

Revision Tips

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This short list features 5 revision tips that will help you to be better prepared for your exams. Brought to you by Ultimate Maths.

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1 – Start revising early

Sounds pretty obvious but quite often students keep their revision until the last minute. This is not good as your brain will not have enough time and repeats to remember and process the information. For normal tests, you should start revising at least one week before. For important exams with a lot of topics, a time from 4 to 8 weeks is recommended. It is better to start early and only do a little bit each day than to revise for hours during the last days.

2 – Plan your revision

It is helpful to plan exactly what you need to revise and for how long. Decide how many weeks before the exam you have to start revising. Also plan how regularly you will revise and what topics you will go through during each session. It may also be helpful to prioritise topics you struggle with. Remember to use your plan and try to stick to it if possible (unless you find that it is not working out).

3 – Revise correctly

Don't just sit down and read your notes. There are many parts to revision. You should summarise your notes and process them in a way suitable for you. For example, you can use colour coding, highlighting, creating mind maps or graphically representing them in order to revise. Watching related educational videos and getting a friend to ask you questions about the topics can also be helpful.

4 – Try exam style questions

Attempting exam style questions related to the topics you need to revise is very important. Not only does it test your understanding but it also helps you to prepare for the types of questions you will encounter in the exam. You should do these throughout your revision.

5 – Don't revise too much

Try to only revise for short periods of time as you will start to lose concentration after a while. Take breaks regularly to relax. Also, you should try not to revise late during the night before the exam as you need rest.

Find your own Strategy

Everyone has their own ideal way of organising their revision and preparing for an exam. Throughout your time at school, you should have enough opportunities to test how different revision strategies work for you so that you know exactly how to prepare when the important exams arrive.