. You can do this by adding questions to the back of index cards - turning them into Flashcards. Ask friends and family to test you. Do the questions set in your textbooks and past papers.
9. **Make sure your revision is active!** Turn your flash cards into questions on one side and an answer on the other. You can also use websites such as Quizlet and other online resources. Quizlet will often also have relevant questions that other teachers and students have set, but check that the answers are right!



### Above all

10. **Eat well and sleep regular hours**, remembering to turn off your phone and computer *half an hour before* bedtime.

