




*Saint Joseph's*

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# Revision Techniques

Helping you to  
prepare well for  
your end of  
year exams!



**Help! I  
don't  
know how  
to revise!**



# What is the point of revision?

It is to *remember* things.

The best way to **remember** is through **cues**.

A cue is something that you associate with something else.



The first rule  
of revision

**Don't worry.**

Worrying will put you off and stop you from doing anything at all.

# Second rule of revision

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Do not take the easy option and go over things that you already know.

This might make you feel better (*and boost your confidence*) but actually is of no benefit.



# Third rule of revision

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- Find out exactly what you need to know!
- Look at the revision guide online – this gives you a checklist for each subject for what you need to know.



# The final rule

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- **Plan** your revision. There's no point in trying to cram too much in.
- You know when your exam is. What will you need to cover by that date?



# The 5 Ps!

## Perfect planning prevents poor performance

- You have 5 weeks from now to prepare
- Split each day into 3 or 4 sessions – spend between 20–30 mins on each session
- Planning your revision like this will give you 21 – 28 revision sessions each week.



This means you could set aside at least 2 revision sessions each week to each subject.



Week one & two should be set aside to make your revision resources (mind maps /flashcards etc).



Week three to five should be set aside to use your revision resources – testing yourself or writing answers to questions.

### Task:

Plan your revision timetable!

Will you devote more time to some subjects than others?

Or will you give an equal amount of time to all subjects?



Date (Week Beginning):



	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
TIME							
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Weekly Revision Timetable		
English Language		
English Language		
Maths		
Biology		
Chemistry		
Physics		
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Option 1		
Option 2		
Option 3		
Option 4		

Techniques:	
Flash cards	Mind maps
Practice papers	Lists
<b>20-30 minute sessions are best.</b>	

What I didn't complete/what I need to revisit/questions to ask my teacher:



# How *can* I revise then?

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Everyone is different and so you all have different things that work for you.

It isn't a good idea to write out all of your notes all over again. There are so many things you can try:

# Revision Cards

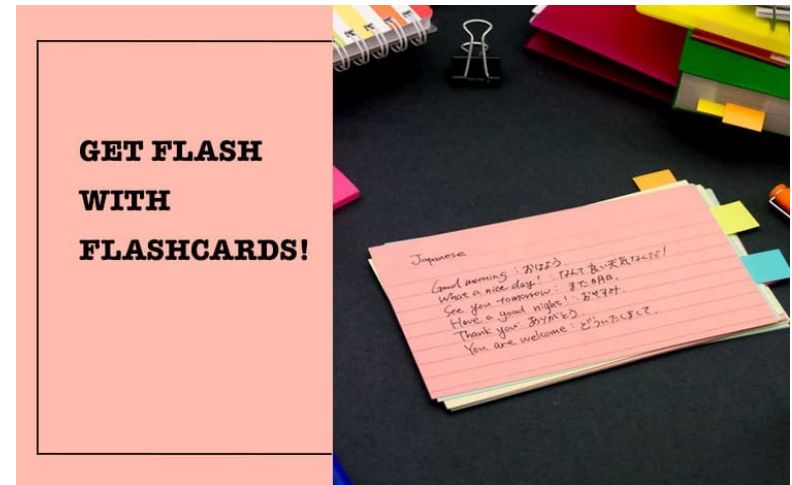
Write a keyword on a card using your revision checklist for cues.

Read the relevant part of your exercise book/textbook (if you have one)

Come back to your cards and try to write notes on them (this tests your memory)

You can then flick through the cards to help you remember.

- You can use these to test yourself or ask a friend or family member to test you!





# Mnemonics

- **An example from history:**
- **Wives of Henry VIII names:**  
Aragon, Boleyn, Seymour,  
Cleves, Howard, Parr
- **The Mnemonics could be:**
  - **All Boys Should Come Home Please**
  - **All Beheadings Should Carry Heavy Penalties**

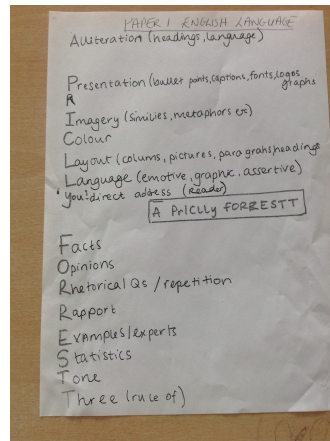
Or try:

- Rhymes
- Songs

# Other Ideas:

## Write lists:

- Use colour
- Different pens / paper



## Highlight Notes:

- Go through your existing notes with a highlighter. This way your attention is drawn to important bits.
- You could then create flashcards, mindmaps, lists with the highlighted information

## Post-it Notes

- All around your house – put keywords in the toilet, on your bedroom wall, on your tv etc

## Read out loud

- Record the information onto your phone.
- Play it back when you are going to sleep.



It is not  
all about  
facts –  
Practise  
Testing is  
key!

Learning facts and memorising content is only part of the battle.

You need to arrange your thoughts on paper and make sure you *answer* the question.

Have a look at some of the questions you were asked during the year (see your exercise book or past assessments or GCSE past paper) and have a go at answering them using your revision resources.

# Finding the Revision Booklet & this PowerPoint



## **Satchel One (SMHW)**

- Available from May 13<sup>th</sup>
- It will be shared on Stachel One every two weeks so that it's easy to find on your to do list.



## **School Website**

- The revision booklets are also saved on the school website.
- Go to <https://sjcs.org.uk/revision/>





**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
GOOD  
LUCK!**