



Year 11 Exam Focus: Revision Tips

If you're determined to get the **best grades possible** when you open your results this August, you may be searching for better ways to revise for your exams to make sure you get there.

Nothing beats hard-work, especially when it comes to studying, but there are ways you can guide your brain to remember information easier, which supports your ability to learn.

1. Create a revision timetable:

Building a revision timetable can add structure to your revision techniques and help you identify which of your subjects you need to prioritise to get better marks.

Creating a **revision timetable** is a great way to organise your study time, plus it also helps boost your motivation to revise for your exams. Recognising a need for a revision timetable means that you have already made a great start to combat exam stress.

2. Practice makes perfect:

One of the biggest recommendations that past Year 11 students suggest is to practice questions by **doing as many past papers** as you can.

Practising past papers will help you get familiar with the:

- **Exam format**
- **Question style**
- **Time pressure**
- **Ability to retrieve information quicker**



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3. Collaborate with others:

If you find your coursework too much to tackle alone, then why not **enlist the help and support of other students?**

Create or join online study groups and connect with thousands of other students in any of the subjects you are studying. This will allow you to fully prepare for your exams as well as enrich your learning by exploring the thoughts and ideas of others.

4. Take regular study breaks:

Do you often feel **stressed, tired and like no new information is entering your head?**

There is no point forcing yourself to study for hours upon end as this will not result in a positive outcome. Taking **regular study breaks and exercising** is proven to engage your brain in studying and **improve your exam performance** in the long-run.

Exercise is a powerful enabler which boosts your brain's ability to be productive so don't underestimate how important it is to take the stairs rather than the lift or take the dog for a walk around the block!



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5. Mind maps:

If you find it difficult to remember tons of new revision notes, **Mind Maps** may be the key to **improving your memory**.

The theory behind mind mapping explains that making associations by connecting ideas helps you to **memorise information easier and quicker**. There are many more benefits to using Mind Maps for learning including being able to map out your curriculum, develop GCSE concepts in-depth and create sample exam answers.

6. Mix things up – variety is the spice of life:

Mix up your study habits and methods by listening to **podcasts, watching videos or documentaries, moving to a different area to revise** or even something as simple as using different colours for your study notes.

This is different to the other GCSE revision tips mentioned above as it encourages you to try a few different things and see what fits for you. Your brain will recall where you were or how you revised for a topic which will help you **remember more information**. Give it a go!