

Revision Digest - Issue 4

Bishop Stopford School

faith | justice | responsibility | truth | compassion

The Best Revision Timetables

A great revision timetable not only guarantees you cover everything you need to in time for the exam; it also breaks everything down into more manageable chunks – you're in control!

Download a revision timetable or use a timetable app

<https://bishopstopford.fireflycloud.net/resource.aspx?id=149424>

Alternatively pick a suitable app and download it to your phone. Three popular ones are:

ME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY

My Study Life: use throughout the year, not just during your revision period. Track homework and assignments, and organise your daily and weekly schedule. Everything is stored in the Cloud for easy access on multiple devices. Available on: Play Store, iTunes

SQA My Study Plan: the app creates a personalised study plan based on when your exams are – you can import your exam timetable directly from SQA MyExams. Available on: Play Store, iTunes

Timetable: if you're an Android user, Timetable is one way to manage school life across devices. The app even mutes your phone during lessons, in case you forget... Available on: Play Store

Structuring Your Timetable

Divide however long you have until your exams by how many subjects you study. Then for each, divide all the topics and areas you need to cover. Keep it very simple or add extra fields. Note specific learning you want to complete in a session.

Prioritise

What subjects – or topics within those subjects – do you need to spend more time on? Perhaps mock results have flagged areas you need to spend more time on.

Distributed Practice

Don't just cover a topic once and move on. If you do, the material you study first will be a distant memory by the time you come to exams. Plan to revisit material and test yourself with past papers to check it's sticking. (Look back to earlier Revision Digests for more tips.)

Display your Plan

A plan is no good if you don't check it. Print it out and put it on your wall so that you can remind yourself what you're studying and when, or use the apps to help you.





Approach Subjects Differently

Certain techniques will suit some subjects better than others. This might depend on how intense the material is, how it will be assessed or simply how you best retain everything.

For example, the following methods might work for you:

- Flashcards for key dates in history, key terms in geography, formulae in maths.
- Jingles or rhymes for phrases you'll have to speak in a languages exam.
- Pictures to identify parts of the human body in biology.

The length of your study periods can also be flexible according to what works for you. For example, you might find that two 45 minute sessions of maths, with a break in between, are most productive - but you can focus on your chemistry revision for longer periods of time.

Conduct in Exams

For more information about your exams and the exam board rules and regulations please find the 'Exam Policy' (and lots of other policies) on the school's website:

<https://www.bishopstopford.com/school-information/policies/general-policies>