

How can I help my child to revise for their GCSEs?



Help your child to build a revision plan, and encourage them to stick to it. Revision sessions should be little and often; the more you revisit a topic, the more likely you are to remember it!



Make sure that revision is active. Re-reading notes doesn't help; encourage your child to make flashcards and test them on their knowledge, or to complete past papers or exam questions.



If possible, try to help your child find a quiet space to revise. Busy environments make it harder to focus, and phones are a distraction; encourage them to put their phone away!



Encourage your child to use effective resources. There are a lot of videos about GCSEs circulating on TikTok that may not be the most reliable! A list of effective websites is on the right.



Make sure that your child balances their time carefully! It is important to maintain a good balance in order to prevent overwork or burnout.

Useful Online Revision Resources

<https://hegartymaths.com/>

<https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

<https://www.educake.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Effective Revision Methods

- Making flashcards and testing themselves, or you can test them. The Leitner system is particularly useful at helping students practise the things they need most.
- Making mind-maps from memory. Students can fill in everything they remember, then revisit with a revision guide or website and fill in the parts they missed using a different colour.
- Using knowledge organisers to self-test. Students can use these to create flashcards, or simply cover up sections and re-create them from memory.
- Using online revision websites like Hegarty Maths or Seneca Learning. These websites are designed to test knowledge and skills and build strong memories.
- Practising questions using past papers. Make sure that your child is using papers from the correct exam board, as question types and topics do vary between boards.

Please ask for help if needed!

Students are encouraged to ask their teachers if they need any support, and if you would like assistance in supporting your child, please get in touch with school.