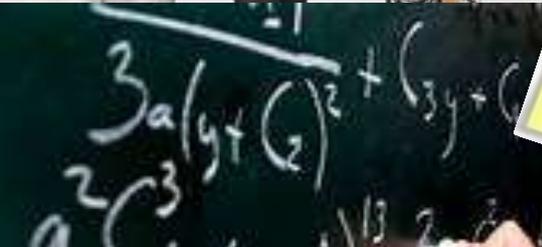
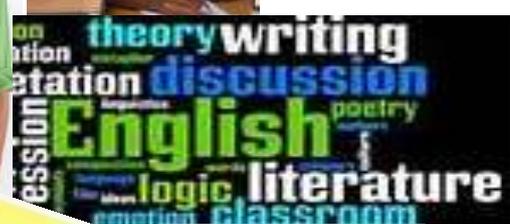
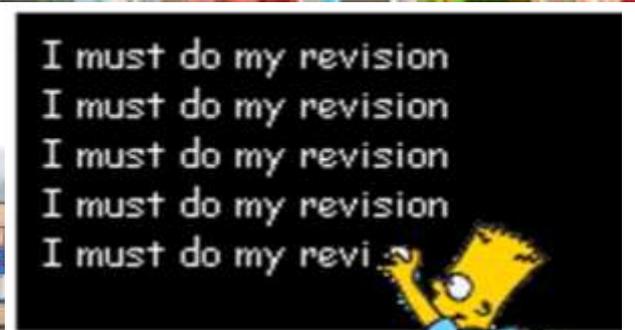
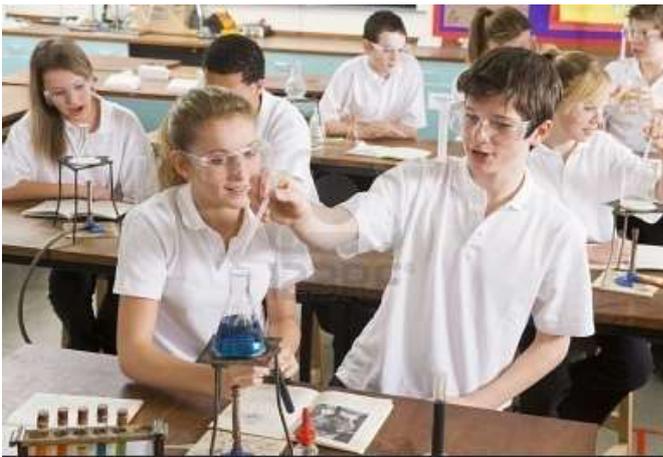


KEY STAGE 3

EXAM REVISION GUIDE





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This booklet has been made to help you get ready for your exams.



Exams are never pleasant but your results will make a difference to the group you are placed into next year so do your best.

Remember, start revision early and ask for help if you find anything hard.”

Message from the Head of College

The end of year exams gives you the opportunity to demonstrate all you have learnt over the course of the year. It makes me proud when I pop into lessons and see how hard you are working, and I hope that all your efforts will be rewarded. Exams can seem stressful but if you prepare fully then you will be a lot calmer on the day. Remember it is not about being the best, but being the best you can be.

Finally, I wish you all the very best with these exams.

How to Study

To do well, aim high.



Start revising now; the more you prepare the more confidence you will have in the exam.

Do not leave the difficult topics until the end of your revision time.

Check you know what topics to revise. You want to learn the correct information.

Ask teachers for help if you need it as you get ready for your exam.

Find a quiet place to study. Don't distract yourself with your mobile phone or tablet.



Keep calm. Exams are not there to trick you; they are to see how much you have learnt.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
REVISE**



Study Methods

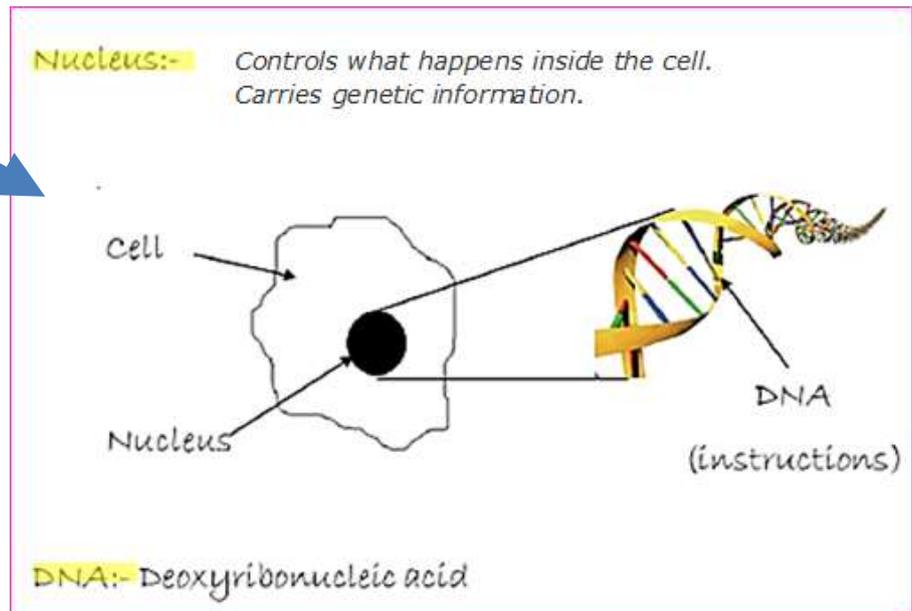
Revision is not *just* rereading your notes or text books. There is no 'right way' to revise – different methods suit different people.

Choose a way that will help you gain a solid grasp of the facts and strengthen your knowledge.

You may want to mix methods as variety will help you concentrate for longer.



You could read your notes and make **diagrams** or **revision cards** of main points.



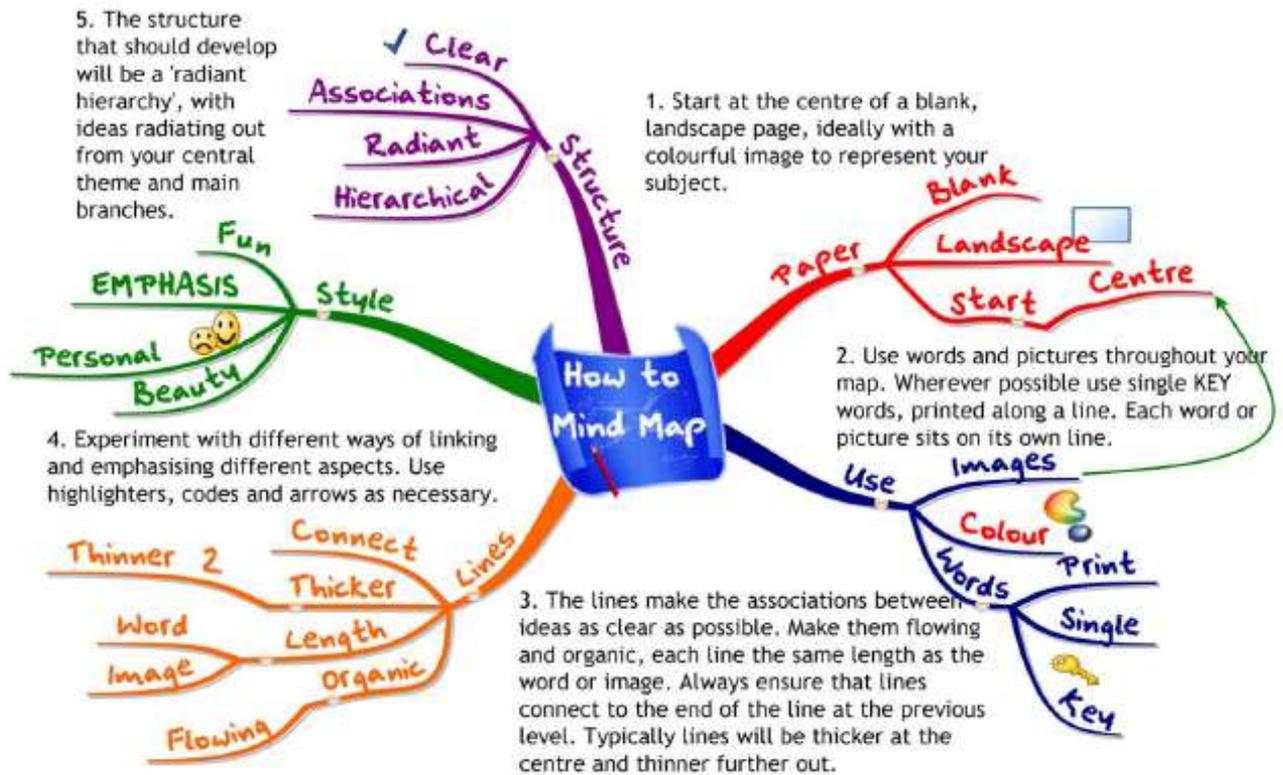
Use colour, a highlighter and lots of pictures to help you remember. Write the main points only as you will want to recall all of the important things.



If your notes are not clear, recheck your text book, do not copy incorrect details.

Make **posters** with key facts then display these in your house where you will see them.

Create **Mind Maps** with the subject in the centre and key words/pictures linking to it.



Record yourself reading notes to listen to on the move.

Include questions, a pause and then the answers so you can test yourself as you listen.



Study with a friend and **test** each other's knowledge, but remember you are meeting to revise rather than to chat!



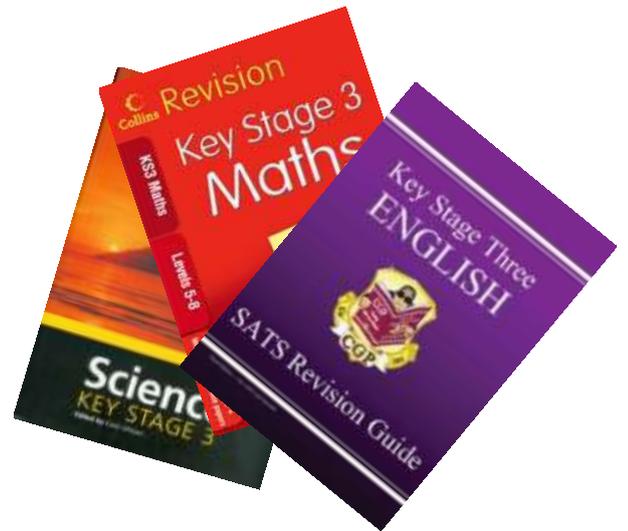
Work through **past** question papers – use a watch so that you can practise timing your answers.



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Choose study and revision **guides** sensibly. You will need to judge which are the best for your needs. Get recommendations from your teachers and/or friends.

Attend any revision **classes** that your teachers may be running at school.



Reward your hard work with the things you enjoy. Learn something then watch a film, have lunch with friends, take a walk or play football outside for some fresh air before returning to revision.

Know how long you can concentrate effectively – if it is 30 minutes, take a short break after 30 minutes and then come back. Short blocks may be better for you than a solid 3 hours if nothing goes in!

Before Your Exam

Know what time your exam is and which room you need to be in for it.



Make sure you have all of the equipment you will need.

Make sure you eat breakfast and have a drink to help you focus.

Do not stay up late the night before!



Your Revision Plan

Revision takes time (not just a quick read of your book the night before) so set out a revision plan. It's not a competition to stay up later than your friends!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
4 pm							
4.30 pm							
5 pm							
5.30 pm							
6 pm							
6.30 pm							



Key Points

Start revising now.

Choose methods of revision that suit you.

Make a realistic revision plan and use it!

Remember, short blocks of revision can be more effective than endless hours.

