



Year 7 Exams

How to be Successful



Week Commencing 21 May

- You will be sitting exams in the following subjects:

Maths, English, Science, Geography, History,
Languages

- They will take place in your classrooms and your teacher will give you notice of exactly when during this week, your exam will be taking place.

Practice Exams – They're important!

- ⦿ Timed practice
- ⦿ Test your exam technique
- ⦿ Develop revision skills
- ⦿ Assessment of your current standard
- ⦿ Indicate what you need to do to move on
- ⦿ You can try out revision techniques
- ⦿ Practice exams are a form of revision in themselves!!

Success?

It depends on you!

Revision.



Just do it.



REVISE!

How well do you perform in exams?

- Think back to exams or tests you've taken in the past. Did you come out thinking *if only I had..?*
- I bet you could think of three *if only* statements. For example: *If only I had read the question more carefully.*

1. *If only*.....

2. *If only*.....

3. *If only*.....

Why revise?

Solving problems still requires memory skills.

Memory skills need developing!

We think we remember more than we actually do.

Repetition is the key to remembering.

You need triggers to stimulate your memory.





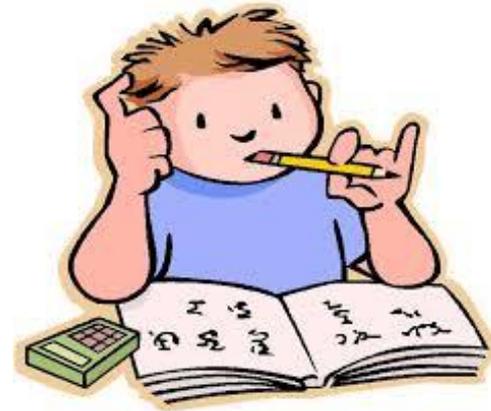
Thinking About Revision

- Preparing for exams is not easy. It takes planning and strength of character.
- The ability to defer gratification is vital. That means to sacrifice immediate pleasure for long term gain.

*Shall I meet my
friends or study
for the exam on
Monday?*

*I'd like to go out
shopping...but I have
an exam in one
week...*

Methods of Revision



Different students find different methods of revision work for them. That's because people learn in different ways. Here are some students talking about methods that have worked for them.

1. "I like to be on my own in a quiet place. Then I write a summary of my notes on to small cards."
2. "I like to meet up with friends and revise together. That way, we can discuss the topics which worry us the most."
3. "I highlight key points and get my family to test me."
4. "I like to speak notes into a Dictaphone and listen to them."

Can you think of three other methods of revision that might work for you?

Revise!

Did you think of these?

Revise!

- Use key words, bullet points or spider diagrams.
- Redraw diagrams and check how well they match the original.
- Use flow charts to sequence facts or events. Use linking words between boxes to illustrate the nature of the sequence.
- Draw mind maps using key words from topics.
- Use colours to highlight key sections of your notes.

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Make Revision Fun

1. **Drawing** funny pictures, cartoons or creating posters can help you remember a certain chain of events or sequences.
2. How many text messages do you send in a week? Make a plan with your friends to **add a fact to the end of every text** that you send to build up your knowledge.
3. Making a popular **game** into a revision aid is really useful. Trivial Pursuit and Blockbusters works brilliantly.
4. Why not take a catchy **song** and change the words to fit in with a revision topic?



Our Most Successful Students...

- Created **Flashcards** for the material that they found the most difficult. They did not create Flashcards for everything.
- Made **posters**, particularly for English, which covered characters, themes and key words.
- Used **Post-it notes** and stuck them around their houses, so they could visualise in which room a certain Post-it was positioned.
- Had a **song playing whilst revising**, and when they listened to the song again, they could remember the material.

So...

- **Make sure you revise.**
- **Everyone needs to revise.**
- **You can find ways to revise.**
- **Doing some revision is better than none.**
- **Revision gets easier the more you do.**
- **Revise today!**