

Year 11 GCSE Subject Revision Guide

How to revise each subject effectively



Be the Best version of yourself

and

Show Excellence in your Exam Preparation



English Language

Best Revision Strategies

- Practise exam questions regularly
- Analyse model answers
- Develop your vocabulary
- Identify and explore language techniques and their effects

How to Revise Effectively

01

Choose a question type

02

Read the exam extract carefully and highlight the relevant parts

03

Plan your answer before writing

04

Write a timed response

05

Compare to a model answer or mark scheme

How You Will Be Assessed

AQA

- **Paper 1** – Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing (*Fiction*) (105 mins)
- **Paper 2** – Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives (*Non fiction*) (105 mins)

Revision Methods

- Practice questions
- Model answers
- Past papers
- Annotating exam extracts

Online Resources

- **YouTube:** Mr Bruff, Mr Everything English
- **Instagram:** @mrbruff
- **TikTok:** @mrbruff, @staceyreay
- **Websites:** BBC Bitesize



Top Tip: The best revision is **writing practice answers**. Reading examples helps, but you improve most by practising under timed conditions.



CORE SUBJECT

English Literature

Best Revision Strategies

- Create quote flashcards for each text
- Draw theme mind maps
- Plan and write practice essays
- Answer timed exam questions

How to Revise Effectively

01

Choose a text to focus on

02

Learn key quotes for that text

03

Link quotes to themes and characters

04

Practise exam-style essay questions with complete thesis statements

How You Will Be Assessed

AQA

- **Paper 1** – Shakespeare & the 19th Century Novel
 - Macbeth
 - A Christmas Carol (105 mins)
- **Paper 2** – Modern Texts and Poetry (135 mins)
 - An Inspector Calls
 - Power and Conflict Anthology poems
 - Unseen Poetry


Revision Methods

- Flashcards
- Essay plans
- Past papers
- Mind maps using knowledge organisers to help

Online Resources

- **YouTube:** Mr Bruff, Mr Everything English, Stacey Reay
- **Websites:** BBC Bitesize, Litcharts.com, revisionworld.com



 **Top Tip:** Focus on a **small number of strong quotes** that you understand well, rather than trying to memorise lots. Quality beats quantity.



Maths

Best Revision Strategies

- Practise exam-style questions by topic
- Use method flashcards for key processes
- Work through past papers under timed conditions
- Focus on problem-solving practice

How to Revise Effectively

01

Choose one topic to focus on

02

Watch a worked example

03

Practise several questions on that topic

04

Mark your answers carefully

05

Redo the questions you got wrong

How You Will Be Assessed

OCR

- **Paper 1** – 90 minutes (calculator)
- **Paper 2** – 90 minutes (non-calculator)
- **Paper 3** – 90 minutes (calculator)

Online Resources

- **YouTube:** Corbettmaths, The GCSE Maths Tutor
- **Instagram:** @themathskid, @gcse_maths_tutor, @thefemalemathstutor
- **TikTok:** @HannahKettleMaths, @mathswithjay, @GCSEPod
- **Websites:** Maths Genie, Dr Frost Maths, Hegarty Maths, Sparx maths



Top Tip: Maths improves through **doing questions**. Watching videos or reading notes alone won't improve your grade — you must practise solving problems.



Religious Education

Best Revision Strategies

- Create quote flashcards for key teachings
- Draw mind maps for each topic
- Practise comparing different viewpoints
- Answer past paper questions regularly

How to Revise Effectively

01

Choose a topic area

02

Learn key teachings and quotes

03

Practise explaining different beliefs and viewpoints

04

Answer exam-style questions using evidence

How You Will Be Assessed

- Three written exam papers covering beliefs, teachings and ethical themes

Revision Methods


- Flashcards
- Mind maps
- Past papers
- Practice essays

Online Resources

- **YouTube:** RE Beck
- **Websites:** BBC Bitesize

- **Key Concepts-** they are worth 2 marks each and are known answers prior to the exam- do you know them all?



 **Top Tip:** Use **religious teachings or quotes** to support your answers whenever possible — this is what earns the higher marks.



Biology

Best Revision Strategies

- Use flashcards for key terms and processes
- Try blurring — write down everything you know from memory
- Draw and label diagrams
- Practise exam questions regularly

How to Revise Effectively

01

Choose a topic

02

Write down everything you can remember

03

Check your notes for gaps using your revision guide or BBC bite size.

04

Fill in what you missed

05

Practise exam questions on that topic

How You Will Be Assessed

AQA

- **Paper 1** – 105 minutes (75min for combined)
- **Paper 2** – 105 minutes (75min for combined)


Online Resources

- **YouTube:** FreeScienceLessons, Cognito, Primrose Kitten
- **Instagram:** @flashrevisionlab, @krisstuition, @kayscience, @miranda.yoursuccess
- **Websites:** BBC Bitesize, Seneca Learning

Revision Methods

- Formula flashcards
- Practice questions
- Past papers
- Diagrams



 **Top Tip:** Biology contains many **processes and key terms**, so testing yourself regularly — through flashcards or blurring — is the most effective revision method.



CORE SUBJECT

Chemistry

Best Revision Strategies

- Use flashcards for key facts and definitions
- Practise chemical calculations regularly
- Learn and apply key equations
- Blurt — write what you know from memory, then check

How to Revise Effectively

01

Choose a topic

02

Write down everything you remember

03

Check your notes for gaps using your revision guide or BBC bite size.

04

Practise exam questions on that topic

How You Will Be Assessed

AQA

- **Paper 1** – 105 minutes (75min for combined)
- **Paper 2** – 105 minutes (75min for combined)


Revision Methods

- Flashcards
- Blurting
- Past papers
- Calculation practice

Online Resources

- **YouTube:** FreeScienceLessons, Cognito
- **Instagram:** @flashrevisionlab, @krisstuition, @kayscience, @miranda.yoursuccess
- **Websites:** BBC Bitesize, Seneca Learning



 **Top Tip:** Practise **chemical calculations and equations** regularly so you can confidently apply your knowledge when exam questions demand it.



CORE SUBJECT

Physics

Best Revision Strategies

- Make formula flashcards for every equation
- Practise calculations step by step
- Draw and label diagrams
- Answer past paper questions regularly

How to Revise Effectively

01

Choose a topic

02

Learn the relevant formulas

03

Practise applying them in calculations

04

Answer exam-style questions

How You Will Be Assessed

AQA

- **Paper 1** – 105 minutes (75min for combined)
- **Paper 2** – 105 minutes (75min for combined)

Revision Methods

- Formula flashcards
- Practice questions
- Past papers
- Diagrams

Online Resources

- **YouTube:** FreeScienceLessons, Cognito
- **Websites:** BBC Bitesize



Top Tip: Learn the **key equations** and **practise applying them** to calculations — knowing the formula is only half the job.



Art

Best Revision Strategies

- Sketchbook review and annotation
- Artist research
- Technique practice
- Experimentation with new ideas

How to Revise Effectively

1. Review your sketchbook pages carefully
2. Add annotations explaining your ideas
3. Research artists linked to your themes
4. Practise drawing and developing techniques

Which Methods to Use

- Sketchbook annotations
- Technique practice sheets
- Mind maps for themes and influences

How You Will Be Assessed

- **Portfolio coursework** — 60%
- **Externally set assignment** — 40%



Top Tip for Art Showing **development and experimentation** is very important for improving your marks. Don't just produce final pieces — show your thinking process throughout your sketchbook.



YouTube

The Art Sherpa



Websites

Tate Art · BBC Bitesize Art



Business

Best Revision Strategies

- Flashcards for key terms and concepts
- Case study analysis
- Practice exam questions
- Mind maps for topics

How to Revise Effectively


1. Choose a topic to focus on
2. Create flashcards for key terms
3. Apply your knowledge to business examples
4. Practise past exam questions

Which Methods to Use:

- Flashcards
- Case studies
- Past papers
- Mind maps

How You Will Be Assessed

- **Paper 1 50%** — Written exam 1 hour 45
- **Paper 2 50%** — Written exam 1 hour 45

 **Top Tip for Business: Always apply your knowledge to the business in the question**



where you have been given a case study – this is in Sections B and C. Generic answers will not score as highly — be specific and use the context you're given. Learn the formula you have encountered throughout the course.



YouTube

Two Teachers Business

Tutor2u



Websites

Tutor2u.net

BBC Bitesize



Computer Science

Best Revision Strategies

- Flashcards for key terms and concepts
- Practice questions and past papers
- Coding and programming practice
- Diagrams for systems and networks

How to Revise Effectively

1. Choose a topic to focus on
2. Create flashcards for key terms
3. Practise programming tasks regularly
4. Complete exam-style questions

Which Methods to Use

- Flashcards
- Practice questions
- Past papers
- Diagrams

How You Will Be Assessed

- **Paper 1** — Computer systems
- **Paper 2** — Programming and algorithms



Top Tip for Computer Science Focus on **understanding how systems work**, not just memorising definitions. Being able to explain concepts in your own words will help you tackle unseen questions with confidence.



YouTube

Craig'n'Dave Computer Science

Mr Brown CS



Websites

BBC Bitesize · Isaac Computer Science

CSnewBS



Dance

Best Revision Strategies

- Analysing anthologies in detail
- Flashcards for practical, technical, expressive skills, safe working practice, and mental skills and attributes
- Practice exam questions

How to Revise Effectively

1. Analyse choreography and duet performances for Section B
2. Create flashcards for key terminology
3. Practise written exam questions


Which Methods to Use


- Flashcards
- Past papers
- Mind maps

How You Will Be Assessed

- **Performance** — 30%
- **Choreography** — 30%
- **Written exam** — 40%



 **Top Tip for Dance** Think about **how movement communicates meaning**, not just what the dancer is doing. Examiners want to see that you understand the intention and impact behind choreographic choices.

 YouTube

N/A

 Websites

N/A



Enterprise

Best Revision Strategies

- Flashcards for key terms
- Case study analysis
- Practice exam questions
- Mind maps for topics

How to Revise Effectively

1. Choose a topic to focus on
2. Learn key terms thoroughly
3. Apply knowledge to enterprise examples
4. Practise exam-style questions

Which Methods to Use

- Flashcards
- Case study analysis
- Practice exam questions
- Mind maps

How You Will Be Assessed

- Coursework assignments
- External assessment



Enterprise Top Tip Use **real business examples** when revising — they make your answers far more convincing. BBC Bitesize is a great starting point.



YouTube

Enterprise revision guides



Websites

BBC Bitesize Enterprise



Food Preparation & Nutrition

Best Revision Strategies

- Flashcards for nutrients and functions
- Mind maps for food science topics
- Practice exam questions
- Diagrams of food groups and processes

How to Revise Effectively

1. Choose a specific food science topic to study
2. Create labeled diagrams for food functions
3. Apply scientific principles to recipes
4. Practise exam-style reasoning questions

Which Methods to Use

- Nutrient function flashcards
- Science process mind maps
- Recipe analysis practice

How You Will Be Assessed

- Written exam — 50%
- Practical coursework — 50%



Food Top Tip Understand **why cooking methods and ingredients work** — not just what they are. The exam tests reasoning, not just recall.

YouTube

Food Teacher Centre

Websites

BBC Bitesize



Health & Social Care

Best Revision Strategies

- Flashcards
- Case study questions
- Practice exam questions
- Mind maps



How to Revise Effectively

1. Choose a topic to focus on
2. Create flashcards for key content
3. Apply knowledge to care scenarios
4. Practice exam-style questions




Exam Question Focus		
Q1-7 Factors	Q8 –10 impact of PIES	Q11 Physiological Data
Q12 Abnormal Readings	Q13 Lifestyle choices	Q14 Person Centred Approach
Q 15 Personal Circumstances	Q16a Recommendations	Q16b Services
Q17a, Q17b Barriers and Obstacles	Q18 Circumstances	

How You Will Be Assessed

- 66% completed through controlled Assessments
- 33% external exam – 2 hours

  **Top Tip for Health & Social Care Practice** applying your knowledge to real-life care situations. Scenario-based questions are common — show you can think it through.

Youtube

	Exam Paper walkthrough
SCAN ME	
	Factors Affecting
SCAN ME	
	Physiological Data
SCAN ME	
	Person Centred Approach
SCAN ME	
	Barriers and obstacles
SCAN ME	

Websites

Erevison for Health & Social Care



Geography

Best Revision Strategies

- Case study flashcards
- Mind maps for physical and human topics
- Practice exam questions
- Diagrams and annotated maps

How to Revise Effectively

1. Create flashcards for key case study facts and examples.
2. Develop detailed mind maps to connect physical and human geography concepts.
3. Regularly practice answering exam questions to improve application and timing.
4. Draw and annotate diagrams and maps to visualize and understand geographical processes.

Which Methods to Use

- Case study flashcards
- Mind maps
- Past papers
- Diagrams & Annotated maps

How You Will Be Assessed

- Paper 1 — Physical Geography
- Paper 2 — Human Geography
- Paper 3 — Fieldwork and issue evaluation



Top Tip for Geography Include specific case study facts and examples in every answer. Named places and real statistics always improve your marks.



YouTube

Planet Lacey · Tutor2U Geography · Cool Geography · BBC Bitesize



Websites

Planet Lacey · Tutor2U Geography · Cool Geography · BBC Bitesize



History

Best Revision Strategies

- Timeline revision for key events
- Flashcards for people, dates and events
- Practice exam questions
- Mind maps for causes and consequences

How to Revise Effectively

1. Create timelines for each unit
2. Learn key events and their significance
3. Practise exam-style questions regularly

Which Methods to Use

- Flashcards
- Timelines
- Past papers
- Mind maps

How You Will Be Assessed

- **Paper 1** — Migration
- **Paper 2** — Anglo-Saxons & American West
- **Paper 3** — Germany



Top Tip for History: Focus on **causes and consequences**, not just memorising dates. Examiners reward students who can explain why things happened and what the impact was — not just when.



YouTube

Mr Allsop History

Mr Cloake History

Ben Newmark History



Websites

BBC Bitesize



Music

Best Revision Strategies

- Regular listening to set works
- Flashcards for musical features and terminology
- Practice exam questions
- Analysing set works in detail

How to Revise Effectively

1. Listen to the set works actively and often
2. Create flashcards for musical vocabulary
3. Practise written exam questions


Which Methods to Use

- Flashcards
- Listening practice
- Past papers
- Mind maps

How You Will Be Assessed

- **Performance** — 30%
- **Composition** — 30%
- **Written exam** — 40%



 **Top Tip for Music** Listen to the **set works regularly** so you recognise musical features instantly. The more familiar they sound, the more confidently you can write about them under exam conditions.



YouTube

Music Matters



Websites

BBC Bitesize



Physical Education (PE)

Best Revision Strategies

- Flashcards for key definitions
- Diagrams (anatomy, training methods)
- Practice exam questions
- Mind maps to connect topics

How to Revise Effectively

01

Learn definitions

Start with key terms for anatomy and physiology.

02

Draw diagrams

Label muscles, joints and body systems from memory.

03

Practise exam questions

Work through past papers under timed conditions.

How You Will Be Assessed

Written Exam

60% of your
final grade

Practical
assessment 30%

Coursework 10 %
of your final
grade

Online Resources



YouTube

The PE Tutor — clear, exam-focused videos



Websites

The Everlearner.com Videos and quizzes on each topic

BBC Bitesize — structured topic summaries



★ Top Tip for PE

Learn **key definitions and diagrams** for anatomy, training methods and fitness testing. These appear repeatedly in exam questions and picking up those marks is very achievable with focused practice.



Product Design

Best Revision Strategies

- Flashcards for materials and processes
- Design sketches and annotated drawings
- Practice exam questions
- Mind maps linking materials to uses

How to Revise Effectively

01

Learn materials

Know the properties of wood, metal, plastics and composites.

02

Understand manufacturing processes

Be able to explain how products are made and why certain methods are chosen.

03

Practise exam questions

Use past papers to practise applying your knowledge to design scenarios.

How You Will Be Assessed

Coursework
Project

50% of your
final grade

Written Exam

50% of your
final grade

Which Methods Work Best

- Flashcards for terminology and materials
- Mind maps to link design processes
- Past papers for exam technique
- Sketching to reinforce design thinking

Online Resources



Websites

BBC Bitesize Design Technology —
topic-by-topic revision



★ Top Tip for Product

Design Understand **materials, tools and manufacturing processes** inside out. The exam will ask you to explain decisions — not just name them. Practise explaining your reasoning clearly.



Spanish

Best Revision Strategies

- Vocabulary flashcards (little and often)
- Listening practice with native speakers
- Speaking practice out loud
- Practice exam questions across all four skills

How to Revise Effectively

01

Learn vocabulary

Spend 10–15 minutes every day on flashcards — consistency beats cramming.

02

Practise speaking

Say answers aloud, record yourself, and listen back.

Use flashcards to test yourself on your questions and answers.

03

Complete exam questions

Work through past papers for all four components.

How You Will Be Assessed

Listening 25%	Reading 25%
Speaking 25%	Writing 25%

Online Resources



YouTube

MyGCSESpanishTutor — exam-focused lessons



Apps

Duolingo (daily vocabulary) · Quizlet (flashcard sets)



Websites

BBC Bitesize Spanish — structured skill-by-skill revision
SenecaLearning.com



★ **Top Tip for Spanish Learning** vocabulary **little and often** is far more effective than one big session. Even 10 minutes a day on Quizlet or Duolingo will make a huge difference by exam time.



Textiles

Best Revision Strategies

- Flashcards for fibres, fabrics and techniques
- Design sketches with annotations
- Practice exam questions
- Mind maps linking materials to properties and uses

How to Revise Effectively

01

Learn materials and techniques

Know the properties of different fibres and fabrics, and how construction techniques affect a product.

02

Practise exam questions

Apply your knowledge to design scenarios using past paper questions.

Which Methods Work Best

- Flashcards for technical terminology
- Mind maps to connect materials and processes
- Past papers for exam technique
- Sketching to practise annotated design work

How You Will Be Assessed

Coursework
Project

50% of your
final grade

Written Exam

50% of your
final grade

Online Resources



Websites

BBC Bitesize Textiles — clear topic summaries and exam preparation



★ Top Tip for Textiles Focus on **materials, techniques and design decisions**. In the exam, you'll need to justify why a particular fabric or method was chosen — practise explaining your reasoning, not just naming things.