

10 Top Active Revision Methods for GCSE Students

GCSE Revision Methods That Work

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1. Work Through Past Exam Papers

Doing past papers is a **great way to find gaps in your understanding** and to improve your exam technique. For extra resources, take a look at exam board websites where you'll find past papers plus specimen papers, mark schemes, grade boundaries and examiners' reports.

2. Write Revision Notes On Flash Cards

Flashcards are fantastic! Once you've written them you can carry them around with you and give yourself a quick test when you've got a spare moment. Try writing questions on one side and the answers on the reverse side. **Repeated testing with short gaps in between** is definitely the way to go!

3. Draw Spider Diagrams Using Pictures and Colour

Some students find patterned notes such as spider diagrams fun to do and more interesting to revise from. Be creative by adding colour, diagrams, pictures and cartoons. **Test yourself by re-drawing them from memory.**

4. Use Revision Guides, Apps, Websites And Videos

When picking revision guides, look for ones that suit the way you like to learn. Wow, there are so many online resources to choose from! **Ask your teachers and friends if they can recommend any apps or videos.** Make sure you know about any revision apps that your school provides for you.

5. Read Aloud And Walk About!

Who said that all revision must be done sitting down? **Get up, take a walk around** and shout out stuff you need to memorise! Who cares what others think!

6. Make Up Raps, Rhymes, Chants And Songs

When you've got to remember some key facts, make up stupid rhymes, **use silly connections**, change the lyrics to favourite songs, chant things over and over again - come on, get creative!

7. Record Key Points On Your Phone

Read some key points out loud, **record them on your phone** and play them back when you've got a spare moment. If you don't like the sound of your voice, get someone else to do it!

8. Stick Up Posters And Use Sticky Notes

Write key points on sticky notes or flashcards and stick them to things like a bathroom mirror, wardrobe, fridge, toilet door and kitchen cupboards. Write giant-size notes on large sheets of paper and **stick them up in your bedroom** - maybe on your ceiling!

9. Explain A Topic To A Parent Or Friend

Didn't think you'd ever be a teacher? Think again! **Explaining something to someone else is a great way** to get you to think about a topic in detail. Get a group of friends, each of you pick a topic, then when you get together teach it to the rest of the group.

10. Write Things Out Again And Again.....

Let's be honest, some stuff you need to learn just won't sink in. Enter the most boring method known to students – writing things out again and again. **Don't use it very often** but if a key fact, definition or formula just won't stick, it's worth a try!

And finally, whatever you do, don't just sit there flicking through your class notes! You've got this!!!