

Using Technology for Revision

Tablets, phones and laptops offer a wealth of revision opportunities but they can also be a minefield of distractions and time wasting.

THEY SHOULD NOT BE THE ONLY/MAIN WAY TO REVISE!!

The following are some suggestions of valuable websites, apps and techniques to help you use your smart device in a time effective way.

Exam Board websites

All exam board websites have past papers, mark schemes and examiners reports. The exam boards we use are:

www.AQA.org.uk	Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Media Studies, French, German, Spanish, Art, Drama, Dance, Geography, History, Theology and Ethics.
Qualifications.pearson.com (Edexcel)	Maths, Music, Business Studies, Health and Social Care.
www.ocr.org.uk	Physical Education. Food preparation and Nutrition, ICT.
www.wjec.co.uk	Resistant Materials, Textiles, Systems and Control, Graphics.

Useful Websites

General

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize	Revamped with plenty of useful content.
www.s-cool.co.uk	Useful summaries with quizzes. Covers most subjects.
www.getrevising.co.uk	Free to register. Plenty of resources for many subjects along with revision tips.
www.fastpapers.com	Easy to use website offering past papers, mark schemes and examiners reports in most subjects.
www.Youtube.com	Huge amount of content. Add GCSE and then topic or subject in the search bar to get relevant videos e.g. GCSE PE muscles. Also see subject specific channels. Beware as it can be very easy to waste time on irrelevant material.
www.kahoot.it and www.getkahoot.com	A quiz website you use with your phone/tablet. Plenty of premade revision quizzes. You have to sign up at getkahoot first.
https://library.cgpbooks.co.uk	All CGP revision guides have a code giving you access to an online edition.

Subject specific websites

Science

www.doddlearn.co.uk

Large range of resources and tasks covering all three sciences.

All students should have a login for this. If they have forgotten they should ask their science teacher.

www.my-gcsescience.com

Paid for subscription service. Highly rated by lots of students (they tended to share a login to make it cheaper).

English

www.sparknotes.com

Study notes and revision exercises for literature texts

Thug Notes

You Tube videos on various literature texts in a gangsta style.

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLghL9V9QTN0jTgA1qrhWrBCB_Ln4xIVIB

Shmoop literature

You Tube channel of literature text analysis.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuGzPuO-yje-2OH4uChQxw>

Stacey Raey

You Tube channel covering lit and language skills.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJhuqpyhE8NzYZFkwTzi_7g

Mr Bruff

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff>

English teacher who creates You Tube videos for all aspects of English GCSE's

There are also plenty of full texts online and useful quotation banks for all the set texts

Maths

www.youtube.com/user/hardyemaths

Past papers and topics.

www.hegartymaths.com

All GCSE maths topics.

www.mathsgenie.co.uk

Good maths website.

www.mrbartonmaths.com

Another good maths website.

www.corbettmaths.com/5-a-day

5 maths questions to complete every day.

French, German and Spanish

www.memrise.com

Very useful language website.

Music

<https://www.youtube.com/user/GCSEMusicEdexcel>

You tube channel with all the set works for GCSE.

Theology and Ethics

@ths_theology

T and E departments twitter feed. Exam tips and information in the run up to the exams.

Useful Apps

Smart devices offer a number of useful apps that make revision accessible everywhere.



Gojimo – a revision app offering multiple choice questions for lots of subjects.



Revision app – a subscription based service. It is quite expensive but covers all GCSE subjects. Ideal in the run up to mocks or real exams.



Exam Countdown – a useful app that keeps a running countdown of time left until each exam.



Quizlet – thousands of flashcards and study sets for free, or make your own.



Mind mapping tool. Make your own or use somebody else's.



Cold Turkey or Self Control app. These and similar apps will block websites and apps for a set time period. Ideal for someone easily distracted.

Using your phone/tablet.

A few simple ideas:

Make your own revision videos. It can provide a useful alternative to ploughing through revision notes.

Make a voice recording of yourself, a friend or parent reading text and then play it back as you go to sleep.

Photograph your revision notes or posters so you can look at them whenever you have some time without needing to carry them with you.

Type in the subject or topic followed by revision pdf into your search engine e.g. Biology photosynthesis revision pdf

There are usually plenty of clear, well presented revision notes to scroll through in your free time.

REMEMBER- NEVER BRING YOUR PHONE INTO AN EXAM