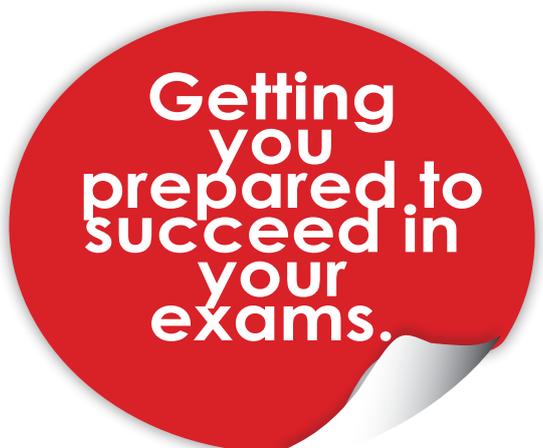


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REVISION TIPS



Getting
you
prepared to
succeed in
your
exams.

BEFORE YOU START:

PRE-REVISION PLANNING

GET ORGANISED:

Revision Timetable

	MON	TUES	WEDS
9 - 10am	subject 1	subject 3	subject 1
10 - 11am			
11 - 12pm	subject 2	subject 4	subject 3
12 - 1pm	lunch	lunch	lunch
1 - 2pm	subject 5	subject 1	subject 4
2 - 3pm			
3 - 4pm	break	break	break

Make your revision timetable early!

- The months counting down to the exams will fly by. It can be helpful to break down this time into manageable chunks e.g. you could revise one subject per week/weekend. Then nearer the time timetable a month to refresh what you've revised in earlier months.
- Use weekends productively – this is a huge amount of time that needs to be used effectively.

Get your subject notes together in a 'Revision' file for easy access:

- Make your revision notes simple and easy to read. Short sharp sentences are easier to remember than long confusing sentences.
- Start by reducing your lesson notes into key points that are easier to revise.
- Use different coloured pens to highlight key terms/phrases/notes

Try not to leave subjects that you find most difficult until the end:

- Tackling subjects you're not confident with at the start means you'll give enough revision time to get up to speed & be confident in the exam.

Speak to your subject teacher and build up a resource of revision booklets:

- Make sure you have collected all the hand-outs needed from each lesson.

Make your room a REVISION SANCTUARY – no phones, TV's, Facebook:

- Dividing up your bedroom wall into sections – one for each subject you can put up visual, colourful displays to help.

In lessons, think of useful ways of writing notes:

- E.g. Summarising sections of work, highlighting key words, will help when it comes to you revising.

Prepare revision tools NOW!
It's never too early to start your revision.

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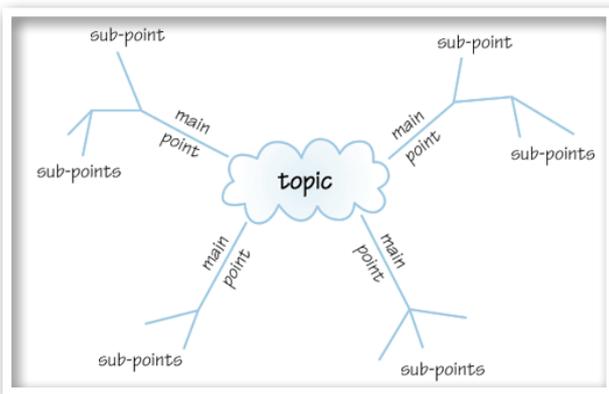
HOW WILL YOU REVISE?

DECIDE WHICH TECHNIQUE(S) WORK BEST FOR YOU!

Do not just READ. Revision must be ACTIVE.

Using information in a different way ensures that goes into your long term memory

o Use 'mind maps'/'spider diagrams' to display revision notes



o Make flash cards

These can help summarise key notes/phrases & in turn you'll be able to visualise the card in an exam



o Mnemonics

Think up a sentence, song or rap that helps you to remember the subject content. It may feel silly doing this but it's surprising how easily you'll remember key info in an exam using this method!

A famous example of a mnemonic is how to remember to spell 'necessary':

"Never eat cakes eat salad sandwiches and remain young"

o **Time lines** - showing the steps that lead to the an event i.e. the start of WWII & the subsequent events that resulted.

Spend 30/40 mins on a topic then write your own questions – this will help you retain the information

o Practice, practice, practice exam questions.

You need to be able to link the theory you have learnt to what the question is asking.

At the end of each revision session try a few exam questions to test yourself

o Use Acronyms

Making a word that's made up of the initial letters of other words.

BODMAS is a very useful maths acronym, as it can help you remember the order in which calculations should be done.

B rackets	Work out the brackets 1st
O rder	then Order (i.e. squares, cubes)
D ivision	then division
M ultiplication	then multiplication
A ddition	then addition
S ubtraction	then finally subtraction

If you learn this word and apply it correctly, you should have very few problems with calculations.

There's no easy way to revise - WORK, WORK, WORK!

WHEN REVISING:

BE PREPARED:

EAT, DRINK & EXERCISE!

- Drink plenty of water when studying and make sure that you aren't hungry. Ensuring that you are not hungry or dehydrated has a huge impact on your concentration levels.
- Exercising in your down time can help relieve stress allowing you to re-focus in your next revision session

Revise in 30/40 min sessions:

- Allow yourself a 10 minute break to give your brain a rest. Be sure to not keep adding time onto the 'break' periods!



Stay focussed:

- Set yourself an aim of what you want to achieve at the start of each revision session e.g. it may be that you want to focus on a certain topic or set of questions.

Revising with friends:

- If you choose to revise with friends make sure that you are all focussed and not distracting one another

Even if you don't feel like revising - DO IT!

Ensure that you stick to your revision plan.

If you miss a session, make sure you catch up this revision time!

Don't allow friends to influence how much work you do.

Allow time to relax and socialise but remember that this is YOUR education

WORK HARD & GOOD LUCK!