



***“The secret of your future is hidden in
your daily routine.”***

- Mike Murdock



Revision Planning

Planning your GCSE revision: **Setting up your revision timetable.**

Find out when your exams are.

Exam Planner:

Subject	Paper	Date and Time

Add them to your revision timetable.

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Think about your commitments.

- Sports
- Family activities
- Clubs
- Work

Add them to your revision timetable, block the time out.

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What's your study routine?

When do you study best?

Set some start and finish times.

Work out how many revision hours you have between now and the exams.

Break tasks down into chunks.

Keep these to 20-25 minutes with a break at the end of each chunk.

Example session:

10.00-10.25: Business Studies: Human resources

10.25-10.30: break

10.30-10.55: Business Studies: The marketing mix

10.55-11.00: break

11.00-11.30: Biology: Darwin + evolution theory

11.30-12.30: break and lunch

Planning your GCSE revision: **Your revision time budget**

- Count up the number of days you have left between now and the start of your exams.
- Decide how many hours you'll spend revising on an average day.
- Multiply the number of days by your average number of revision hours.

Example – time budget

Days left until my exam – 20 days

Revision day = 4 hours revision

$4 \times 20 = 80$ hours

Revision budget = 80 hours

Planning your GCSE revision: **Prioritising your revision**

You need to give some exams more revision time than others.

- Exams you especially need to do well in.
- Subjects you find difficult.
- Subjects with more in them to revise.

Planning your GCSE revision: **Revision timetable guidelines**

- 1) Add exams/commitments
- 2) Once you know your time budget – start completing.
- 3) Start with a priority exam paper or an early exam.
- 4) Work backwards from the day of the first exam.
Think about how much time the day before an exam you will want to revise.
- 5) Then go through for each subject. Priority ones first.
- 6) Use the practice timetable to help you.

Practice Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Notes
Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	
Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	
Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:	
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Planning your GCSE revision: Rewards

- 1) Set yourself a target.
- 2) Reward yourself when you hit your targets.

Small rewards – a break – sweets.

Medium rewards – after a week of work, an exam.

Large reward – when all exams are done:

Chessington – The Prom!

Review your revision

Planning your revision sessions: **What do I need to revise?**

Its important to plan each session:

- ✓ Cover everything you need for each paper.
- ✓ Know what to revise each day.
- ✓ Stay focused on your targets for each session.

Planning your revision sessions: **What do I need to revise?**

Look at the specification.

Ask your teacher for a Personalised Checklist of QLA.

Look at revision guides.

Make a list.

Or use a concept map.

Concept map



Planning your revision sessions: What do I need to revise?

Revision hit List

Subject: *Biology* Exam paper: *BI: Influence on life*

Top three target topics

Topic	What's the problem?
<i>Genetic diagrams</i>	<i>Can't remember how to do these</i>
<i>Alleles</i>	<i>Just the whole thing! Need to get it straight in my head</i>
<i>Spread of pathogens</i>	<i>What are animal vectors? On past paper but...?!</i>

Next five target topics

Topic	What's the problem?
<i>Darwin + theory evolution</i>	<i>Hard to remember all the different parts to the theory</i>
<i>Calculating ratios</i>	<i>For monohybrid crosses</i>

Planning your revision sessions: **Using the revision planner.**

Cover everything you need to for each paper – starting the problem areas!

Know what topics to revise each day.

Stay focused on your targets for each session

You may find it easier to plan these sessions a week at a time.

Timetable – What exam papers you are revising for each day

Planner – Details of what you are going to revise in each session.

The planner section has space for 5 sessions. Use as many or as few as you need.

Week _____ with _____ weeks do go.

Make a note of your rewards here -

Day	Session A	Session B	Session C	Session D	Session E	Rewards
Monday						
Tuesday						
Wednesday						
Thursday						

Write your targets for each session in these spaces.

Revision strategies:

Makes your revision:

- More effective
- More varied
- Easier and quicker

Revision strategies: **Condensing your notes**

Make summaries of the main points.

- Get your notes organised.
- For each page write a summary.
- Condense each summary.
- Write your condensed notes on index cards.

Revision strategies: Memorising strategies.

- Use the first letters of a list of things you need to remember to make up a memorable phrase.
- Putting things in your own words – turn the page over and see how much you can write down.
- Make unusual connections.

Revision strategies: **Flashcards**

- You could write key words on one side and explanations on the other.
- Condense notes and test yourself.

Revision strategies: **Getting Visual**

- Flow charts.
- Concept maps.

Revision strategies: Past Papers and mark schemes.

- You get to know how your exams work.
- You get a chance to try out what you know with real questions.
- You can find out how to improve your answers.
- You get to understand what your examiners are looking for.

Understanding exam questions.

- Read the question carefully.
- Underline the command term(s).
- Use the marks available to plan your answer.
- Command words – Outline, describe, explain, compare, evaluate.
- Plan your answer – use the marks as a guide – one point/process for each mark.
- Keep your answers relevant to the question.
- Connect your points together with linking terms.
- Use paragraphs: they help to give your answer a clear structure.

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