

Year 11 Revision Guidance.

Firstly can I take this opportunity to encourage all year 11 students to attend the additional support classes and P6 interventions that are being held every day.

Your teachers are extremely keen to help you achieve the very best for yourself and your future. We cannot help you if you do not turn up so please make the effort.

Top ten helpful tips for GCSE students.

1. Create a Revision Timetable

Building a revision timetable can add structure to your revision and help you identify which GCSE subjects you need to prioritise to get better marks. Creating a revision timetable is a great way to organise your study time, plus it also helps boost your motivation to revise for your exams. **ASAD have provided one of these for you**

2. Practice, Practice, Practice

One of the biggest recommendations that past GCSE students suggest is to practice questions by doing as many GCSE past papers as you can. Practising past papers will help you get familiar with the following:

Exam format / Question style/ Time pressure / Retrieve information quicker

The ASAD website has a 'year 11 revision' tab that is full of past papers and resources.

3. Collaborate with Classmates

If you find your coursework to be too much, why not divide the course study notes between trustworthy classmates and share your notes with each other. This will reduce the amount of workload you need to do to prepare for your GCSEs plus you will gain an insight into how other students learn.

4. Take Regular Study Breaks

Do you feel stressed, tired and that no new information is entering your head? There is no point forcing yourself to study for hours upon hours as this will not result in a positive outcome. Taking regular study breaks and exercising is proven to engage your brain in studying and improve your exam performance in the long-run.

5. Understand Your Learning Style

Everyone thinks that there is a best way to study but the reality is that each person is different. Once you understand your learning style by deciding if you are a visual, auditory, reading/writing or kinaesthetic learner, then remembering and recalling new information will become much easier.

6. Variety is the Spice of Life!

Mix up your study habits and methods by listening to podcasts, watching videos or documentaries, moving to new study area or even something as simple as using different colours for your study notes.

7. Use Mind Maps to Connect Ideas

If you find it difficult to remember tons of new study notes, Mind Maps may be the key to improving your memory. The theory behind mind mapping explains that making associations by connecting ideas helps you to memorise information easier and quicker.

8. Day of Your GCSE Exam

The day of your exam can be the most stressful of the entire examination experience but there are ways which you can minimise your anxiety such as avoiding panicking friends and giving yourself plenty of time to get to the test centre on time. Also don't underestimate the power of eating a healthy breakfast the day of your exams!

9. Adapt for Different GCSE Subjects

It may seem obvious but many students try to study for different subjects using the same study methods. Your GCSE revision should take account of the difference between your subjects and the challenges they represent.

10. Apps for Students

If you want to stay ahead of your friends with the latest technology, get the best student apps before anyone else. Not only will they help you show off to your friends, some apps such as ExamTime are designed to improve your learning.