



Al Islah
Girls' High School
RESPECT EDUCATE ACHIEVE

Revision Guidance

2023

Preparation

Do's

- Plan your time – make a timetable
- Assign an appropriate amount of time to each subject
- Get organised – revision lists
- Take advice and ask questions
- Revise regularly and revisit

Don't

- Put it off
- Take shortcuts – reading is not revising
- Cram
- Rush
- Assume
- Bury your head in the sand!

How?

Content / Knowledge – Learn

- Edited notes
- Mind Maps
- Posters
- Record and listen
- Buddy up

Skills – Practise

- Make lists of key features of a good exam answer
- Practise with, then without, this
- Get it checked
- Go through previously assessed material
- Refine, revisit and improve
- Edit notes

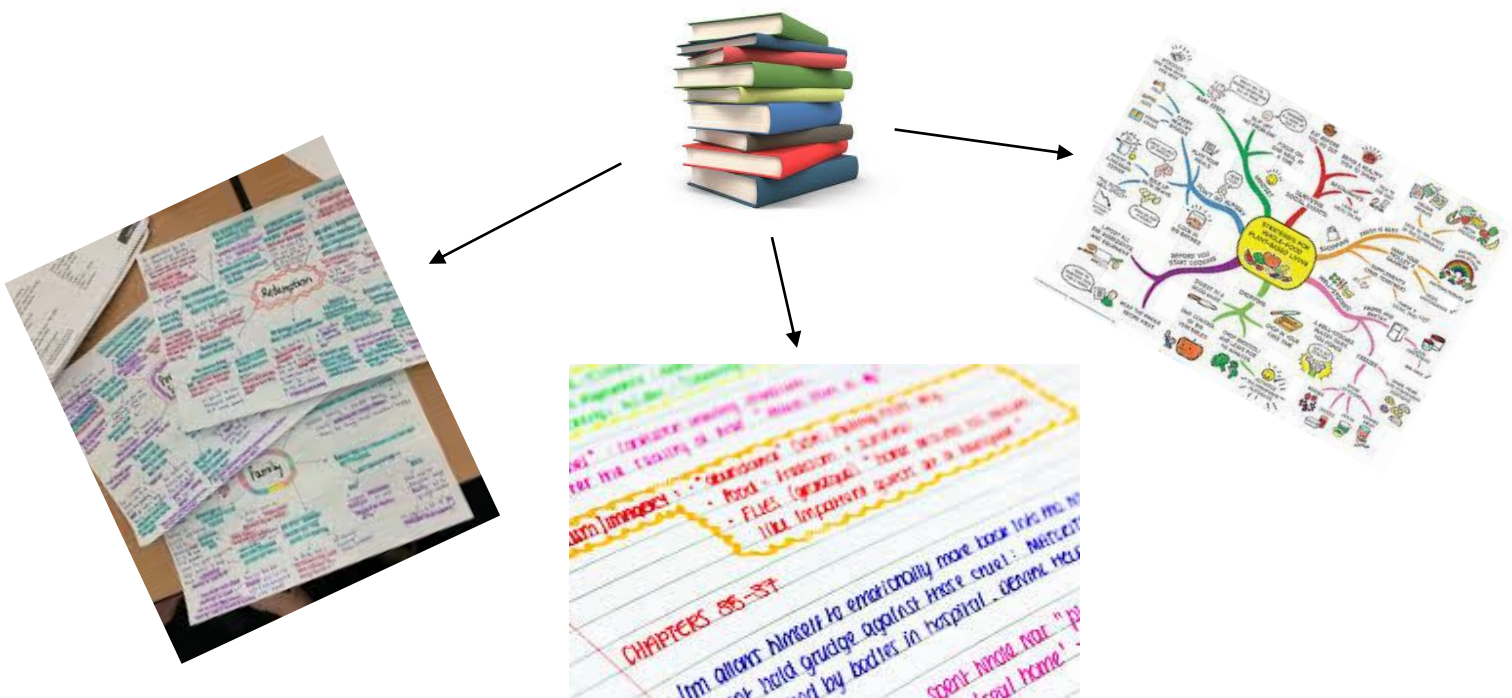
Example Revision Timetable

	9-11	11-1	1-3	3-5	5-7	7-9	9-11
Mon		School		Homework	Maths		Physics
Tue		School		Homework		Biology	English
Wed		School		Homework	Geog		RE
Thu		School		Homework	Eng lit	Maths	
Fri		School		Homework	Chemistry		
Sat		Maths		Biology		English	
Sun	Physics	Football	Football	Geog	Homework	Business	

Allow time for homework, madressah, hobbies, food, breaks etc...

Work with your own life – you know when you are most effective.

Write a new timetable each week based on what you learnt from the previous week.



Revision Advice for Pupils

- Keep to a timetable, pin it up. Ensure sufficient opportunities to revise all material studied since year 9 in all subjects.
- Prioritise – what are your weakest subjects?
- In which subjects have you covered the most material?
- Ensure you know what to revise for every subject.
- Ask your teachers what skills/content are going to be assessed.
- Make sure that you have revision lists so that you can tick off topics as you work through your revision.
- Organise all materials in chronological order – plug any gaps.
- Make sure that you ask your teachers where the best place to access revision materials is.
- Ask them the best way to revise their subjects – there will be differences.
- You don't revise by going over a topic ONCE. You should revisit to things to remember and improve.
- Engage with all opportunities at school – lunch times and after school sessions are put on for exactly these reasons.
- Don't spend ages thinking and planning. Just get on with revising!
- Don't look for easy ways to revise – these aren't revising. Reading is definitely not revising. Don't try to revise too many things in one go – it doesn't work.
- Give all topics the time needed so that you are sure that you have moved forward with your knowledge/skills. Just because you could do something in year 9 – doesn't mean you still can.
- Plan for the hardest possible examination scenarios – don't assume that the easier questions on a topic will come up. Exams are written so revision should be written!
- Content to be learnt are facts, rules, formulae, quotes and methods and how to structure answers. FLASHCARDS are the best way to learn these.
- Notes – should be edited/summarised. Don't copy.
- Record and listen to passages rather than copy out.
- Revise facts and knowledge with someone else – friend, parent.....
- Skills are using the facts, methods and structures in answering different styles of questions. Learn how to answer examination style questions – this is a skill that is different to subject knowledge.
- Practise answering with notes first, until everything you've learnt becomes habit.
- Never answer questions without getting feedback. Look at a mark scheme, use things you've answered before or got model answers for.
- Go through all of your past assessments with a fine tooth comb.
- Take notes on how you could have performed better and what you need to address before sitting your mock – then address these things.
- Go back through things – effective revision does not happen first time around. Use flashcards in piles of what you can/can't remember.
- Test yourself a few days later. Correct, edit, improve and re-draft your notes
- The cycle begins again! For anything you are not successful with find help – internet, revision guides, teachers, tuition.....
- Appropriate environment – quiet, tidy, organised....

Promise yourself something for after you've revised. Exercise, chat, TV, phone..... Ask for

support from your parents/siblings. Testing, timing, reminders.....