



PLAN YOUR TIME

How long can you learn effectively without a break (learning chunk)?

How many subjects do you need to revise for?

What other commitments do you have which prevent you from revising?

When do you want to start?



REVISION TIMETABLE

Circle the exam dates on your planner. Allocate particular subjects/exams to each learning chunk. Check that you have covered each exam/subject adequately, make sure that you revise in a sensible order – no point preparing for the last exam first! Check your revision plan as you go along.



REVISION CARDS

Revision cards are among the most popular revision resources. The idea is that you summarise some information on a single blank card. You can make them online at www.getrevising.co.uk.

How can they be used?

- 1) Write questions on one side and answers on the other, then test yourself or ask someone else to test you.
- 2) Write key names or terms on one side and a summary of what they mean on the other side.
- 3) Write the advantages of something on one side and the disadvantages on the other side.
- 4) Write about something in reasonable detail on one side and use the other side to summarise key points as a short list (no more than five points).



MIND MAPS

Mind maps are a way of organising ideas about a topic. A mind map usually starts with a central idea with a series of branches, each relating to one section of the main idea. These lead to other branches and so it goes on. A mind map allows you to see the whole topic on one sheet of paper. Making the mind map helps you learn both the detail and the big picture of a topic.

How can they be used?

- 1) Stick them up somewhere in your house where you sit and dream, maybe your bedroom walls or ceiling.
- 2) Illustrate some of the points on your mind map with some silly pictures. They will help you remember the point.
- 3) Spend some time learning the mind map, turn the paper the other way up and see if you can remember it well enough to copy.
- 4) Use mind maps to plan essays. Put the title in the centre, then have one branch for each key point and use further branches to develop those points.



POSTIT NOTES

Find key phrases that you need to remember and write them down on sticky notes. You can then place the notes in different areas to help you remember throughout the day.



WEBSITES

<http://www.getrevising.co.uk>

This website allows you to create revision cards, wordsearches, quizzes and gives access to thousands of resources that have worked for other students. You can create and join study groups and even create revision timetables.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision>

The bbc provides great materials and activities for revision at all levels.

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk>

Lots of 'chunked' information for all major subjects at GCSE and A level. You can test yourself too



PAST PAPERS

Top tip...

Exam board websites are the places to go for information about the

types of exams, specification (syllabuses), past exam papers, mark schemes and examiners reports.

Here are some:

AQA <http://www.aqa.org.uk>

Edexcel <http://www.edexcel.com>

OCR <http://www.ocr.org.uk>

Keep calm, revise & good luck