

Revision and Exam support for RO students!

We've put together lots of useful links and resources to help you prepare for revision and your exams. Resources have been split into the categories in the list below and you can click the titles to go directly to the sections that interest you!



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Learning Styles

It can be really helpful to find out what your learning style is! Once you know this you can use the information to learn and revise more effectively and this can help you do well in your exams and then at university.

You can find out what type of learner you are by completing some short questionnaires. Here is one for you to try:

<http://vark-learn.com/the-vark-questionnaire/>

Now you know how you learn best, look through these revision techniques and find one that works for you.

Revision Techniques and Methods

Here are some very useful links to advice on revision techniques. How you revise can have a big impact on how you remember!

A guide to different memory techniques from the University of Birmingham:

<https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/libraryservices/library/skills/asc/documents/public/Short-Guide-Memory-Techniques.pdf>

This webpage contains links to activities about revision strategies and techniques such as creating a mind map, note taking, rehearsing exam answers, writing a mock exam and creating memory aids from the University of Leeds: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/485/academic_skills/347/revision_and_exams/3

A guide to improving your memory from BBC Radio 4 online:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/memory/improve/>

Improve your memory with this interactive slideshow from the University of Leicester:

<https://connect.le.ac.uk/memory>

Improve your concentration skills with this interactive slideshow from the University of Leicester:

<https://connect.le.ac.uk/concentration>

A podcast offering advice on revision techniques: <http://www.learnhigher.ac.uk/writing-for-university/academic-writing/revision-techniques-podcast/>

Subject Specific Resources

Now you know how you learn best and have an idea of the best revision techniques you can get started with revising. The following links all contain content you can use to revise.

A Level revision resources split up by subject, created for students by students. Choose your subject and look through the suggested resources: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/undergraduate/preparing-for-university/get-u2-uni/year-11/revision-resources.aspx>

Revision guide by A Level subject broken down into modules: <http://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision>

Online revision tool for A Levels and GCSEs, can be broken down by subject and module: <http://www.s-cool.co.uk/>

OCR's guide to revision skills: <http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/295221-the-ocr-guide-to-revision.pdf>

Here are a few subject-specific websites that might be useful to you:

[Biology](#)

[Chemistry](#)

[Economics](#)

[English Literature](#)

[English Language](#)

[Geography](#)

[Mathematics / Further mathematics](#)

[Mathematics / Further mathematics](#)

[Physics](#)

[Psychology](#)

[Psychology](#)

[Sociology](#)

NB. When using these websites for revision please check which exam board they cover and to what extent – some material may be missing or may not be relevant. Try to match what you are revising to topics you have covered in school or college or that your teacher has suggested.

Past Papers

A great way to test your revision and prepare thoroughly for exams is to try past exam papers. Try as many as you can before your exams to help you prepare for the type of questions you will be asked. You can get past papers from the websites exam boards:

Papers related to the OCR syllabus: <http://www.ocr.org.uk/i-want-to/download-past-papers/>

Papers related to the AQA syllabus: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Exam Preparation

The links cover a few useful tips to remember when preparing for exams:

Exams advice from e-mentoring site Bright Knowledge; <http://www.brightknowledge.org/knowledge-bank/study-support/exams>

Exam tips from a Professor at the University of York: http://www-users.york.ac.uk/~dajp1/Exam_Hints/Exams.html

Some of these tips are applicable to university exams as well as the exams you are about to take so it's useful to get to grips with them now!

Getting Organised, Time Management and Planning

A big part of preparing for exams is organising yourself and your time. This is especially important if you have other responsibilities outside of school or college. You might already be good at planning but when you're building extra revision in it's a good idea to think about how you're managing your time.

A 5-step plan on getting organised: <http://www.learnhigher.ac.uk/learning-at-university/time-management/the-5-step-plan/>

Time management information from the Higher Education Outreach Network: <http://heon.org.uk/resources/time-management>

This link from University of Leeds contains a planning tips, a free PDF revision timetable, and a link to a YouTube video on how to use it: https://library.leeds.ac.uk/info/496/revision_and_exams/347/revision_and_exams/2

Video on Time Management from the University of Leeds YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wfSNuXoFrO0&index=19&list=PLPooB6Qr1ayGppgfhGQ_RpwuiFYdYQmc0

Planning and using your time effectively from the University of Sussex: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/s3/?id=69>

Time management tips from Bright Knowledge: <http://www.brightknowledge.org/knowledge-bank/study-support/motivation-and-time-management>

Overcoming Exam Stress and Anxiety

You need to make sure you take care of yourself during exam time and don't let exam stress overshadow the hard work you've done revising!

Tips of managing exam anxiety and stress from University of Essex: <https://www.essex.ac.uk/students/health-and-wellbeing/exam-anxiety.aspx>

Tips on managing exam stress from exam board AQA: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/student-support/for-students/managing-stress>

Motivation, Dealing with Distractions and Overcoming Procrastination

Everyone knows how easy it is to get distracted when you're revising so here are some tips on staying focused and motivated!

Follow this twitter account for motivation and links to revision resources on your twitter fed: <https://twitter.com/getrevising>

Advice on how to deal with distractions: <http://www.learnhigher.ac.uk/learning-at-university/time-management/dealing-with-distractions/>

Tips of overcoming procrastination: <http://www.learnhigher.ac.uk/learning-at-university/time-management/overcoming-procrastination/>

General Resources

Tips and advice on study skills: <http://www.brightknowledge.org/knowledge-bank/study-support/homework-and-study-skills>

Revision advice from University of Essex:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLa44HMm9JnyAmuQmHXPeSeRrFV35-vT95>

Tips from University of Birmingham on planning revision, creating a timetable and looking after yourself during the exam period: <https://intranet.birmingham.ac.uk/as/studentservices/disability/learning-support/effective-learning/exams/revision.aspx>

Revision tips from UCAS: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/help-and-support/news/getting-revision-ready>

Revision tips from AQA: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/student-support/for-students/revision>

Revision tips and exam skills from University of Leicester:

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/offices/ld/resources/study/revision-exam>
