

Revision is the key to exam success.

### **1. Start revising in good time**

Try to start at least eight weeks before the exam.  
That way, you can avoid last-minute panic.

### **2. Begin with a plan**

- ✓ Work out how many weeks you have before the exam.
- ✓ Decide how much time you will spend on maths revision each week, and when.
- ✓ Do a timetable with the topics you plan to cover each week.
- ✓ Keep your timetable safe. Check it often to see how you are doing, and what's next.

### **3. Don't just sit and stare**

Your textbook covers your Maths syllabus.

Reading it is part of revision. But only part!

There are many other ways to get information into your brain and memory.

For example, try some or all of these ...

- ✓ Make brief notes of the key points – or draw a mind map.  
And keep them safe, to read again another day.
- ✓ Use colours and highlighting to pick out key points.
- ✓ Say what you have learned out loud. Tell the wall!
- ✓ Get a friend to ask you questions about it.
- ✓ Do questions from the textbook or other sources.
- ✓ Use practice papers and past paper questions to the best effect. eg. 'Number'  
Make notes on the subtopic 'Percentages, Fractions and Decimals'  
Show carefully how you convert between them.
- ✓ Try some practice questions to test your knowledge.
- ✓ Try a past paper question.
- ✓ Move on to the next topic

### **4. Do lots of questions from past exams**

- ✓ Don't leave it until the exam to try exam questions. You might get a shock.
- ✓ Practice answering exam questions as part of revision. That will help to give you confidence for the exam.

### **5. But don't work too hard**

- ✓ Our brains get tired after a while.
- ✓ So it is more effective to revise in quite short bursts than in long sessions.
- ✓ If you feel you are not taking anything in, take a short break. Take some fresh air. Dance around. Sing.
- ✓ Then back to work, refreshed.
- ✓ Revising late the night before the exam is *not* a good idea.

### **Finally, exam day arrives ...**

You on exam day – calm, cool, and confident.

If you plan your revision well, and stick to your plan, there is every chance you will feel that way. You had a good rest last night. Your pens, pencils, calculator, ruler and eraser are ready.

Now it is time to show everyone what you can do.