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My Exam Plan 1 - Revision Technique

In this blog, the first of three **My Exam Plan** blogs, we explain how to **plan your time** and the **best ways to revise**.

Exam dates and papers

The first thing is to know when your exams are! Here goes:

- **Biology (Paper 1) 16-May-23**
- **Biology (Paper 2) 9-June-23**

- **Chemistry (Paper 1) 22-May-23**
- **Chemistry (Paper 2) 13-June-23**

- **Physics (Paper 1) 25-May-23**
- **Physics (Paper 2) 16-June-23**

Put these dates into whichever calendar you use: on your phone, laptop or on paper.

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Revision Checklists

Next, you need to know what ground you have to cover. Below are free links to our Revision Checklists for Double (Combined) Science and Triple Science for the main exam boards. Print the checklists that you need and use these to guide your revision right through to the last Science GCSE on 23 June!

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Top 5 tips for revision

This summer's exams are important. So let's nail the revision – it really is worth it. The more time you put into revision now, the more confident (and less stressed!) you'll be during the exams themselves.

What's the best way to revise? We've spoken to many successful GCSE Science students from previous years, to find out what helped them get great grades. Then we created our top five tips for revision: what **you** need to do for exam success.

5 - Start early

That means now! You think starting early means you'll forget what you've learned? Nope, it doesn't work that way. Giving yourself time really helps you to understand the tougher topics. If you plan well, you can work on deeper skills now and do the memory work nearer the exam. If you leave revision too late, you'll feel overwhelmed. Start now, today.

4 - Organise your time

You're revising hard for exams, but you can still relax and have a life. With careful planning, you'll have free time each day, even after you've done a chunk of revision. So how do you get a good balance? You need a plan - a revision plan!

Work out how much time you have to revise each day. Set up a daily schedule and try your best to keep to it. If your timing slips a little don't worry, tweak your schedule. **Revise in short chunks**. If you revise for too long without stopping, your mind starts to wander and your revision will stop being effective. **30-45 minutes** is about right.

3 - Organise your space

After the exams are over, you can make your space into whatever you like. But for now, it has to be a place where you are comfortable and well-resourced. Make sure your workspace is tidy and has everything you need: paper, highlighters, text books, notes, practice questions etc.

And your phone... really, it needs to be out of the way. Give it to your parents, leave it somewhere else or just put it on silent, face down and out of arm's reach! It's way too tempting to keep looking at your phone and chat with friends. Keep that for later, when your revision's done for the day.

Now down to the two last tips, which are **very** important...

2 - Interact with your revision resources

What do we mean by that? We mean you must actually **do** something! Simply reading revision guides is boring and it just doesn't work. Don't copy out the textbook - that soaks up your time and doesn't work either! So, what **is** the best way to revise?

- Focus your time on the topics you **don't know** so well. This is tougher, but you learn more. Don't waste time covering topics you already know!
- You learn best when you make notes **actively** and when you **test** yourself on what you've learned. Use the methods you prefer, but make them **active**.
- Use **words and images** at the same time. For example, annotate the images on our note sheets. This helps you learn better and memorise the facts.
- Make sure you do different types of **exam-style questions**: multiple-choice, longer questions, 6-mark questions. This will really help embed your learning.
- Top up your memory by **recapping**. Often just a few minutes is enough.
- Use our **Progress Tracker** to record your progress. Progress feels good!

The fact is, there really is a lot of content in the 9-1 exams. **My GCSE Science** resources have been specially designed by experienced science teachers to help you organise your revision and to help you learn faster and better. Please print out our visual [30 Minute Revision Strategy](#), which explains everything in one A4 sheet.

1 - Know your exam

What does that mean? It means practising with exam-style questions, correcting your answers against a mark scheme, working on your exam technique and finally doing timed practice papers. Make sure you know how long the exam will be, take care to read the questions properly, look out for command words, think about how you should answer and think about the key words you should use.

Practising exam questions is always the number 1 tip of our most successful students. We'll give you more advice on this in future **My Exam Plan** blogs. For now, remember that if you do one thing for revision, do practice questions. Take a 'little and often' approach. It will help you build the exam-skills you need. And doing this takes time, which brings us back to tip number 5 above: **start EARLY !**

That's it for now. It **is** a challenge but **you** can do it. Give it your best shot in the time you have. And remember, always keep things in perspective. Don't forget to make time to relax, even during the exam period. There's a lot more to life than GCSEs :)

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