

Year 7 Guide - How to Revise

Step 1 – Identify what you need to know

Identify the content you need to revise:

- This can be from looking at the subject specification or the ‘Year 7 Revision Topics’ list emailed to your parents or by speaking to your subject teachers.

Identify how you will be tested:

- Speak to your subject teachers to understand what style of questions will come up in the exam.
- If you have answered this style before, look back at your feedback comments to see what you need to do to improve on the result you got last time you tackled the question.

Step 2 - Make a revision timetable

- Look at the exam timetable for the end of year exams and work out which subjects you need to revise for.
- Come up with a plan where you aim to revise for one hour per day in the weeks preceding the exams, increasing the amount of time spent revising the closer you get to the exam.
- Plan on revising each subject in manageable 20-minute chunks. For example, the timetable for an hour of revision per day might look something like this:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
20 mins	<i>History</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>English</i>	Day off
20 mins	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>French</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>French</i>	
20 mins	<i>French</i>	<i>Maths</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Physics</i>	<i>Biology</i>	<i>Maths</i>	

- You may also wish to break up the 20-minute blocks with a short 5-minute break during which you stretch your legs, get a drink and a bite to eat or perhaps a breath of fresh air. Don't be tempted to look at your phone, or start playing a game, as this will become a distraction which will stop you from getting back to your revision again!

Step 3 - Revise!

For content revision, such as facts and figures, try using methods like (but not exclusively):

- **Flash cards** – small cards on which you can summarise key points for part of a topic. E.g. The Battle of Hastings.
- **Teach a revision buddy** – studies show that the best way to remember a topic is if you learn it to teach it.
- **Test yourself** – can be by your study buddy or a parent.
- **Post-It notes** – Can be used to create physical timelines or for labelling in key places around the house so that you see a key word, concept or fact when you visit the place they've been posted.
- **Question and answer cards** – like flash cards, these have a question on one side and the answer on the other – good for testing yourself or others.

Battle of Hastings, 14 October 1066 John Smith 7BR

- William of Normandy vs. Harold Godwinson
- Norman Army of Bretons, Flemish and French troops.
- William used a feint to draw out the Fyrd from the shield wall.
- Housecarls stood with Harold in the centre.
- Harold killed by an arrow to the eye.
- William marched on London and crowned King of England on 25 Dec 1066.

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For **exam technique** the best method is complete practice questions – attempt to answer questions you will encounter in the exam under the same conditions (closed book and under a time limit). This is by far the most effective method of revising exam technique. Get your study buddy to peer mark your answers using the exam mark scheme you have been provided with.