



How to Support Y11 Students at Home



Ineffective Revision Strategies:

- Just reading it over and over
- Just reading and highlighting
- Last minute cramming
- No specific topic/objective
- Not planning when/where you will revise for what - study timetable needed!



General Tips to Support Their Studying

1. Diet, sleep and exercise
2. An appropriate study area
3. Discuss their subjects/performance
4. Help them plan/prioritise
5. Celebrate and reward study
6. Support with challenge
7. Encourage grit, positivity and an open mind-set

Proven Successful Revision Techniques:



Flash cards	Write a key term or concept on one side. Write brief notes (two lines max) and a sketch/diagram on the other. Test yourself or get someone else to test you.
Retrieval practice	Start by creating some revision materials (flash cards or posters etc.). A little while after - days not weeks - try and practice retrieving the material from memory. Re-write the material and then test yourself. Repeat the process until you know all/most of it.
Teach others	Once you have done some revision on a topic try and teach it someone else. This could be a friend or a parent. It is best to do this the day after you have studied it. The person being taught should then ask some challenging questions.
Linking visuals with revision	In your notes or flash cards add pictures related to the information. These can be directly linked or a bit wacky - as long as it prompts your memory!
Spacing effect	Spacing requires you to produce a revision resource. Once you have done this you should wait a few hours before re-writing it or testing yourself on it. Re-revise what you didn't know. Now repeat this process but with a longer gap (24hrs). You should gradually be able to remember it for longer periods.
Mnemonics	Mnemonics are basically any set of letters, patterns, pictures or associations which help you remember things. They can be used when you need to remember a specific set of information.

Helpful links/apps...

WEB LINKS		APPS	
YouTube channel - Mr Bruff	Excellent revision tips for GCSE English.	tinycards	Produce electronic flash cards - saves having hundreds of tiny bits of paper! Plus you can share them with friends.
https://corbettmaths.com/	Corbett maths has everything they need for GCSE maths revision.	Thumbsup GCSE revision	Excellent for single or multi-player maths and science revision quizzes.
https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/z98jmp3	BBC Bitesize - excellent resources and revision activities for all subjects.	Revision timer	Allows them to set regular countdown study alarms as well as break alarms to remind them to start again!
http://www.mnemonicgenerator.com/	Generates example mnemonics for any group of words.	Get Revising	Use it to plan your revision around exams using its Study Planner tool.
https://www.wordunscrambler.net/word-scrambler.aspx	Scrambles key words so you now have to guess what they were. Good for trying to figure out key words from a topic.	iMindMap	Create electronic mind maps which you can share and get others to test you on.