# **Useful Info**

### **Sixth Form**

Revision

### **Handy websites**

- www.thestudentroom.co.uk
- www.examtime.com
- www.studenthacks.co.uk

### **Revision Apps**

- Goconqr
- Gojimo
- Flashcards+
- iMindMap

### **GOOD LUCK**

# "Before anything else, preparation is the key to success."

Alexander Graham Bel

# 5 Helpful Tips for Revision

### 1. Preparation

### **REVISION DOES MATTER!**

Make sure that you are ready to use the limited revision time that you have available, don't leave it to the last minute. Make sure that you have a space to study that is quiet and has no distractions.

#### TURN OFF YOUR PHONE AND LIMIT YOUR GAMING!

Try and put off "after college" commitments until you have finished your exams and if you work, ask your boss if you can cut down on your shifts.

### 2. Plan

### FAILING TO PLAN IS PLANNING TO FAIL

Firstly give yourself plenty of time don't leave it till two weeks before the exams start. Work out a revision timetable that includes the exam dates <u>and</u> stick to it!!

### NO SKIVING AND NO EXCUSES!

Show family and friends the timetable so that they can support you with your revision.

### **Example of Revision Timetable**

| TIME             | MON   | TUE   | WED   | THUR  |
|------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 9.10 -<br>10.10  | Geography<br>Revision                           | Media<br>Studies<br>Lesson                      | English Lang.<br>Lesson                         | Media<br>Revision                               |
| 10.25 -<br>11.25 | Geography<br>Lesson                             | English Lang.<br>Lesson                         | Media<br>Studies<br>Lesson                      | Geography<br>Lesson                             |
| 11.25 -<br>12.25 |   | English<br>Revision                             | Media<br>Revision                               | English Lang.<br>Lesson                         |
| 1.10 - 2.10      | English Lang.<br>Lesson                         | Geography<br>Revision                           | Geography<br>Lesson                             | English<br>Revision                             |
| 2.10 - 3.10      | Media<br>Studies<br>Lesson                      | Geography<br>Lesson                             | Geography<br>Revision                           | English<br>Revision                             |
| 3.10 - 4.00      | Free Time                                       | Free Time                                       | Free Time                                       | Free Time                                       |
| 4.00 - 5.00      | Make Flash<br>Cards from<br>the days<br>lessons |
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# Exam Day

### The night before

- <u>Don't</u> revise excessively the night before
- <u>Do</u> get a good nights sleep
- Pack all the equipment you need ready for the morning.

### In the exam room

- READ THROUGH ALL THE QUESTIONS
- MAKE SURE YOU KNOW HOW MANY QUESTIONS YOU
  NEED TO ANSWER
- CHECK HOW MANY MARKS ARE GIVEN TO THE QUESTIONS
- ALLOCATE THE TIME TO QUESTIONS DEPENDING ON THE MARK
- PLAN YOUR ANSWERS.

### 3. Mix it up

Try mixing up your learning by using a variety of methods

- Flashcards
- Mind maps
- Past Papers
- Quiz a friend
- Run through quick fire questions

Don't just sit and stare at your book! Rewrite your notes into manageable chunks and highlight key words.

Make sure you can read your notes.

### 4. Learn from the Past

You can find past papers and marking schemes on the exam board websites. These are really useful to see how the papers work. You can get an idea of the types of questions set and how many marks they are worth. The marking schemes give you a great insight into how the examiners mark the questions and what they are looking for in the answers.

The past papers are also helpful if you practise them under exam conditions so you can see how much time you can allow yourself for questions.



### 5. Refresh, Refuel and recharge

The three R's which are so important to your revision

### <u>Refresh</u>

Take regular breaks to make sure you are clearing your head and to keep you focused. Make a drink or chat with family.

### <u>Refuel</u>

It's harder to study when your brain runs out of fuel. Eat regular meals and make sure you have a full meal in the evenings.

Have healthy snacks available while you study.

### **Recharge**

### SLEEP IS ESSENTIAL TO LEARNING AND STORING INFORMATION

Scientists think that sleep is when our brains filter and organise information and a good night's sleep is associated with superior memory retention.

### **SO DON'T'T SKIMP ON SLEEP**

## **Helpful Tips from Ex Students**

"Read the examiners reports and then read them again"

"Do past papers, then trawl through the mark scheme and ensure you understand everything there"

"Start well in advance"

"Track your revision make a timetable and stick to it"

"Revise continually at the end of each day— make flash cards of everything you've done in the lessons that day."

"Repetition is the key—spend an evening learning a section then go over it briefly the next day and then again a few days later"

"Work through the syllabus and tick off every single thing"

"Take a break 10 /15 mins per hour to clear your head and start again fresh"  $\!\!\!$ 

"Make sure you're actually revising—if you find you've stopped concentrating take a break, make a drink and then start again"

"Find a quiet place to study, don't revise with music"