



# Aim of this session

- To communicate the **importance of having a revision timetable**
- To demonstrate the **principles behind an effective revision timetable**
- To **begin to put one together** for your final GCSE exams (based on Core Subjects only)

# Effective Revision Timetable

N.B. This session is about **WHEN** to revise and planning your time effectively for this

(It is NOT a session about **HOW** to revise)

## Effective Revision = Effective Revision Timetable

- It plans for **WHAT** is going to be revised
- It plans for **WHEN** you are going to revise it
- It allows you to **FIT** revision **IN** with your other priorities

But most of all...

- It gives you the **REASSURANCE** that you will have covered **ALL THE MATERIAL** in **sensible chunks** over a **sensible period of time** 😊

“By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail”

(Benjamin Franklin)

“You can't plow a field simply by turning it over  
in your mind.”

(Gordan B. Hinckley)

# You must consider the following:

- 1. How many subjects/topics** do I need to revise for?
- 2. How long** do I need to spend **on each topic** to be ready for the exam?
- 3. When** can I effectively revise?
  - a) Morning? Evening? Weekends?
  - b) 3 x 45 minutes with 15 minutes break?

# What makes an effective revision timetable?

**STUDY TIMETABLE**

||||| SCHOOL  
||||| FREE TIME

|           | MON     | TUE     | WED     | THU     | FRI     | SAT     | SUN |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|
| 9-4       | SCHOOL  | SCHOOL  | SCHOOL  | SCHOOL  | SCHOOL  |         |     |
| 4-5       | CHEM    | BAND    | BAND    | ENGLISH | BAND    |         |     |
| 5-7       |         |         |         |         |         |         |     |
| 7-7:30    | BIOLOGY | TRUMPET | ENGLISH |         | MATHS   | HISTORY |     |
| 7:45-8:30 | GEO     | CHEM    | MUSIC   |         | ENGLISH | MUSIC   |     |
| 8:30-9    | HISTORY | MATHS   | BIOLOGY |         | BIOLOGY | MATHS   |     |
| 9-9:30    |         |         |         |         |         |         |     |

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**May**

| Day            | Early AM  | Later AM  | Early PM  | Later PM                          | Early Eve   | Later Eve   |
|----------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Monday 16th    | English Language & Literature GCSE (1)              |   | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (1)                   |                                   | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (2)                   | Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (2) |
| Tuesday 17th   |   | Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (3) | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (1)                   |                                   | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (2)                   | Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (2) |
| Wednesday 18th | Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (2) | Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (2) | English Language & Literature GCSE (2)              |                                   | Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (3) | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (1)                   |
| Thursday 19th  |   | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (2)                   | Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (3) |                                   | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (1)                   | Revision for Geography GCSE (1)                     |
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| Saturday 21st  |   | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (2)                   | Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (3) |                                   | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (1)                   | Revision for Geography GCSE (1)                     |
| Sunday 22nd    |   | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (2)                   | Revision for English Language & Literature GCSE (3) |                                   | Revision for Mathematics GCSE (1)                   | Revision for Geography GCSE (1)                     |

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There is no ONE WAY to do it...do what works for YOU...but the principles are the same

# Whichever method you choose...make sure you can SEE your PROGRESS

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| 7-7:30    | BIOLOGY | TRU    |         |        | MATHS   | HISTORY |     |
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| 9-9:30    |         |        |         |        |         |         |     |

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# When should I start?

Imagine you decide to start revising for your GCSE exams at February Half Term. You would have the following:

- a. 10 Typical School revision weeks
- b. 3 Typical Holiday revision weeks
- c. 4 week (approximate) exam period where you will be in school for at least some of it (“Launchpad” weeks)

Decision: When do you think you should start your plan?

# **HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A REVISION TIMETABLE**

# Step 1: Create a blank timetable

|            | AM | PM | EVENING |
|------------|----|----|---------|
| 1st April  |    |    |         |
| 2nd April  |    |    |         |
| 3rd April  |    |    |         |
| 4th April  |    |    |         |
| 5th April  |    |    |         |
| 6th April  |    |    |         |
| 7th April  |    |    |         |
| 8th April  |    |    |         |
| 9th April  |    |    |         |
| 10th April |    |    |         |
| 11th April |    |    |         |
| 12th April |    |    |         |
| 13th April |    |    |         |
| 14th April |    |    |         |
| 15th April |    |    |         |
| 16th April |    |    |         |
| 17th April |    |    |         |
| 18th April |    |    |         |
| 19th April |    |    |         |
| 20th April |    |    |         |
| 21st April |    |    |         |
| 22nd April |    |    |         |

N.B. As you get into the exam period, this style might be better...

## REVISION TIMETABLE

Week Commencing:

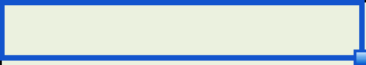
|         | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|--------|
| 9:00am  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 10:00am |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 11:00am |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 12:00am |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 1:00pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 2:00pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 3:00pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 4:00pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 5:00pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 6:00pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 7:00pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 8:00pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 9:00pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |
| 10:00pm |        |         |           |          |        |          |        |

## Step 2: Add school holidays

1. Easter Holidays: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April
2. May half term: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

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|            | AM               | PM | EVENING |
|------------|------------------|----|---------|
| 1st April  | Easter holidays  |    |         |
| 2nd April  |                  |    |         |
| 3rd April  |                  |    |         |
| 4th April  |                  |    |         |
| 5th April  |                  |    |         |
| 6th April  |                  |    |         |
| 7th April  |                  |    |         |
| 8th April  |                  |    |         |
| 9th April  |                  |    |         |
| 10th April |                  |    |         |
| 11th April |                  |    |         |
| 12th April |                  |    |         |
| 13th April |                  |    |         |
| 14th April |                  |    |         |
| 15th April |                  |    |         |
| 16th April | Return to school |    |         |
| 17th April |                  |    |         |
| 18th April |                  |    |         |
| 19th April |                  |    |         |
| 20th April |                  |    |         |
| 21st April |                  |    |         |
| 22nd April |                  |    |         |



## Step 3: Add other commitments (i.e. activity; work)

|          | AM   | PM   | EVENING   |
|----------|------|------|---|
| 1st May  |      |      | Football Training   |
| 2nd May  |      |      |   |
| 3rd May  |      |      |   |
| 4th May  |      |      |   |
| 5th May  | Work | Work |   |
| 6th May  |      |      |   |
| 7th May  |      |      | Football Training   |
| 8th May  |      |      |   |
| 9th May  |      |      |   |
| 10th May |      |      |   |
| 11th May |      |      |   |
| 12th May | Work | Work |   |
| 13th May |      |      |  |
| 14th May |      |      | Football Training   |
| 15th May |      |      |   |
| 16th May |      |      |   |
| 17th May |      |      |   |
| 18th May |      |      |   |
| 19th May |      |      |   |
| 20th May |      |      |   |
| 21st May |      |      | Football Training   |

# Add in the exams

N.B. For this exercise, we have only used your ENGLISH, MATHS and RS exams. Once you have your exam timetable, you will have more!

N.B. If you particularly want to know when final exams are *before* you get your timetable...ask your tutor and we can sort this out.



# We are going to add the following:

| Date                  | Time | Exam Paper             | Length of exam |
|-----------------------|------|------------------------|----------------|
| 24 <sup>th</sup> May  | am   | Maths (non-calculator) | 1h 30m         |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> June  | am   | Maths (calculator)     | 1h 30m         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> June | am   | Maths (calculator)     | 1h 30m         |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> June  | am   | English Language 1     | 1h 45m         |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> June  | am   | English Language 2     | 1h 45m         |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> May  | am   | English Literature 1   | 1h 45m         |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May  | am   | English Literature 2   | 2h 15m         |



# Starting to take shape...

|           |                  |                        |                   |
|-----------|------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 22nd May  | ENGLISH LIT 1    |                        |                   |
| 23rd May  |                  |                        |                   |
| 24th May  | MATHS EXAM 1     |                        |                   |
| 25th May  | ENGLISH LIT 2    | Break up for Half Term |                   |
| 26th May  |                  |                        |                   |
| 27th May  |                  |                        |                   |
| 28th May  |                  |                        | Football Training |
| 29th May  |                  |                        |                   |
| 30th May  |                  |                        |                   |
| 31st May  |                  |                        |                   |
|           |                  |                        |                   |
|           | AM               | PM                     | EVENING           |
| 1st June  |                  |                        |                   |
| 2nd June  |                  |                        |                   |
| 3rd June  |                  |                        |                   |
| 4th June  | Return to school |                        | Football Training |
| 5th June  | ENGLISH LANG 1   |                        |                   |
| 6th June  |                  |                        |                   |
| 7th June  | MATHS EXAM 2     |                        |                   |
| 8th June  | ENGLISH LANG 2   |                        |                   |
| 9th June  |                  |                        |                   |
| 10th June |                  |                        |                   |
| 11th June |                  |                        | Football Training |

## **Discussion:** planning in your revision slots

1. How much are you going to revise on a school/holiday week?
  - a) School: 3 x 45 minutes in evening?
  - b) Holiday: 3 x 45 in morning and 2 x 45 in afternoon?
2. You have to build in FREE time

# Allocated number of revision sessions and free time

|          |                       |                        |                   |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 20th May |                       |                        |                   |
| 21st May |                       |                        | Football Training |
| 22nd May | <b>ENGLISH LIT 1</b>  |                        | 3                 |
| 23rd May |                       |                        | 3                 |
| 24th May | <b>MATHS EXAM 1</b>   |                        | 3                 |
| 25th May | <b>ENGLISH LIT 2</b>  | Break up for Half Term | Free              |
| 26th May | Work                  | Work                   | Free              |
| 27th May | 3                     | Free                   | Free              |
| 28th May | 3                     | 2                      | Football Training |
| 29th May | 3                     | 2                      | Free              |
| 30th May | 3                     | 2                      | Free              |
| 31st May | 3                     | 2                      | Free              |
|          |                       |                        |                   |
|          | <b>AM</b>             | <b>PM</b>              | <b>EVENING</b>    |
| 1st June | 3                     | 2                      | Free              |
| 2nd June | Work                  | Work                   | Free              |
| 3rd June | 3                     | 2                      | Free              |
| 4th June | Return to school      |                        | Football Training |
| 5th June | <b>ENGLISH LANG 1</b> |                        | 3                 |
| 6th June |                       |                        | 3                 |
| 7th June | <b>MATHS EXAM 2</b>   |                        | 3                 |
| 8th June | <b>ENGLISH LANG 2</b> |                        | 3                 |
| 9th June | Work                  | Work                   | Free              |

# The tricky bit: WHAT to revise and WHEN

For now, just add in WHEN you would revise based on the English, Maths and RS exams.

|          |                      |                        |                             |
|----------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 20th May | 3: Maths/Maths/Eng   | 2: Eng/Eng             | Free                        |
| 21st May |                      |                        | Cancel Football and 3 x Eng |
| 22nd May | <b>ENGLISH LIT 1</b> |                        | 3: Maths/Eng/Maths          |
| 23rd May |                      |                        | 3: Maths/Maths/Maths        |
| 24th May | <b>MATHS EXAM 1</b>  |                        | 3: Eng/Eng/Eng              |
| 25th May | <b>ENGLISH LIT 2</b> | Break up for Half Term | Free                        |
| 26th May | Work                 | Work                   | Free                        |
| 27th May | 3                    | Free                   | Free                        |
| 28th May | 3                    | 2                      | Football Training           |
| 29th May | 3                    | 2                      | Free                        |

# Your revision timetable is taking shape!

- You can see WHEN you are able to revise
- You can see how you can fit it in with your other commitments
- You have built in free time to relax = key
- Because you have planned early...you have spread out the workload
- Stick to the plan...flexibly!

Just one other thing that is important

For each subject, you need to outline WHAT you need to revise...

...so you can keep track of the topics you feel more confident with...

...and those that need more work

So consider the following:



| Subject         | Topic               | Revision "sessions" needed |
|-----------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Maths (Paper 1) | 3 times table!      | 1                          |
|                 | Algebraic equations | 3                          |
|                 | 2 times table!      | 0 – nailed it              |
|                 |                     |                            |
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# Finally – reward yourself

- One of the major bonuses of a revision timetable is that you can see what you have done. Tick off the sessions that you revise, one by one, and you will be able to look back and remind yourself that you have been trying your best 😊
- Build in rewards. Favourite TV show. Cinema. Out with friends. X-box time. Dairy milk!

# “Just do it”!

- Final point – a revision timetable is a MUST. So start putting together one for your mocks now (if you haven't already). This will show you what does/does not work ready for the big one.
- Ask. Ask. Ask. If it just doesn't seem to be coming together...ask someone in school that you trust. They will be happy to give you the time to support.

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