

Top Revision Tips



Active or passive revision?

How do you revise? This is a good question to ask yourself because the chances are you do the same things every time. This is fine, if it works, but there is more than one way to revise! You could do any of the following to change your revision style slightly:

- Write revision notes.
- Read notes out aloud to yourself, or others.
- Record key points onto your iPod, MP3 player, phone.
- Discuss topics with a friend.
- Test yourself.
- Past exam questions.
- Use revision websites.

Just reading through your notes will not do the job, this is a very passive method of revision!

Revise with the exam in mind

Use the appropriate past paper questions to test your understanding once you have revised. Your teacher will have lots of these.

Practice in exam conditions (time and setting etc.), this will allow you to experience how much time you actually have and how quickly you will need to work.

Try the more difficult exam questions to push yourself and test your knowledge. It is no good simply having a go at the answers that you know you can answer! This is the easy way out.

Revision guides

These books are superb and are written (so long as you get the correct revision guide) with the exam board syllabus and exam in mind. As well as containing key information on concepts, they also offer exam tips. BBC bitesize is also great for revision.

Revision Notes

Using revision notes or cards is a great way of remembering key information that you will need for the exam.

- Read through notes on the topic and write them down in your own words (so long as they are correct of course).
- Ask yourself the question throughout the revision process "do I really understand this?" If not, go back and revise the topic again, then come back to it the next day.
- Use highlighter pens to highlight key information and things to remember.
- Make your notes interesting by using colours and boxes, maybe even mind maps where appropriate.

How can I improve my memory?

Memorising means learning something, then testing yourself again and again. The four steps below (adapted from the Revision Cracked guide by Tim Foot 2010) should help you.

1. Try to understand what you are reading first, then once you have a basic understanding...
2. Use memory hooks" to allow you to remember key concepts. These can be as wacky as you like, such as creating a song with the lyrics being a key concept or term. It sounds daft but it works.
3. Get others to test you, and constantly ask yourself questions that allow you to repeat back the information learnt.
4. Don't overload yourself with information, take it one step at a time.

Vital tips for success

- Organise your time and revision – use the timetable overleaf to help you. Ideally you should be aiming to complete hours not minutes every evening especially in the run up to an exam.
- Make a topic or subject tick list, this way you can see what you need to cover revision wise before the exam.
- Improve your concentration – if you find it difficult to concentrate, start with short sessions then build up to longer ones by setting yourself time targets.
- Use the school resources (teachers, revision sessions, coursework clinics, website) to help you. You will not find a school better than Crewe UTC in terms of support provision. Take responsibility and use all of the above to your advantage.

Exams are stressful, but the end result is worth the hard work!



REVISION TIMETABLE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
7.4.25	8.4.25	9.4.25	10.4.25	11.4.25	12.4.25	13.4.25
14.4.25	15.4.25	16.4.25	16.4.25	17.4.25	18.4.25	19.4.25
21.4.25	22.4.25	23.4.25	24.4.25	25.4.25 Polish paper 2(am)	26.4.25	27.4.25
28.4.25 Photography exam	29.4.25 Photography exam	30.4.25	1.5.25	2.5.25	3.5.25	4.4.25
5.5.25	6.5.25 Art exam	7.5.25 Art exam	8.5.25	9.5.25 English lit revision P1 and P2	10.5.25	11.5.25
12.5.25 English lit P1 (am) Biology revision P3 and P4	13.5.25 Biology P1 (pm)	14.5.25 Maths revision P2	15.5.25 Maths P1(F) (am) Maths P4 (H) (am)	16.5.25 Chemistry revision P1 and P2 IT revision P3 and P4	17.5.25	18.5.25
19.5.25 Chemistry P1 (am) IT exam (pm) English Lit revision P3 and P4	20.5.25 English Lit P2 (am)	21.5.25 Physics revision p3 and p4	22.5.25 Physics P1 (am) English lang revision p3 and p4	23.5.25 English lang P1(am) Statistics revision P4	24.5.25	25.5.25



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26.5.25	27.5.25	28.5.25	29.5.25	30.5.25	31.5.25	1.6.26
2.6.25 Statistics P1(am) Maths revision p3	3.6.25 Maths revision P2 (B band only) EM revision p3 and P4 Engineering Manufacture exam (pm) Polish P1 (pm) Polish P3 (pm)	4.6.25 Maths P2 (F) (am) Maths P5 (H) (am) English lang revision P3 and P4	5.6.25	6.6.25 English Lang P2 (am) Biology revision P3 and P4	7.6.25	8.6.25
9.6.25 Biology P2 (am) Maths revision P3	10.6.25	11.6.25 Maths P3 (F) (am) Maths P6 (H) (am) Systems revision P3 and P4	12.6.25 Chemistry revision P1 and P2 Statistics revision p3 Systems exam (pm)	13.6.25 Chemistry P2 (am) Physics revision P3 and P4 Statistics P2 (pm) Polish P4 (pm)	14.6.25	15.6.25
16.6.25 Physics P2 (am) DT revision P3 and P4	17.6.25	18.6.25 DT exam (am)	19.6.25	20.6.25	21.6.25	22.6.26