

## WHERE TO BEGIN?

Always begin by self assessing what you know and what you do not. To do this you will need a list of everything you are expected to learn – use a revision guide contents page or ask your teacher for a list of what you need to know. Break this list down into; what you know and what you need to learn. Although you should revise everything this will help you to know which areas to spend the most time on.

Use this list to create a revision timetable. Remember to be realistic ensuring you leave time for breaks and relaxing.

## MIND MAPPING

### How do you do it most effectively?

- ✧ Begin revision by creating an overview of the entire topic on a large mind map using class notes and revision materials
- ✧ Then create more detailed mind maps or key facts/statistics sheets that go into more depth
- ✧ Use these resources to try and answer past exam questions, this will help you to know if you have gone into enough depth and included everything you need to know.

### How will it help?

- ✧ Mind mapping helps you to create links between topics
- ✧ Mind mapping helps you to synthesise everything you have learnt and is a great start to revision

## ONLINE RESOURCES

<https://getrevising.co.uk/>

This is a great website where you can create revision timetables, past papers, revision cards, quizzes, revision notes, flash cards, crosswords and mind maps. You can also see the resources other students have made and use them for your revision.

<http://revisionworld.com/>

This website is a great source for revision notes and videos, study forums, careers advice and exam tips.

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk/>

Some subjects may require a lot of question based practice, this is the case for Mathematics and the My Math website can help students do this

## USING YOUR MOBILE

### Recoding questions and answers

Recording yourself explain difficult topics or asking and answering questions is one easy way to revisit revision easily and in any location

### BBC Bitesize App

This free app has an array of revision notes for various GCSE topics and includes flash cards and quizzes ready-made for self testing.

### Flashcard & Quiz Apps

There are many free apps that help you to create your own flashcards and quizzes to help you test yourself on the go



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## FLASH CARDS

Once you have identified what you need to revise flashcards can help you summarise topics and test your understanding.

### How do you use them effectively?

- ✧ Firstly identify what you need to memorise within a topic and cut A4 card or paper into 4 smaller pieces to create the flashcards
- ✧ Create a set of questions overviewing the entire topic. Write each question on one card and bullet point detailed answers on the back
- ✧ Use the cards to test your knowledge or for someone else to test you. You can do this anywhere: on the bus, during break time, whilst having breakfast etc.
- ✧ Remember to make your Flashcards in advance and keep them for future revision

### Top Tips

- ✧ You can create flashcards on websites and mobile phones (turn over for more information)
- ✧ When the exam is getting closer reduce the number of flashcards you look at most frequently to those you find most difficult to memorise

## TEACH IT

According to educational research the most effective way to learn something is by teaching it. When you have created revision resources you should have a better understanding of the topic now is the time to teach someone else.

### What to do...

- ✧ Find someone who will spend some time helping you to revise – parents & carers are great for this because they won't know the GCSE content so you can really see if your teaching is clear and effective by seeing if they have fully understood you
- ✧ Identify what you want them to know and explain it, using visual aids such as your mind maps if you wish
- ✧ Ask them to summarise what they have learnt back and ask any questions to check your knowledge is secure

## QUIZ ME

Being tested is a great way to assess your understanding

- ✧ You can test yourself by creating your own multiple choice or true/false knowledge tests using revision materials
- ✧ Or buddy up and create quizzes to test each other. Websites such as [www.QZZR.com/](http://www.QZZR.com/) are great at helping you create and share quizzes

## PAST PAPERS & EXAM PRACTICE

When it comes to GCSE assessments you will never know if your revision is going to create good results unless you practice exam questions.

Past paper exam questions and mark schemes can be found for every GCSE subject on the VLE in the menu on the left of the homepage

<http://vle.bcweb.org.uk/mod/page/view.php?id=46068>

### How to use past exam questions effectively...

- ✧ Begin by using your revision notes to answer exam questions in an unlimited amount of time
- ✧ When your understanding is good practice exam questions with reduced number of notes and in timed conditions.
- ✧ Finally try to answer a set of exam questions in timed exam conditions without notes

**Remember to always check your answers against the mark scheme or with a teacher.**