

How to Revise

Gather	Filter	Learn	Test
After the first time you have revised a topic, you should not need to do any further 'gathering'.	After the second or third time you have revised a topic, you should not need to do any more filtering.	Give yourself a variety of activities and change where you work from time to time; build in breaks.	As you approach your exam date you should be spending more and more time on the testing phase and making the tests more challenging.
10% of your time	30% of your time	40% of your time	20% of your time
<p>You will need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Exercise books (including old ones) + PiXL Knowledge and Independence documents + Text books + Revision guides + Revision websites/online tutorials + Past exam papers + Model answers <p>Before you start, rank the topics you need to cover from most to least confidence. Begin with the topics you are least confident with and work your way up.</p> <p>Gather together and become familiar with the information you need to know in order to be successful in each topic.</p> <p>Identify any bits of knowledge you are missing and see your teacher to help fill this gap.</p>	<p>Reduce the amount of information you have down to the essential parts of knowledge.</p> <p>You could do this by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + Creating mind maps or flash cards + Creating crib sheets; these are like pages from a revision guide with all the essential information you need + Writing 'perfect' exam answers from your notes + Making your own knowledge organiser or summary sheet 	<p>Use these strategies to learn the information so that you can recall it easily:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> + LOOK – COVER – WRITE – CHECK. + Read and repeat information for 2-3 minutes, do something else for 10 minutes and then try to recreate from memory. + Complete the exam questions and then go back to self-mark. Fill in the gaps in a different coloured pen. Revise the bits you missed again. 	<p><u>Low Stakes Testing</u> Easy, quick quizzes which test small pieces of knowledge. This works well for simple facts, dates, key words or important formulae. You must complete some low stakes testing within 24 hours of revising a topic to anchor learning in your memory.</p> <p><u>High Stakes Testing</u> These are longer exam style questions which apply knowledge as you would have to in the exam. These should be completed within 48-72 hours of revising a topic- return to them closer to the exam to keep your revision fresh.</p>
Gathering is not revision, it is preparing for revision, so don't spend all your time doing just this.	Rather than copying information out word for word, try changing it into a different format. Use the PiXL documents (eg. 'Rank It') to do this.		Silent. No support. Timed.