

Create your own revision resources

Cue Cards

Note/cue cards are always handy for when you're out and about. List definitions and rules you need to know, or write key words from which you can fill in the gaps to tell the whole story. These are also (very!) handy for learning language vocabulary.

The flashcards app is free to download

Mind Maps

Get an A3 piece of paper - divide into four parts. Then, for example, make four headings. Link ideas and topics through thought.

Annotations

For poems, you can blow up the poem (photocopy and stick them on large paper) and annotate it in different colours for content, and various stylistic ideas. For books and plays, chapter or scene synopses can be useful (4 points will do). This can also be useful if you own your textbooks - you can highlight key points and ignore the waffle if you're struggling and write down helpful notes on how to remember things.

Mini Revision Booklet

Take the topic headings for your subject and a few pieces of paper and then write concise summaries containing key information under each.

It is important that this is done completely from memory towards the end of your revision. Don't forget you're not writing a book - this should use no more than 10 A4 sheets (both sides)

Timeline fig. 1

Timelines

Timelines can be helpful - especially for History. They are invaluable for making sense of a series of events, because you can trace improvements, factors etc. Pin them up in your room or on the loo wall!

Look and Check

- Look at it
 - Cover it up
 - Write it down
 - Check it
- Repeat this process until you've got it!

Alternatively, for example, in English Literature you could pick a key character and do a series of cards with evidence of their characters action or a useful quotation. Put these chronologically so you can trace development.

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Writing in
colours
can help

Use your favorite song

Change the words of your favourite song to help you learn something you're having a problem with. Threaten to sing it to your Study Buddy if they fail the test you set them!

Or think of a silly rhyme to help you remember something. You probably know the colours of the rainbow by remembering:
Richard of York Gave Battle in Vain.
Make some rhymes up for yourself.

Diagrams and Patterns

One picture is worth a thousand words...
So try to use as many diagrams as you can.

Tables are brilliant ways to get lots of information down

It is ok to ask for help

Study Buddies

Teach someone else
Get your buddy to test you on a topic.
Motivate each other
Phone a friend

Practise Old Papers

Try practising on the past exam papers for your syllabus

This is essential. Do as many as possible.

Use your marked mock paper to see where your weaknesses are.

Carefully compare your answers with the model answers for that paper (if your teacher provides these).

Get used to the style of your exam papers.

