



## Key to Success

Start revision early – now is a good time for the students to prepare a plan and read through their notes each evening.

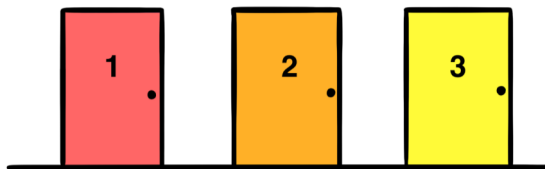


1. Have a Revision Plan and a calendar – see <http://getrevising.co.uk/timetable/intro>.



Use the exam timetable recently issued to schedule revision sessions and make sure you and your daughter or son know when each examination is.

2. Do 30 – 35 minutes revision with short breaks in between.
3. Revision should be ACTIVE i.e. making notes, preparing flash cards, completing an essay plan is always more effective than simply reading.
4. Remind them that revision is not meant to be fun – they have reached a stage in their lives when how well they do in the examinations really counts.



5. Listening to music or any other ‘noise’ at the same time as revising has been shown to reduce the effectiveness of revising.

6. Home environment is important - have correct equipment [highlighters, cards, notepaper], have a quiet space and preferably a desk to work at.



7. Don't let them rely on weekends – they should revise each evening.

8. Encourage them to attend ALL revision sessions put on by teachers.

9. Reinforcing the importance of exam technique will pay off.

The message from teachers is always:

- read the question carefully and answer the question. For longer questions a quick plan e.g. spider web diagram will help to make sure points are not missed out
- look at how many marks there are for each question and try to make as many points
- manage the available time
- Complete as many past papers as they can.

