



## Bishopton PRU

### Parent Guide to GCSE Revision



## PARENTS GUIDE TO REVISION PLANNING

*There are many ways in which you can help your child plan their exam revision.*

Get a printed copy of your child's exam timetable. As simple as it may sound, some children will go through their exams without a printed copy of their timetable and solely rely on their friends to tell them when their next exam is. Having a physical copy is more practical and is easier to visualise and plan from.

Help them plan out a revision schedule, let them control the organising of the timetable as this will give them the opportunity to take responsibility and learn to prioritise their work. Plan realistically. Both you and your child need to realise that there are limits to how much work can effectively be done in a day. It is important that you realistically try to assess this limit, in order for your child to be able to balance leisure and revision and be as productive as possible.



LEVEL 2



Timing revision sessions. For example: Set a target of 2 hour sessions per subject in order for them to remain focused yet get enough time to go into a certain level of depth. If your child focuses on 2 subjects a day during the week and increase this to 4/6 subjects on a weekend. Remember that you and your child need to agree and make the timetable achievable.

Plan for breaks. Your child needs regular breaks or else could become worn out, which would affect their productivity. Ideally, plan a short 5-10 minutes break every 1h and longer ones for meal times. When setting a revision timetable, remember to also reward them with break days or rewards for completing their revision timetable, such as going to the cinema, out for a meal etc.

Boundaries. You need to respect your child's boundaries when helping them revise, if you push or interfere too much, they might not come to you for help as easily.

Establishing specific location to revise. Having a specific location where your child can sit down and focus solely on their revision is essential to their concentration and thus productivity. (Somewhere quiet. Whether it is a local library, a bedroom room or some other study room, your child needs a space to study. We recommend having various study spaces to choose from as one could not be available one day requiring to have another option at hand.)

## REVISION TECHNIQUES

Before your child can start revising, they need to know how to revise and what method works best for them. Do they revise best through reading textbooks? Revision cards? Taking mock tests? Using passed papers? Mind mapping?

Your child needs to try and assess from past experience what revision techniques work best for them, which might also vary depending on the subjects and the learning materials they were provided with.

Some useful questions to help them figure this out are as follows:

Does he/she prefer studying through visual aids such as graphs, diagrams, and charts?

Does your child learn best through interacting and discussions?

Do they tend to revise best reading through notes and textbooks?

Does your child prefer revising through doing questions and examples done in class, quizzing themselves and practicing mock exams?

Your child can access CENTURY online learning from home and staff can prepare revision work if requested.



## REVISION RESOURCES AND MATERIALS

Preparing for exams: What resources should pupils use?

Supplies & resources. Make sure your child has everything they need for their revision. Besides the usual school supplies. They need to be able to be comfortable with the various tools required and be able to use them competently in their exams. If you are unsure which materials your child needs then contact us and ask staff for guidance.

Ask the teacher. If they are missing some important material, whether notes, lessons, or practice exams, encourage them to ask for it, notably as teachers are likely to appreciate that they care about their revision by asking rather than missing out on some material important to their understanding of the subject.

Study groups & revision courses. Revising can seem to children like an extremely solitary task. Yet this doesn't need to be.

We can offer after school revision clubs for certain subjects, online CENTURY learning and we also introduce revision drop down days, closer to their exam dates. If your child has proven to work well with certain friends or know people who do well in particular subjects, encourage them to reach out to them or maybe form a joint study group.

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**GSCE Revision Sessions**

**Teens Valley Collaborative Trust**

**Year 11 Mid-Week Revision sessions**  
Sessions are held every Wednesday afternoon from 2:30pm to 3:30pm  
All GCSE teaching staff are available for revision guidance  
Transport home is available.

**Year 11 Weekly Revision Sessions**  
Sessions are held on agreed Saturday mornings from 10am to 12 noon  
Transport to and from school is provided

Dates of revision sessions  
**19/03/2022**  
Miss Walsh, Ms Cooling, Miss Tokat

**26/03/2022**  
Miss Walsh, Mrs Watson, Mr Legender

Staff are always available for any help or support you may need revising for your exams

We want to help you to do your best to achieve your goals

If you wish to attend a revision session please let your Tutor team know.