

Effective Revision Timetables



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Effective Revision Timetable

N.B. This session is about **WHEN** to revise and planning your time effectively for this

(It is NOT a session about **HOW** to revise)

Effective Revision = Effective Revision Timetable

- It plans for **WHAT** is going to be revised
- It plans for **WHEN** you are going to revise it
- It allows you to **FIT** revision **IN** with your other priorities

But most of all...

- It gives you the **REASSURANCE** that you will have covered **ALL THE MATERIAL** in **sensible chunks** over a **sensible period of time** 😊

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail”

(Benjamin Franklin)

“You can't plow a field simply by turning it over
in your mind.”

(Gordan B. Hinckley)

You must consider the following:

- 1. How many subjects/topics** do I need to revise for?
- 2. How long** do I need to spend **on each topic** to be ready for the exam?
- 3. When** can I effectively revise?
 - a) Morning? Evening? Weekends?
 - b) 3 x 45 minutes with 15 minutes break?

What makes an effective revision timetable?

STUDY TIMETABLE

▨ SCHOOL
▨ FREE TIME

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
9-4	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL	SCHOOL		
4-5	CHEM	BAND	BAND	ENGLISH	BAND		
5-7							
7-7:30	BIOLOGY	TRUMPET	ENGLISH		MATHS	HISTORY	
7:45-8:30	GEO	CHEM	MUSIC		ENGLISH	MUSIC	
8:30-9	HISTORY	MATHS	BIOLOGY		BIOLOGY	MATHS	
9-9:30							

OR

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May

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Wednesday 18th	Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (2)	Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (2)	English Language & Literature GCSE (2)		Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (3)	Revision for Mathematics GCSE (1)
Thursday 19th		Revision for Mathematics GCSE (2)	Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (3)		Revision for Mathematics GCSE (1)	Revision for Geography GCSE (1)
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Sunday 22nd		Revision for Mathematics GCSE (2)	Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (3)		Revision for Mathematics GCSE (1)	Revision for Geography GCSE (1)

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On Paper

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There is no ONE WAY to do it...do what works for YOU...but the principles are the same

Whichever method you choose...make sure you can SEE your PROGRESS

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When should I start?

Imagine you decide to start revising for your GCSE exams at February Half Term. You would have the following:

- a. 10 Typical School revision weeks
- b. 3 Typical Holiday revision weeks
- c. 4 week (approximate) exam period where you will be in school for at least some of it (“Launchpad” weeks)

Decision: When do you think you should start your plan?

HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A REVISION TIMETABLE

Step 1: Create a blank timetable

	AM	PM	EVENING
1st April			
2nd April			
3rd April			
4th April			
5th April			
6th April			
7th April			
8th April			
9th April			
10th April			
11th April			
12th April			
13th April			
14th April			
15th April			
16th April			
17th April			
18th April			
19th April			
20th April			
21st April			
22nd April			

N.B. As you get into the exam period, this style might be better...

REVISION TIMETABLE

Week Commencing:

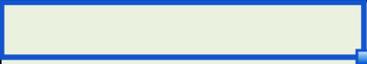
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
9:00am							
10:00am							
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10:00pm							

Step 2: Add school holidays

1. Easter Holidays: Friday 20th March to Sunday 15th April
2. May half term: Saturday 26th May to Sunday 3rd June

(Arrow? Shade in 'holiday' colour? Surround with box? See next slide

	AM	PM	EVENING
1st April	Easter holidays		
2nd April			
3rd April			
4th April			
5th April			
6th April			
7th April			
8th April			
9th April			
10th April			
11th April			
12th April			
13th April			
14th April			
15th April			
16th April	Return to school		
17th April			
18th April			
19th April			
20th April			
21st April			
22nd April			



Step 3: Add other commitments (i.e. activity; work)

	AM	PM	EVENING
1st May			Football Training
2nd May			
3rd May			
4th May			
5th May	Work	Work	
6th May			
7th May			Football Training
8th May			
9th May			
10th May			
11th May			
12th May	Work	Work	
13th May			
14th May			Football Training
15th May			
16th May			
17th May			
18th May			
19th May			
20th May			
21st May			Football Training

Add in the exams

N.B. For this exercise, we have only used your ENGLISH, MATHS and RS exams. Once you have your exam timetable, you will have more!

N.B. If you particularly want to know when final exams are *before* you get your timetable...ask your tutor and we can sort this out.

We are going to add the following:

Date	Time	Exam Paper	Length of exam
24 th May	am	Maths (non-calculator)	1h 30m
7 th June	am	Maths (calculator)	1h 30m
12 th June	am	Maths (calculator)	1h 30m
5 th June	am	English Language 1	1h 45m
8 th June	am	English Language 2	1h 45m
22 nd May	am	English Literature 1	1h 45m
25 th May	am	English Literature 2	2h 15m

Starting to take shape...

22nd May	ENGLISH LIT 1		
23rd May			
24th May	MATHS EXAM 1		
25th May	ENGLISH LIT 2	Break up for Half Term	
26th May			
27th May			
28th May			Football Training
29th May			
30th May			
31st May			
	AM	PM	EVENING
1st June			
2nd June			
3rd June			
4th June	Return to school		Football Training
5th June	ENGLISH LANG 1		
6th June			
7th June	MATHS EXAM 2		
8th June	ENGLISH LANG 2		
9th June			
10th June			
11th June			Football Training

Discussion: planning in your revision slots

1. How much are you going to revise on a school/holiday week?
 - a) School: 3 x 45 minutes in evening?
 - b) Holiday: 3 x 45 in morning and 2 x 45 in afternoon?
2. You have to build in FREE time

Allocated number of revision sessions and free time

20th May			
21st May			Football Training
22nd May	ENGLISH LIT 1		3
23rd May			3
24th May	MATHS EXAM 1		3
25th May	ENGLISH LIT 2	Break up for Half Term	Free
26th May	Work	Work	Free
27th May	3	Free	Free
28th May	3	2	Football Training
29th May	3	2	Free
30th May	3	2	Free
31st May	3	2	Free
	AM	PM	EVENING
1st June	3	2	Free
2nd June	Work	Work	Free
3rd June	3	2	Free
4th June	Return to school		Football Training
5th June	ENGLISH LANG 1		3
6th June			3
7th June	MATHS EXAM 2		3
8th June	ENGLISH LANG 2		3
9th June	Work	Work	Free

The tricky bit: WHAT to revise and WHEN

For now, just add in WHEN you would revise based on the English, Maths and RS exams.

20th May	3: Maths/Maths/Eng	2: Eng/Eng	Free
21st May			Cancel Football and 3 x Eng
22nd May	ENGLISH LIT 1		3: Maths/Eng/Maths
23rd May			3: Maths/Maths/Maths
24th May	MATHS EXAM 1		3: Eng/Eng/Eng
25th May	ENGLISH LIT 2	Break up for Half Term	Free
26th May	Work	Work	Free
27th May	3	Free	Free
28th May	3	2	Football Training
29th May	3	2	Free

Your revision timetable is taking shape!

- You can see WHEN you are able to revise
- You can see how you can fit it in with your other commitments
- You have built in free time to relax = key
- Because you have planned early...you have spread out the workload
- Stick to the plan...flexibly!

Just one other thing that is important

For each subject, you need to outline WHAT you need to revise...

...so you can keep track of the topics you feel more confident with...

...and those that need more work

So consider the following:

Subject	Topic	Revision "sessions" needed
Maths (Paper 1)	3 times table!	1
	Algebraic equations	3
	2 times table!	0 – nailed it

Finally – reward yourself

- One of the major bonuses of a revision timetable is that you can see what you have done. Tick off the sessions that you revise, one by one, and you will be able to look back and remind yourself that you have been trying your best 😊
- Build in rewards. Favourite TV show. Cinema. Out with friends. X-box time. Dairy milk!

“Just do it”!

- Final point – a revision timetable is a MUST. So start putting together one for your mocks now (if you haven't already). This will show you what does/does not work ready for the big one.
- Ask. Ask. Ask. If it just doesn't seem to be coming together...ask someone in school that you trust. They will be happy to give you the time to support.

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