

# English Literature

## Top Five Revision Tips

Make quotation flashcards and test yourself on the methods they include.

Visit the English Student Hub Exam Help page (in the GCSE menu) for help and advice for all the texts.

Re-read, watch or listen to the texts again - this will cement your understanding.

Practise writing essay paragraphs on key characters and themes Make up your own questions following the formula 'How does the writer present \_\_\_\_\_ in the text?'

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# English Language

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Learn the structures you are taught to answer questions in Section A on both papers - use the placemats you are given in class.

Learn which skills each question is testing, how long to spend on them and how many marks they are worth. Know the difference between Paper 1 and Paper 2.

Select 4-5 sentence types that you will always use in section B and practise using them.

Read good quality newspaper articles and fiction regularly - ask yourself how the writer has used language and structural techniques to create effects.

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# Maths

## Top Five Revision Tips

Start revising now!!

The best way to revise maths is to do it - exam questions, text book questions etc.

Put 100% effort into your homework papers and use it to identify areas that you need to revise.

Use corbettmaths 5-a-days for a quick 5-10 minute revision.

If you're unsure, ask your teacher for some topics that you should revise.

# Biology

## Top Five Revision Tips

**Use diagrams, pictures and charts to summarise concepts** (remember, a picture paints a thousand words! - and is more *sticky* in the long-term memory!)

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**Use the exam board's website for premium resources!** All exam boards put past exam papers and mark schemes for free access online. USE THEM!

**Use flashcards for keywords!** Biology has many keywords to learn. Flashcards are a simple and quick way to learn and be easily assessed by your peers / parents / siblings.

**Attend STRIVE or teacher interventions!** Your teachers are keen for you to do the very best you can in their subject. This is a precious resource that should be used.

# Chemistry

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**Retrieval is KEY!!** Paper 1 content is the most challenging in Chemistry. Make sure you revisit the content covered in Year 10 as this underpins most of the knowledge needed in Paper 2 as well!

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**Learn the equations and include the form in your answers!** Rearranging equations is a skill that gets you marks so don't forget to practice this.

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# Geography

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**Know your case studies and examples.** You will need to know the named examples, key factual information and be able to explain it.

**Learn the key terms.** You will need to use key terms in short and long questions. If you don't understand the meaning of key terms you might not understand the question.

**Use the syllabus sheets as a checklist.** This will help you become more familiar with the language that the exam board uses so that you can attempt all questions.

**Get on GCSEPod.** As well as completing your GCSEPod homework, you can choose pods to watch as part of your revision. Use the videos to make mind maps, flash cards or revision clocks.

**Get a revision guide** and other revision resources. You can buy a variety of AQA GCSE revision resources online such as knowledge organisers, exam practice books and pre-made flashcards.

# History

## Top Five Revision Tips

**Check you know your chronology** - making sure you know date sin the right order is key for understanding some of the big events.

**Practice writing exam answers in the structures we have worked on in class.** Use PEEL paragraphs and make sure you refer back to the question frequently.

**Get on GCSEPod and the History Hub.** You can choose pods to watch GCSEPod videos or those in the Hub as part of your revision. Use the videos to make mind maps, flash cards or revision clocks.

**American West: Always remember that everything is part of a story,** remember to link events together when writing about **narratives** and, when thinking about **importance**, write about what events they could cause to happen.

**Attend Strive** to help revise key question types and content - ask your teacher for details!

# Philosophy

## Top Five Revision Tips

**Know the core beliefs & teachings and keywords of each religion:** Can you talk about them in detail for 30-45 secs without stopping? If you can talk about them you can write about them!

**Practice Exam answers using quotes and keywords: with friends:** How well do you do PEE paragraphs? Can you do this with friends? Give each other feedback? Helps to develop & consolidate writing styles. Students who work with others often encourage & improve each other.

**Paper 1: Do you know the core beliefs, aims and purpose of being a Christian or Buddhist?** How do the followers live out their beliefs? Can you link them to real life situations?

**Paper 2: Always think 'What would Christians & Buddhists think about these issues?'** This is where you show off to the exam markers what you know from two years worth of study that you can come up with arguments from different perspectives (for & against) within the same religion.

**Get and use the revision guide suggested:** It is a really useful revision source for all aspects of the course. It has practice questions, examples of good answers & tips, it simplifies the textbook.

# Psychology

## Top Five Revision Tips

**Knowledge gaps:** Ensure that all of your notes are complete and close any gaps! Attend STRIVE sessions to get help with anything that you don't understand.

**Practise questions.** Work through the GCSE workbook; complete past paper questions and redo previous assessments without your notes and exam timings (1 minute per mark plus 2 extra). Score yourself using the mark scheme or answer booklet..

Prepare and practise **9 & 13 mark essay** responses for each of the possible questions as it can be very difficult to generate them on the fly. Be sure to add this as part of your revision checklist!

**Make flashcards,** write questions on the front and answers on the back. List the key terms on the answer side. Do not peep too soon when testing yourself! Have a good think first!

**Attend Strive!** This will give you a huge boost and support you to do your best!

# French

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**Learn vocabulary little and often** - Use Quizlet or vocabulary lists in the revision guides - Particularly take time to regularly revisit vocabulary from Year 10 topics.

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# Media Studies

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Use the quizzes on the hub regularly to test your knowledge.

Learn the paragraph structure for each type of question.

Watch the set text TV episodes and the Lego movie again. Practise analysing short sections of the TV episodes.

Watch the revision videos on the hub.

Read the Observer online regularly.

# Computer Science

## Top Five Revision Tips

Attend **STRIVE** sessions on a Thursday every week. You can access teacher support and use resources/materials you might not have at home.

Create flashcards for for each keyword. Use your keyword list on Google Classroom.

Use the following website: [revisecs.computerscienceuk.com](https://revisecs.computerscienceuk.com) to practice the 6 a day programming challenges.

Use the Craig and Dave Theory videos to create notes and question key cards.

Complete past exam questions and learn how to apply the mark scheme.

# Creative iMedia

## Top Five Revision Tips

Plan ahead - create a revision timetable to organise your week.

Teach someone else to test yourself.

Find a revision technique that suits your style of learning and stick to it.

Ask for help and know that no question is a silly question.

Look after yourself, stay calm and be positive.

# Art

## Top Five Revision Tips

Attend **STRIVE** sessions on Tuesday and Thursday every week.  
You can access teacher support and use resources/materials you might not have at home.

Add extra Artist Responses to your portfolio for each artist.

Create new collage compositions as ideas for your final piece.

Draw for at least 20 minutes every day.

Regularly collect new images for your project to give you a larger range of resources to draw.

# Photography

## Top Five Revision Tips

Attend **STRIVE** sessions on Tuesday and Thursday every week in AR2.  
You can access teacher support and use resources/materials you might not have at home

Create more digital responses to artists or techniques or trials and add these to your earlier work.

Complete photoshoots at home for any artists/technique you have only covered at school and add these to your portfolio.

Spend 20 minute every day producing photographs that focus on a composition technique.

Create a pinterest account and add work of photographers that link to your project and inspire you.

# Drama

## Top Five Revision Tips

Keep re-reading the set text (DNA).

Create flashcards with key technical terminology for key areas:  
*Acting, Design, Sound, Lighting, Costume.*

Draw out designs (set and costume) for key moments in the Set Text.  
Label them with facts, then extend labels with reasons for designs.

Go and watch Live Theatre (or use the digital platform) to extend the range of productions you can refer to.

Draw out designs (set and costume) for key moments in the Live theatre plays you have selected to use in the examination for section B.

# Music

## Top Five Revision Tips

Keep listening to the 8 Set Works, whilst following the musical score, so you become increasingly familiar with the structure and overall sound of each one.

Continue to add listening question responses to your learning wheels and revision guides. This will help with subject-specific vocabulary.

Use the 'Test Yourself' questions and audio clips available to you on the BBC Bitesize EDEXCEL GCSE Music pages.

Attend STRIVE Sessions - Book Practice Room slots during/after school to complete essential Performance and Composition NEA.

Use the prompts your teacher has given you when answering the essay question component of your examination (12 marks) This will help you identify key points on the score.

# GCSE PE

## Top Five Revision Tips

Organise your revision notes into Sections A, B and C.

Practise your 3 practical activities every week.

Use Google Classroom and GCSE Pod as part of your revision.

Find out revision technique that works for you.

Practise 9 mark answers for physical training.

# Business Studies

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Put 100% effort into your **homework** and use it to identify areas that you need to revise

Don't worry! If you are struggling with a concept or topic speak to your **teacher**.

# Design & Technology

## Top Five Revision Tips

Create visual symbols and icons to help you remember key terms and concepts.

Start now! revise in bitesize chunks, Little and often is the key to success.

Explore all the resources available like GCSE pod, GCSE bitesize,  
[Technologystudent.com](http://Technologystudent.com)

As well as knowing all the materials make sure you can explain their properties and give examples of their specific uses.

Don't worry! If you are struggling with a concept or topic speak to your teacher.  
Don't forget strive is every Thursday lunch and after school.

# Food Preparation and Nutrition

## Top Five Revision Tips

**Little and often** - pick a topic and set a time you are going to work on it. Information overload means you will probably remember less!

**Try to be concise.** Pick keywords, highlight, use diagrams, mindmaps, charts etc to help your brain pick up the key facts and less .

**No time like the present!** The sooner you start the less the pressure you will have later. Any notes and work done now for your PPEs can be used again for your summer exams.

**Become a teacher** - Find a family member or friend who you can 'teach' a topic too. You find explaining to someone else helps you understand even more.

**Eat and sleep!** It's inevitable that I would link this to food! Eating and sleeping well will help with focus, memory, mental health and general well being.

# Construction

## Top Five Revision Tips

Read the question twice. Underline the key words and know explicitly what it is they want. Avoid going down a rabbit hole.

Look at the marks awarded. They are not looking for a massive paragraph of work if it is a one mark question. By the same way, they are not going to give you 6 marks if you answer with one word.

Be organised.

Look at your notes but use the books to gain any further knowledge you may need.

You generally need one or two examples for any given category. Make sure you know a few well rather than trying to learn too much.

# Travel & Tourism

## Top Five Revision Tips

**Longer questions - Evaluate means compare and decide which is better.**

Break a big question down. For example:

- o Reasons why a package holiday (one put together by a tour operator) would be better. X 3
- o Reasons why an independent holiday (one put together by the customer) would be better x 3
- o A conclusion saying which would be better overall giving reasons for your answer.

**Choose a regularly timeslot to revise Travel and Tourism. Use your Travel and Tourism revision booklet.**

**Learn the key terms used in Travel and Tourism.**

**Subscribe to Dr Hayley Stainton on YouTube and watch her Travel and Tourism short videos**

**Attend 'Strive' sessions and ask for help from Mr Powell if you need it.**

# Health and Social Care

## Top Five Revision Tips

Practise the examination questions by reading through you walk & talk through presentations and attempting all questions.

Plan ahead to revise for the examination.

Practice the key vocabulary words for Health and Social care by using your knowledge organiser .

Attend all lessons and focus on completing your individual work, use feedback by the teacher to improve

Attend tuesday after school and Wednesday Lunchtime for extra support with revision.