

Revising for Mocks

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Getting Started

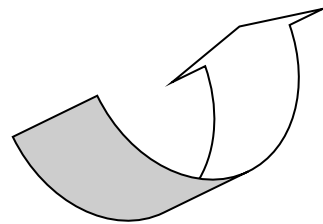
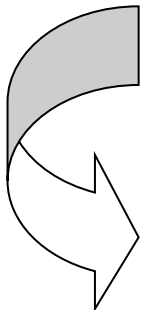
Before you start revising it is worth making sure you have everything at your fingertips. This will stop you wasting valuable time trying to find things.

EQUIPMENT :

- 🔑 Highlighters
- 🔑 Coloured pens
- 🔑 Post-It notes for formulas / key words
- 🔑 blank flash cards.
- 🔑 Phone for recording / Seneca etc
- 🔑 Topic list (in Revision folder / emailed to you)

WHERE TO REVISE ?

- 🔑 Not in front of the TV.
- 🔑 Somewhere you feel comfortable
- 🔑 It's worth trying to sort the bedroom out. Get rid of clutter.
- 🔑 Lay out all the materials for each subject to save time.

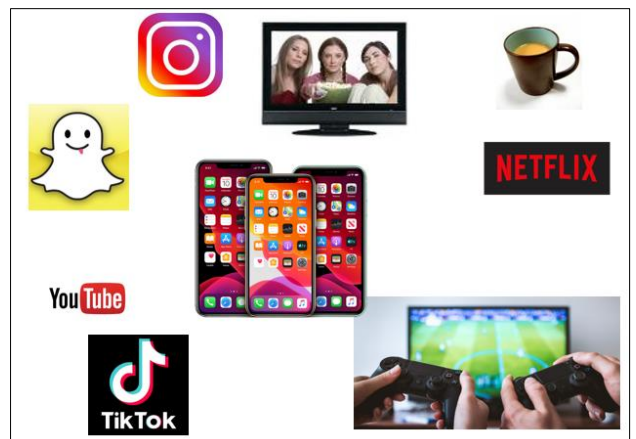


BEWARE!!

Don't try revising with your phone next to you!

Set aside specific sessions to use Seneca on your phone.

Try and put any distractions to one side and use them in your well-earned breaks.



How can I revise?

Remember the five pillars of revision:

Split it up

Take each subject and split into topics.

Space it out

Revise a variety of topics, not one subject all in one go.

Organise it

Plan a timetable to check you're doing a spread of topics and subjects.

Test yourself

Make flash cards to test yourself, write your own tests and do lots of exam practice questions.

Review it

Revise something more than once – go back to it at key times to check you know it.




The importance of pacing yourself and going back to check your revision

Revising is all about MEMORY. The memory is like a muscle. If you don't exercise it, it will grow weaker and weaker, but if you do exercise it, it will get stronger and stronger.

Most people can only concentrate, understand and remember **for between 20 and 45 minutes at a time.**

DO NOT REVISE FOR LONGER WITHOUT A BREAK. If you do, most of what you do, you will not remember.

It is really important you review what you have learnt:

-  After 10 minutes
-  At the end of a day
-  At the end of a week

This helps you to check that you can actually remember what you revised!

You could write yourself some tests or use Seneca activities or PIXL apps to help you check your learning.

It's also important to try and revise a mix of subjects during a day – don't concentrate on one subject – and certainly don't leave it to the night before!

5 review tasks to help you keep on top of your learning

EFFECTIVE FLASH CARDS

Effective flash-cards need two things:

- Good questions on one side
- Not too much information on the back – this should only be key words, bullet points and not whole sentences

Once you've made a set for a topic, test yourself straightaway.

Always put in two piles – those you know / those you don't.

You then need to practise with your flash cards the next day, a week's time etc.

TOPIC ON A PAGE

1. Start with a blank piece of paper.
2. Create a spider diagram or a mind map of everything you can remember about that topic.
3. Now look at your notes on this topic. This could be from a revision guide, textbook, exercise book / folder or a trusted website.
4. In a **different colour** add information to your page that you had forgotten.
5. On the back of the sheet, write yourself some questions to test yourself later.

EXAM QUESTIONS

Look carefully at **timings** for each question – you don't have to try and do a whole paper in a session.

1. Choose a question – time yourself to do it.
2. Now look at your notes on this topic. This could be from a revision guide, textbook, exercise book / folder or a trusted website.
3. Go back to your answer and decide what you missed out. Write this in margin / at end in a different colour.

USING WEBSITES / APPS

When using a website / app, you need to **transform** the information in some way:

- Make a flow diagram
- Make a spider diagram / mind map
- Write yourself a test
- Make flash-cards based on what you're reading
- Take photos of scores to show you did it

WRITING TESTS

- Make up 10 questions on a topic.
- Write detailed answers on a separate sheet of paper so you can keep re-using the test.

Where can I find resources to help me revise?

Make sure you have downloaded the [Foldr](#) app onto your phone. There are instructions in the Revision folder to help you.

This gives you [instant access](#) to all the folders on the college network.

Each department has a folder designed to provide you with what you need to revise. This could involve:

- Powerpoints
- Past papers and mark schemes
- Quizzes
- Revision guides
- Videos

Here is Geography's folder as an example:

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1. Past and Specimen papers	19/01/2023 13:26	File folder
2. Example Questions and Model Answers	22/06/2023 09:33	File folder
3. Continuous revision booklets	20/09/2023 12:08	File folder
4. Revision Booklet Resources by Exam P...	19/01/2023 13:18	File folder
5. Knowledge Organisers	05/10/2023 10:41	File folder
6. Key words	03/03/2020 11:40	File folder
7. Revision activities	17/03/2020 09:50	File folder
8. Mock revision	01/11/2023 13:21	File folder
9. Revision Videos	26/03/2021 11:43	File folder
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There is also a revision folder that contains lots of ideas on how to revise and blank timetables.

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Revision videos playlist.docx	14/10/2022 12:40	Micro
Revision Templates .pdf	25/01/2018 12:06	Micro
topic list Dec E Yr exams 2023.docx	02/11/2023 10:48	Micro

EXAMPLE A WEEKEND DAY TIMETABLE
Split into sessions rather than rigid times

TIME	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
30 mins			
30 mins			
30 mins			
30 mins			

WEEKLY PLANNER BY SUBJECT – Go for 2 subjects per week night, 3-4 per weekend day

	English	Maths	Science				
Mon							
Tues							
Wed							
Thur							
Fri							
Sat							
Sun							