

Top Revision Tips

- **HABIT** - Get into the habit of working in a regular routine.
- **PLAN** - Plan your weekly revision, homework and leisure time on the timetables provided. Make sure you can realistically keep to the schedule that you have planned.
- **PLACE** - Make sure that you work in the best possible environment:
 - The room should be well lit to reduce eye strain
 - Quiet with few distractions – no TV or Phones. Sit on a chair at a table or desk rather than lounging on your bed or so close to a window that you might get distracted.
 - Identify a set time and place for studying – most people study best in the mornings and evenings, but you need to work out the best time for yourself.
- **ORGANISATION**
 - Be fully prepared. Books, paper, pens, drinks etc. should all be organised before you start.
 - Break each subject down into manageable chunks so that you can read over a topic once or twice in about 20 to 30 minutes. If you come across topics that you really don't understand, make a note of them and ask the subject teacher for help.
- **VARIETY** - Get some variety into your revision. Vary your use of revision materials: notes, revision cards, books, websites, podcasts and videos. Keep a record of what you have done in this booklet to make sure you cover all topics and don't avoid the more difficult ones.
 - Begin your revision by re-reading your notes from the previous session. This will improve your recall. At the end of the week revise the whole week's work. Revision should involve checking your notes and writing down the main points may help you learn them more than you would by just reading them.
 - As the exam draws nearer have 'key words' which trigger your memory.
 - Saying things out loud can help you to learn and can improve your use of appropriate vocabulary. It is important to test yourself after each piece of work. Identify some questions you might think will be on the paper and write an outline answer for each one.
- **RELAX** - Try to stop revising at least an hour before you go to bed. Relax to help you sleep. Working late will make you feel tired the next day. Only watch TV programmes that you enjoy rather than to fill in time. Get up early to make good use of your time.
- **HONESTY** - Always be honest with yourself. Teachers can help you but they cannot do the work for you. Ask for help when you need it.
- **PERSEVERE** - Don't give up: it really is not a long time and it will be worth it! Good luck!