

Top Ten Revision Tips

1. **Short bursts of revision** (30-40 minutes) are most effective. Your concentration lapses after about an hour and you need to take a short break (5-10 minutes).
2. Find a **quiet place to revise** - your bedroom, school, the library - and refuse to be interrupted or distracted.
3. Make sure you don't just revise the subjects and topics you like. **Work on your weaker ones** as well.
4. **Make your own revision notes** because you will remember what you have written down more easily. Stick key notes to cupboards or doors so you see them every day.
5. **Use the tools in your arsenal**- You have access to a wide array of resources which are incredibly useful and are powerful revision support. Use the School revision zone, GCSEPod and all the revision guides given to you.
6. **Use different techniques.** Make your own learning maps, use post-it notes to write key words on, create flash cards. Record your notes on tape and listen to them back on your Walkman. Ask friends and family to test you. Use highlighter pens to mark important points. Chant or make up a rap song.
7. **Practise past exam papers** or revision tests. These will be online and either on the School revision zone or via GCSEPod. Initially do one section at a time and progress to doing an entire paper against the clock.
8. **You will need help** at some stage, ask parents, older brothers and sisters, teachers or friends. If there is a teacher with whom you get on well at school ask for their e-mail address so you can clarify points you are unsure of whilst on study leave. Use websites specifically designed for revision.
9. **Don't get stressed out!** Eat properly and get lots of sleep!
10. **Believe in yourself and be positive.** If you think you can succeed you will; if you convince yourself that you will fail, that's what will probably happen

