

# YEAR 11 SAMPLE REVISION PLANNER AND GUIDE

I got **99 PROBLEMS**  
but **REVISION** ain't one

Don't let this be you...



# REVISION: THE BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

## WHERE?

You need to have a fixed place to study (a particular desk/room at home etc.) that becomes firmly associated with your work. You need to have all the equipment there that you need – pens/pencils/coloured markers for highlighting/calculator etc. The area needs to be well lit and ventilated. Music is fine as long as it allows you to focus.

## WHAT?

It's all about being focused and actively learning. You need to be quite specific about the task you are doing.

## HOW?

Always work with your pen and paper at the ready. Start by 'doing'. It does help to start with something you enjoy and then move on to less favoured topics and subjects.

## WHEN?

Try and work when you are more mentally alert. Many students find that their concentration deteriorates later in the evening. Getting revision done earlier in the day is more productive – also it gives you time to have some time to relax afterwards and reward yourself with a treat.

## WHY?

Test yourself at the end of every session. Ask yourself, 'What have I learned?' You must be able to reproduce it without the help of a book or notes.

# HELPFUL TIPS

The last thing you may want to do is sit down and revise but it is so important that you do. Here are some helpful tips on how to get through this somewhat stressful exam period.

**MANAGEABLE REVISION:** Don't try to revise for too long all at once. Do your revision in half hour slots, stopping for a drink and a five or 10 minute break in the middle. This will help you concentrate and you'll remember more of what you're revising.

**START EARLY:** Don't leave your revision until the last minute. If you haven't already, start revising now. It is true that it is never too late to start but you shouldn't leave it until the day before your exam.

**GET HELP:** If you don't understand something then ask someone. Never suffer in silence. There is no point learning something from memory if you don't understand it. Get your teacher to explain it.

**MAKE NOTES:** Get a small pile of post it notes and a pen and write all the keywords from your subject onto the notes. Then stick them all over your bedroom/house. As you walk around and see the words, challenge yourself to be able to say what they mean.

**REVISION TIP** – a really useful way to revise: First, write out a list of all the key topics for each subject on an A4 piece of paper. Fit on as much as you can. Then take only the important bits and copy the information onto a piece of A5. Try to fit it all on! Then condense it again onto a postcard. You should only now have only the very important words and information left.

Remember, you have a big network of people around you who want you help and see you succeed Reach out to someone you feel comfortable talking to if you need to.

# HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD REVISE

1.

## A healthy learning environment

- Create a study space at home
- Create a revision timetable and stick to it!
- Stick to the 20-5 rule: 20 minutes of revision, 5 minutes break
- Encourage taking breaks and relaxing
- Set up a reward system

## Role Reversal

2.

- Become the student and get your child to teach you a topic that they're revising.
- Ask questions and sometimes get things wrong – see if they can correct you!
- This is particularly effective if they're really struggling remember a certain topic.

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## Communication

- Stay in touch with staff and ask if you have any worries or queries.
- If your child misses any school, ask for work to be sent home.
- Check the school Website, Facebook page and Instagram for messages, advice and key dates