

HINTS ON REVISION

1. **Revision should be a continuous process**

Revision is not something that you do immediately before exams. To be effective, revision is best done as a continuous process. You could revise by turning work into a series of flow diagrams or spider diagrams.

2. **Make a revision timetable**

Before the exams you will need to be organised about your revision. You should work out a revision timetable. Make a list of all the topics that have to be revised in a subject and decide in what order they should be tackled. Space out the revision for each topic. To keep up interest it is usually better to revise a variety of topics each day rather than spend all day on just one topic.

3. **Find out all you can about the examinations**

In order to revise for an exam find out all you can about it. Get hold of a copy of the syllabus:-

- What topics are listed?
- What sort of questions are asked?
- Are questions on each topic compulsory?
- How long do you get to answer each question?

4. **Learn from Trial Exams and Class Tests**

When you are revising, review the answers you gave to the questions in your tests:

- Where did you lose marks?
- Did you answer the questions set?
- Did you answer the questions fully?
(If you finished early, you may have answered the questions too simply)
- Did your memory fail you?
- Did you revise thoroughly?

One of the reasons 'mock' exams are set is so that you can learn how to take exams. If you took the same exam again would you be able to answer the question better?

REVISION STRATEGIES

1. Summarise each topic as a **spider diagram** – perhaps with one topic to each side or piece of paper.
2. Try to **link ideas** together.
3. Try to **concentrate** on the topics you find difficult.
4. After a period of revision try to **explain** to someone else what you have learnt.
5. Test yourself by writing out spider diagrams from **memory**.
6. Get hold of past exam papers and questions to **practice** your exam technique.
7. Each week discuss how revision is going with a friend.

Don't worry – most students say they haven't done any revision even when they have.

This is so that if they fail, they can use this as an excuse.