



YEAR 11 REVISION STRATEGIES



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- Space out your revision. You should revise a topic for 30-60 minutes and then not come back to it for a day or two. This will make it harder to remember but will pay off in the long run!
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- Be deliberate with your revision. Revise, practice, check and then redraft your answer.



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TESTING / QUIZZING / EXAM QUESTIONS



Homework

Past paper questions

Hegarty Maths

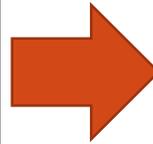
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FLASHCARDS



Cell Membrane



**Controls the
movement of
substances in and
out of a cell**

**Say the answers OUT
LOUD!**



FREE RECALL/MIND MAPS



ENGLISH LITERATURE

MIND MAPS

On a blank piece of paper, you have 6 minutes to create a mind-map that includes **EVERYTHING** you know about Bob Cratchit from *A Christmas Carol*.



**ADD ANY INFORMATION YOU
MISSED IN A DIFFERENT
COLOURED PEN**





FREE RECALL

The mind map technique is an example of free recall. It starts off easy as you get down everything you can remember and eventually gets harder as you try to remember more and more!

Free recall is a great 15-30 minute activity. It works best when you try the same activity a couple of days later. You should notice that you can add more and more to your mind map each time you try it!



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I know you don't want to hear this, but the simple fact is that revision only works when it's hard. In the boxes below, you'll see some do's and don'ts of revision. You'll also notice that all the poor revision techniques are also the easiest ones. If you want success this summer, you'll need to work hard. Remember, nothing that's worth having comes easy...

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You should combine these strategies with the revision techniques on the other side of this page!



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With just a few weeks to go until the mock exam period begins, ask yourself: **‘Am I revising effectively?’**. It can be very frustrating to spend hours and hours doing revision, only to feel like ‘it’s not going in’ and that you’re forgetting things straight away. If this sounds familiar, why not try some of the revision techniques below that have been *proven* to maximise your chances of success in your exams.

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Testing/Quizzing

- Answer questions on topics
- Use past exam questions or quiz questions
- Take time to understand WHY you got some of the answers wrong
- RETEST yourself later on (don’t just test yourself once!)
- RAG rate yourself on topic areas and focus on your weaknesses.
- Practice planning exam question answers (bullet points, drafts, speed plans etc...)

Flashcards

- Write down a key word or question from a topic on a card and write the definition/answer on the other side of the card
- Mix the cards up.
- Pull out a card at random and try to remember the answer/definition.
- Say the answer OUT LOUD before you turn the card over (this is important!)
- You can use the website/app Quizlet to make online flashcards!

Free Recall

- On a blank piece of paper, write down everything you know about a topic (you could make a mind map)
- Use your notes to add anything you missed in a different colour
- The following day, try the above steps again.
- Repeat for different topics but don’t do the same topic twice in one day!