

Revision Ideas - Year 7 examinations are all held in lesson times (in the summer term) in your normal classrooms - please ask your teacher for exam dates/details 😊



1) TIME MANAGEMENT

- You should start to revise approximately six weeks before exams.
- Ensure you have a syllabus. This will list the topics within each subject area and allow you to check that you haven't missed anything out.
- Highlight the topics that you are unsure of and seek advice from your subject teacher.
- Put these topics onto your revision schedule firstly as a priority.
- Plan your timeline on weekly or monthly calendar sheets.
- Divide each topic up into manageable parts.



2) PREPARING YOUR WORK PLACE - you need:

- A tidy undisturbed place to work.
- A comfortable chair.
- A table which gives enough room for books, etc.
- A bright lamp/light.
- Pens, pencils, other equipment including scrap paper.



3) TOP TIPS

- Know your areas of strength and weakness; mix them up on your timetable (you don't gain by revising all easy topics - but you'll have nightmares if you only revise your worst bits!)
- Always make your own revision notes (you will learn as you write and once you've made the notes, you're half way there).
- Stay focussed (don't try to make notes about everything... stick to the important points).
- Use other active revision techniques (see foot of page) for extra success and to break up the boredom.
- Tick off topics when you've revised them; feel good about them 😊
- Split your revisions into 30 minute long sessions, including time to test what you've remembered.
- Have a short relaxation / exercise break between revision sessions to unwind.
- Frequently remind yourself how useful your revision is and look back at what you've achieved so far.



4) ACTIVE REVISION TECHNIQUES

Simply reading through work is a VERY POOR way of remembering it. You can spend hours thinking that you're revising by doing this - but, actually, very little information stays in your head!

- Summarise points (e.g. on small cards) - these can be cut down again nearer to the exam.
- Use mnemonics (e.g. 'Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain' - ROYGBIV for the colours of the spectrum).
- Repeat lists or processes aloud over and over again.
- Set yourself questions from your notes - go over right and wrong answers.
- Explain work to a friend / parent.
- Get someone to test you.
- Make mind maps / spider diagrams - stick them on the wall.
- When you feel ready, work through past papers/questions.

