

# Year 11 Revision FAQs

## What is revision?

'Revision' is literally looking again at content and skills you need for an exam.

## Where should I revise?

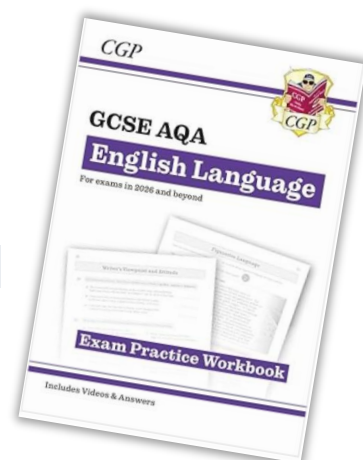
It helps if you revise in the same place every day. You need:

- A well-lit space
- A desk and chair
- A shelf/box for your books and resources

It helps to revise where you can't be distracted by phones/TV/music/other family members

## What resources do I need to revise?

- A revision plan
- A black pen and a green pen/pencils/ruler/calculator/maths equipment
- Lined and blank paper
- Post it notes
- Highlighters
- Texts/extracts



## Which revision guides should I use?

Use guides and workbooks that are approved by the exam board for each subject  
Workbooks with active tasks and mark schemes for self-assessment are best  
Your teachers will provide revision tasks for homework

## How much revision should I be doing?

Research suggests successful students complete **90 minutes** of revision **per subject** per week.

That equals **13 and a half hours** a week

That adds up to about **two hours** a day

If you schedule **two hours** after school on weekdays and a **two-hour morning** session a **90-minute afternoon** session on a Saturday or Sunday – you can factor in a rest day

## Can I revise on a phone/laptop?

Online resources can be useful – but don't rely on them for all your revision

Use revision sites for short retrieval tasks or quizzes

Aim to use online revision resources for a maximum of **30 minutes** a day

Use time on the bus to revise online

## How long should a revision session last?

Break down a **two-hour** session into **two one-hour** sessions with a **20-minute** break or **four half hour** sessions with a **10-minute break** between each session

Use shorter sessions for retrieval tasks/revising and testing content and facts

Use longer sessions for practising longer written tasks- build in time for self- assessment

## How can I structure a revision session?

### Plan:

Identify the focus for your revision eg: English language Paper One Q4

Set a target eg: Answer the question using 8 quotations from the text in timed conditions

### Do:

Spend 20 minutes writing your response

### Review:

Use a mark scheme to assess your work

Identify areas for improvement

### Redraft & improve:

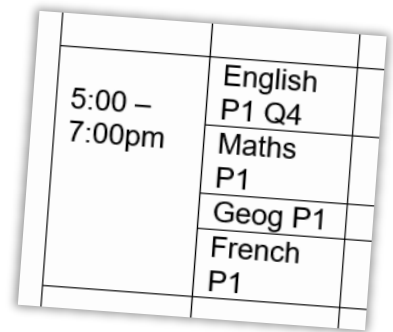
Either redraft your work with improvements **or** correct and annotate your work in a different colour pen

### Set targets:

Identify an area you still need to work on and schedule a time to revisit it

## How do I make a revision timetable?

- Use a calendar template
- Write down current commitments (school/work/appointments)
- Schedule blocks of time to revise
- Select a regular time to revise each day to establish a routine
- Break down each block of time into sessions
- Identify a specific focus for each session



5:00 – 7:00pm	English P1 Q4
	Maths P1
	Geog P1
	French P1

## Can I revise with friends?

Yes – but keep it focused

- Make up quizzes and test each other
- Test each other with flashcards
- Mark each other's work using mark schemes

## How can my family support my revision?

They can agree areas in the house where you can work

Family members can help you with quizzes or listen to you read work aloud

Perhaps household tasks or chores that you would usually carry out could be shared or rescheduled

Sometimes it helps to work alongside another family member who has a quiet task to do

They can agree to share mealtimes or break times so you have some company

## How do I know my revision is effective?

You will be able to attempt assessment tasks more confidently

You may see improvements in your assessment grades

You will understand where you have gaps in your skills and knowledge and will be able to prioritise them

## Top Tips

- Limit phone use for revision to 30 minutes a day
- Plan to revise each subject for three half hour sessions a week
- Turn off phones/laptops/TV/tablets for most of your revision sessions
- Establish a routine, eat regularly, keep hydrated, go to bed at the same time each night