

Top three strategies for revising in my subject area



ENGLISH



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Complete past papers and questions, timed where possible, which are available from class teachers.
2. Create detailed mind-maps for different themes and characters for each of the Literature texts, also ensuring key quotations are included.
3. Re-read the literature texts in an active way - make notes of key quotations, themes and ideas and link to context and the writers' ideas.

MATHEMATICS



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Complete as many past papers and past paper questions as possible (sometimes with notes, sometimes in timed conditions) - these are available from class teachers and on the VLE (in the Key Stage 4 student area in the GCSE revision section)
2. Mark the past papers using mark schemes or by asking your class teacher in order to identify strengths and weaknesses.
3. Continue to practice in the areas of strength, but also address the areas of weakness using Corbett Maths or Youtube videos of questions, similar to the ones you might have got wrong. (these will show teachers answering exam questions with an explanation of their working) Return to step 1 with a focus on improving on areas of previous weakness.

SCIENCE



Top Three Subject Strategies

Biology, Chemistry and Physics Tips (Including Combined Science)

1. Complete all the required practical revision sheets and learn this material.
2. Work through the exam questions that have been shared on google drive, marking them with the appropriate mark scheme. Seek your teachers help when stuck.

Physics Only Tips

1. Learn all physics equations using the equation revision cards (Equations are no longer supplied in Physics exams)."

COMPUTING



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Ensure your A3 revision sheets are completed and detailed - place them somewhere where you can see them regularly
2. Work through all the resources on our Google Classroom - these are divided by section for the exam. There are videos, exam questions, quizzes, etc.
3. Identify areas where you are not as comfortable and do something about it. Ask for help, look in your CGP book, make revision cards..

PE



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Complete as many past papers and past paper questions as possible - these are available on the AQA website: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-8582>
2. Mark the past papers using mark schemes or by asking your class teacher in order to identify strengths and weaknesses of exam technique.
3. Complete self-paced revision using 'mypeexam'. Listen to tutorials on each topic, note down key points to remember, and complete the quizzes.

MUSIC



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Work through the listening practice questions on google classroom. Use the answer pages to check your progress. Take note of areas you need to work on.
2. Use the CGP revision guide to answer the google forms and quizzes in google classroom.
3. Use flash cards and memory games to secure key vocabulary

Economics



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Complete as many past papers and past paper questions as possible. Students have copies of both Unit 11 and Unit 12 papers that they can work through
2. Mark the past papers using mark schemes available online.
3. Students could also ensure that they have prepared revision cards using the revision booklets from Mr Tarn which are on the Google Classroom

RE



Top Three Subject Strategies

Revise a topic and create a list of top 5 bullet points to summarise the topic.

Topic: Homosexuality.

1. Different denominations disagree with people who are gay, Roman Catholic Vs Church of England.
2. Quote: 'You should not lay with a man as you would a women'.
3. The Pope has said that it is an abomination to mankind.
4. Most Churches would not allow gay couples to marry in a Church.
5. God said 'Go forth and multiply', so being gay is breaking this rule.

Top 5s are really good snap shots of a topic.

GRAPHICS



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Ensure you use the revision guide
2. Revision topics and PowerPoint on Design and Technology VLE page
3. Past papers and mark schemes are on the VLE

CHILD DEVELOPMENT



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Revisit your Year 10 work and in each topic area select the key words and mindmap/ produce a spider diagram of related words/terms. Alternatively Flash cards can be produced.
2. Practise AQA past examination papers. Set specific timed conditions to answer the various sections - especially the later longer essay style questions.
3. Use the AQA Mark Schemes for past papers and consider the answers you failed to remember. At a later time redo the paper and check if your answers have improved.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY



Top Three Subject Strategies

Start to revise the topics studied in Y10 - a good starting point is Nutrition, the Eat Well Guide and nutritional requirements of different dietary needs in relation to age, gender, health, religion / culture, ethical / moral beliefs and medical conditions.

For every topic:

1. Revise key words and their meanings.(Flash cards would be a good method for this)
2. Use your class notes and CGP AQA revision guide to revise each topic and practice the questions in the CGP workbook. Mark using the answers in the back of the book.

Use the digital book on the VLE to:

1. Identify what you need to know about each topic by clicking on the L.
2. Complete end of unit quizzes by clicking on the Q.
3. Watch animations to embed knowledge and understanding of key processes by clicking on the A.

Have a go at exam style questions at the end of each topic.

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FRENCH



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Ask someone to test you on your speaking questions (flipping cards)
2. Complete questions from past Listening and Reading papers (old spec) from the VLE or complete some listening / reading tasks from your revision guides. For the listening tasks, you can sometimes start by listening to the track whilst looking at the transcript to get used to the flow and content of the language used and then complete the task.
3. Go on Memrise/quizlet daily to learn/revise vocabulary. Remember to re-visit the vocabulary already learnt

GERMAN



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Practice general conversation questions - record yourself, ask a friend or family member to listen to you
2. Do as much reading and listening as possible: Revision guides, online texts, GCSE bitesize
3. Practice writing between 90-150 words on any topic (e.g. holidays, writing, school) and try to include different tenses in the answer.

HISTORY



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Colour code (red, amber, green) the specification at the front of your exercise book for each of the 4 topic areas so you focus on areas that need the most attention (red), working up through the others.
2. Refer to the sample exam questions on our Google Classroom (Year 11 revision) and the sample exam papers in your exercise books. Attempt each question using the revision notes you have already made. Do you have all the information you need?
3. Access the Pixl site and use the Pixl app to test yourself regularly and in small chunks.

GEOGRAPHY



Top Three Subject Strategies

1. Annotate progress plans fully. Where are your strengths? Which areas do you not remember/ have limited notes on? Check your book/use the internet/ see your teacher for additional help. Make sure you feel confident about everything on your progress plan.
2. Focus on your keywords. Create resources to help you learn their definitions. Focus on your case studies. Learn at least three specific pieces of place detail for each case study.
3. Practise exam questions using the sample papers on the AQA website and the resources on the Y11 Revision Google classroom. Mark these answers and pass these onto your subject teacher to help you develop your exam technique.

GENERIC ADVICE



This is a really useful list of effective revision strategies from Alex Quigley. The most common form of revision that students do (highlighting & reading) has been shown to be highly ineffective!

Obviously different subjects require different strategies but this might be a good starting point.

<https://www.theconfidentteacher.com/2018/01/top-10-revision-strategies/>

and for some further help...

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/school-college-and-work/school-college/homework-revision/>