

How to succeed at GCSE

1. It's a marathon, not a sprint. Don't burn yourself out so you have no energy by the end. Your GCSE year is a stepping stone to Post 16 courses.
2. Try different revision techniques, you may find different methods that suit you best e.g. pretty flashcards; messy revision notes; recording yourself reading notes and listening to them instead of reading.
3. Always have a permanent revision section in your room. Invest in a desk or find a quiet area in the house. This way you can always do 20 mins here and there, rather than having to get all your equipment out each time.
4. Different subjects may require different methods e.g. History and English Lit focuses on reading notes and facts, whereas Maths requires more practising the methods.
5. Don't have an exact revision timetable. It can be hard to stick to it, you are likely to not be free every single day and you may want to do a certain subject on a different day depending on how you feel. Be flexible.
6. Don't revise one subject all at once, do a topic of one, then move onto the next one, so you get variation and understand each subject better and don't get bored.
7. Take a 5 or 10 minute break every hour and do some stretching exercises, go for a short walk or make yourself a drink.
8. Work on the subjects you're worse at, not the subjects you excel in.
9. Lastly, remember to have fun! Revision is temporary, your marks are not. Using your free time effectively will make having to revise much easier. Balance is key.

These tips were written by previous students, we hope you find them helpful.