Year 11
Revision Success Guide

17/10/25 – 03/11/25

"Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out."

Name

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Quick Study Checklist

"Believe you can, and you're halfway there"

	Week Commencing 20/10	27/10
I have reviewed all key topics	☐	☐
I have tested myself with past papers or flashcards	☐	☐
I have taken break and stayed hydrated	☐	☐
I have a plan for tricky topics	☐	☐
I have been available to relax and see my friends	☐	☐
I feel prepared and confident!	☐	☐

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Why is Revision Important?

"The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."



- Helps you remember key information
- Reduces stress by making you feel prepared
- Boosts confidence before exams
- Strengthens understanding of tough topics
- Helps with time management

How to Revise Effectively

Rewriting, testing yourself, and explaining topics to others will help.

Cramming at the last-minute leads to burnout – plan ahead.

Find the best revision technique for you!

It's not just about reading notes – active revision is the key!

A study method that involves recalling information from memory, rather than passively reading or re-reading notes

Activity

Write down three reasons why revision is important to you

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Reflection & Self-Assessment

Before diving into revision, it's important to assess where you currently stand.

Subject	Confidence Level	Topics I Struggle With	How Can I Improve?
Maths	/10		
English Language	/10		
English Literature	/10		
Science	/10		
Option 1	/10		
Option 2	/10		
Option 3	/10		

Activity

What subjects do I feel most confident in?

What subjects do I struggle with the most?

What study techniques have worked for me before?

What changes can I make to improve my revision?

Top 10 Revision Tips

"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice."

1. Create a Revision Timetable
Spread out study sessions over weeks/months.
Balance subjects so you don't cram.

2. Use Active Recall
Instead of reading notes, close the book and try to recall key information. Use questions like: What are the key causes of World War 1?

3. Teach Someone Else
Explaining a topic to a friend or family member boosts understanding.

4. Use Past Papers
Practicing real exam questions and under time constraints helps you get familiar with question styles.

5. Break It Down
Don't try to learn everything at once – focus on small sections.

6. Mind Maps & Flashcards
Mind maps help connect ideas, and flashcards are great for quick memory checks.

7. Stay Active
Take regular breaks, go for walks, or do light exercise.

8. Limit Distractions
Find a quiet space and turn off social media notifications.

9. Sleep & Eat Well
A good night's sleep and a healthy diet improve focus and memory.

10. Stay Positive & Reward Yourself
Set small goals and reward yourself when you complete them!

Planning Your Revision Schedule

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

Step 1: List all subjects you need to revise
Step 2: Identify how many hours per week you need for each subject
Step 3: Spread revision across weeks to avoid last-minute cramming
Step 4: Schedule breaks and relaxation time
Step 5: Stick to your plan and adjust if needed

Weekly Study Planner Example

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12pm	**Science** Sparx	**Sport** Flashcards	**Geography** Blurting	**English Lang** Flashcards	**Sport** Past paper	**Maths** Exam Pract	**English Lang** Lang Analysis
1pm	**Maths** Sparx	**Maths** Past paper	**Business** Key Vocab	**Science** Physics	**English Lang** Viewpoints	**Science** Biology	**Geography** Past paper
2pm	*Break*	*Break*	*Break*	*Break*	*Break*	*Break*	*Break*
2:30	**English Lang** Creative Writ	**English Lit** Poetry	**Science** Chemistry	**Maths** Booklet	**English Lit** Key Quotes	**English Lit** Key Themes	**Business** Flashcards

Key Considerations

Is this going to be visible or digital? Make it colourful!

Limit distractions. Phone away, games and TV turned off.

Choose a quiet, dedicated space where its visible as a reminder.

Schedule time to relax, enjoy hobbies and socialising with friends and family.

Factor in scheduled breaks, the Pomodoro technique (30/5/30)

Be flexible, life happens! So, adjust your timetable if needed, but stay committed.

Common Revision Mistakes

! Each subject requires a slightly different approach.

Cramming

You won't remember everything in one night.

Highlighting Everything

This isn't active revision and will overload your brain. Highlight key words or phrases.

Skipping Subjects, You Dislike

Focus on your weaknesses.

Not Taking Breaks

Your brain needs rest! A well rested mind retains information better than an exhausted one.

Neglecting Past Papers

These are the best way to prepare.

Top Tips for Success

"The expert in anything was once a beginner."

DO'S

- ATTEND ALL AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS - EITHER INTERVENTIONS OR THE HUB.
- PAST PAPERS, ESSAYS & HAND IN TO YOUR TEACHER OR HEAD OF YEAR.
- ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR HELP IF YOU ARE NOT SURE.
- TAKE WORK BOOKS HOME OVER THE WEEKEND & CHECK THE SYLLABUS.
- GO TO BED BEFORE 11PM - YOU NEED 8 HRS SLEEP.
- PLAN IN TIME TO SOCIALISE & SEE FRIENDS .... AFTER REVISION /WORK IS COMPLETE.

DONT'S

- THINK YOU ARE GOING TO DO WELL WITHOUT REVISING.
- SKIVE INTERVENTIONS OR NOT COMPLETE HOMEWORK.
- NAP AFTER SCHOOL AS IT DISRUPTS THE QUALITY OF YOUR NIGHTS SLEEP.
- SPEND ALL YOUR FREE TIME WATCHING NETFLIX OR ON TIK TOK /SOCIALS.
- ENCORAGE FRIENDS OR GIVE INTO PEER PRESSURE TO SOCIALISE OVER REVISE.
- THINK YOU HAVE TIME TO REVISE 'LATER' OR MAKE EXCUSES.

Activity

Doodle Break

Set a 2-minute timer and doodle anything related to your revision.
Use the spaces to draw different subjects or topics.

Doodling boosts creativity and memory retention while giving the brain a short break.

5-4-3-2-1 Sensory Reset

Pause for a few minutes and focus on:
(You can do this in any combination)

5 Things you can **SEE**

4 Things you can **TOUCH**

3 Things you can **HEAR**

2 Things you can **SMELL**

1 Thing you can **TASTE**

Brings attention back to the present, reducing anxiety and improving concentration.

Useful Websites & Resources

"Your future self will thank you for the effort you put in today."

Sparx

Students using Sparx Maths Homework made 83% more progress with 60 minutes of practice (in comparison to those who did no homework).

gcsepod education on demand

Proven to help students achieve more. Proven to help students achieve one grade higher on average than non-users, across 30+ GCSE subjects and all exam boards.

BBC BITESIZE

BBC Bitesize is a free online study support resource designed to help with learning, revision and homework across a wide range of subjects. It also supports children and young people's wellbeing and career choices.

AQA Questions matter

Most past papers will also come with previous marking schemes. This will have the answers to the questions on the exam and will also likely come with the examiner's report, which gives insight into why questions are marked in a certain way or what sort of answers the exam board typically looks for.

Gizmo

Gizmo's AI quizzes can help you learn and remember anything. AI Flashcard maker: Turns YouTube videos, PDFs, notes & PowerPoints into flashcards.

Quizlet

Quizlet is a web tool and a mobile app that boosts students learning through several study tools that include flashcards and game-based quizzes.