

Revision: What Learners Do



Organise Your Time and Space Properly

- ▶ Plan short, regular sessions - better to do small amounts every night rather than all in one
- ▶ Schedule breaks
- ▶ Work at a table - not lying down on bed or on a sofa
- ▶ Plan to revise several different topics in short chunks of **20 minutes each**



Work is Work and Rest is Rest

- ▶ Set a timer for how long you intend to work - **20 minutes** as standard, but you could do longer for more complex tasks or for practice exam questions.
- ▶ Turn the volume up on your phone and place it in the next room
- ▶ **DO NOT** look at your phone until the timer is up
- ▶ **DO NOT** stop your task until the timer is up
- ▶ When the timer goes, stand up to go get your phone and do something else for five minutes **IN ANOTHER ROOM**
- ▶ Return and set a new timer for the next twenty minutes.



Choose an Appropriate Revision Task

- ▶ For learning key facts: **Quizzing** (perhaps by using an online resource like GCSE Pod, or with a friend); **Flashcards** (where you write questions on one side and answers on the other)
- ▶ For practicing exam skills: **Practice exam questions**
- ▶ For understanding a whole topic: **Mind maps**
- ▶ For relearning something you don't understand: **Cornell note taking** while watching a video/reading a resource

Revision Tasks



Quizzing

Quizzing where you test your knowledge of **key facts** by perhaps by using an online resource like GCSE Pod, or taking turns with a friend to answer topical questions.



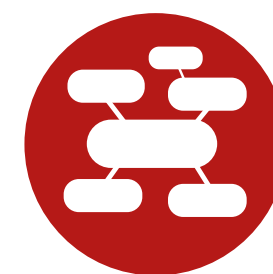
Flash Cards

Flash where you test your knowledge of **key facts** by looking at a a card or piece of paper with questions written on one side before checking your answer on the reverse.



Practice Exam Questions

Practicing Exam Questions by using old or mock exam papers or an online resource to practice your **exam skills** including how to understand and break down what exam questions are asking you to do as well as how to answer them efficiently.



Mind Map

Mind Mapping, where you write down the central theme of the topic you are studying and think of new and related ideas which radiate out from the centre. This can help you break down complex ideas and allow you to **understand the whole topic**.



Cornell Note Taking

Cornell Note Taking is a method you can use to help you **relearn or reconfigure something you don't understand** whilst reading a resource or watching videos on the topic you are finding difficult.