



Speyside High School's



5 Top Tips Revision Guide



Healthy
Responsible
Dedicated
Ambitious
Respect
Achieving

5 TOP TIPS

1

Be Prolific, be committed, be focused.



2

Extra study

Make use of opportunities for extra study (after school, lunchtimes, study club).

Art & Design

3

Know & Understand

Know and understand your Authors/Designers/Photographer. Apply concepts such as composition/ colour theory to your work.

4

Pride & Responsibility

Take pride and responsibility in your work, be organised – meet deadlines, be prepared.

5

Eat, sleep, create, repeat ...



5 TOP TIPS

1

Look over work

Do this daily for 10-15 minutes.



2

Summarise notes

Do this as the year progresses – mind map, study cards.

Business Education

3

Timetable

Create a study timetable.



4

Answer past papers questions

Remember to check SQA marking instructions.



5

Command words

Answer accordingly.



5 TOP TIPS

1 Have a study plan for revision

This will help ensure you cover all aspects of the courses – remember revising drama vocabulary is part of the course too.



2

Try to ensure a healthy lifestyle

Get enough sleep as Drama uses lots of energy when rehearsing and you need to be fresh to get the most out of revision of written work.

Drama

3 Use past papers and marking instructions

Bring work completed into school to be marked and discussed with your teacher.



4

Learn lines early

For practical performances work make sure you learn lines early and thoroughly so that you have more time so you can refine your performance in class time.



5

Supported study

Take full advantage of Study Club, study periods and lunch times to rehearse and get help from teachers.



5 TOP TIPS

1 Create a revision plan

This should clearly state the topics you need to revise (in order of the ones you find most difficult).



2

Make coloured notes

Make posters, mind maps, revision cards and question cards with answers on the back to help you revise. Whichever technique works for you. These can be stuck around your house.



Home Economics



3

Past Paper Questions

Use past paper questions provided in class and SQA website to practice exam style questions. You can access the marking instructions for these online or your teacher is happy to mark and provide feedback. (Practical cookery can access practical papers and practise dishes at home).

4

Ask for help

If there are still areas of the course you are not familiar with ask for help. We are more than happy to spend lunchtimes, after school/ study periods to reteach elements of the course if required.

5

Be prepared

Do not leave all your revision to the night before! Practice the full past paper/practical past paper recipes under exam conditions at home in the allocated time allowed to ensure you are fully prepared for the exam.

5 TOP TIPS

1

Note answers

- Short bullet point answers instead of paragraph.
- Method of covering content quicker and assessing existing knowledge.



2

Timed questions

- Chunk exam revision – 1 question at a time but limited to how much time you would get in your exam.

History

3

Study cards for chunking

- Used to learn chunks of essay.
- Each card;
 - Knowledge
 - Analysis



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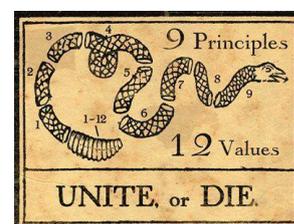
Learn question triggers & answer structures

- N5 – 6 types of questions – how to structure answer.
- H – awareness of easily confused questions.

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Study atmosphere & regime

- Plan.
- Breaks.
- Etc.

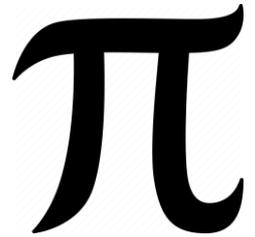


5 TOP TIPS

1

Make a revision plan

Ensure that you know which topics you need to revise and that you have enough time to fit everything in – note taking/making flash cards/ etc, topic revision and past papers



2

Before you start revising...

Sort your notes and make sure you have a list of all the topics that are being assessed, read through your notes highlighting or making lists of topics that need more work.

Mathematics

3

The best way to revise Maths is by doing Maths!

Once you have read through your notes you should practice questions topic by topic from your textbook. The next step is past papers – do all the past papers that you have been given. Your maths teacher will have given you at least 2 selections of your past or practice papers.



4

Make sure that you ask for help

If you are stuck on a question firstly read your notes jotter. If you are still stuck, ask your teacher, someone from your class, someone at home, or look on the internet (like the Ask Nrich forum).

5

Practice doing questions in timed, exam conditions

This will help you check whether you know the topics thoroughly enough and also whether you are working fast enough.



5 TOP TIPS

1

Regular vocabulary revision is essential

Online revision is very effective: we recommend Memrise and Quizlet. Short, regular revision sessions of 15-20 minutes 3 or 4 times a week make a huge difference.



2

Immerse yourself in the language

Read websites, articles, and online posts in the language for fun. Listen to and watch videos/TV/films in language.

Modern Languages

3

Talking exam

Record yourself talking in the language and listen back to it. Listen to your teacher's recording.



4

Be prepared for the writing exam

Know what you're going to write. Write it 100 times until it's perfect.

5

Don't try to do it all on your own

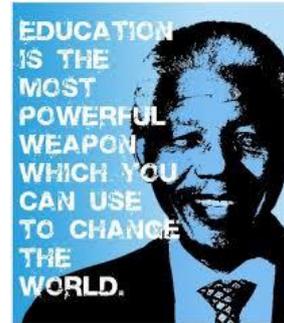
Attend supported study sessions for help with exam technique and talk practice.



5 TOP TIPS

1 Complete class work

Make sure you have completed all the tasks for the week, so that you have covered all content, you can't revise something you haven't done yet.



2 Write up summary notes

Using the course assessment specifications at the front of your booklets, make sure you have notes on all the bullet points.

Modern Studies

3 Interspace revision over time

Don't cram 5 hours on one day, do one hour a day over 5 days. Make sure you do more than one subject every night.



4 Look at the marking instructions online

Find out what the examiners are looking for.

5 Complete answers under timed conditions

A 20-mark essay In Higher Modern Studies should be completed within 40 minutes, and 12 mark essays should take 24 minutes.

5 TOP TIPS

1 Make use of useful websites

You will find help with revising concepts (e.g. Quizlet, Antaea)



2

Practice

Make sure to get plenty of practice of your pieces with the accompanist before the final exam.

Music

3

Flashcards

Use flashcards to learn the definition of concepts.



4

Listen to additional audio clips

This will help you to become more familiar with more difficult concepts to make it easier picking them out when it comes to the final exam.

5

Course booklets

Use course booklets to help you look for musical examples to learn concepts.



5 TOP TIPS

1 Get into the mind of the examiner/marker

I spend a lot of time talking about the psychology of marking papers, and what examiners like and don't like in a response. This helps to focus on staying focused on the question and not 'waffling'.



2 Always check for gaps in knowledge

Use Show My Homework/Student Out folder to find missed work/resources.

Physical Education

3 Take photos

Take photos of information that we write on whiteboards – particularly during practical lessons – and use these later as a revision tool/as support for completing homework.



4 Complete homework regularly

Even if you only attempt one or two questions, get used to working independently.

5 Commit to attending a sports club in or outside of school

Practical marks are worth up to 50% of the overall mark, so it's vital to maximise the potential for higher marks here. Also, give your PE teachers plenty of notice if you need to be observed outside of school. We'll always try to accommodate this.



5 TOP TIPS

1 Be realistic

Be realistic about what your goals are for revision.

2 Don't leave things until the last minute

You will not absorb information when you feel under pressure.

3 Revision Plan

Set out a plan for revision and revisit topics regularly – you will remember it better. (An understanding of how memory works will help.)



Religious Studies



4 Understand the information

Make sure you understand the information you have been given, read it through and then put it into your own words or create a mind map or in some other form that works for you.

5 Be prepared

Before an exam, be prepared. Visualise where you are going, entering the exam room, opening up the paper, even preparing yourself for how you will handle difficult questions.

