

## Revision

### Seven Steps to Success

- **Stage 1**

Throughout your course go over your work (ideally) every day or AT LEAST once a week. I know you've been in lessons, written notes and even done questions on a topic then looked at it a few weeks or months later and you can hardly remember being in the lesson at all! If you had gone over your work after the lesson then it would be **revising** when you come back to it later instead of **learning**.

- **Stage 2**

In the holidays, take a few hours (don't forget there is **168 hours in every week** so you have plenty of time!) to go over your work from that term. Just read through, think about it a bit, re-draw some of the diagrams but nothing too strenuous for now!

- **Stage 3**

Start to make notes in some form. **Make notes in your learning style**, so if you're kinaesthetic make models, matching card sets, and posters with post-it notes on. If you're more visual, make mindmaps and coloured posters which you can stick on the walls all around your house!

If you're more auditory, then record your spoken notes onto the computer as audio files, then save them on your ipod or mp3 and listen to them as you walk/sit around. Do presentations to your family and quiz your friends and have them quiz you on what you know. For kinaesthetic types; make models of everything you can, make collages and matching-games with post it notes. For more lively revision, do a bit of everything!

- **Stage 4**

**Practice** re-drawing your posters, re-writing your notes and saying your answers. Practice. Practice. Practice. This part of your revision should be the biggest part, about 60%. Keep going over the work until you really know it, which means you could re-write it, re-draw it and explain it to someone else.

- **Stage 5**

Start doing practice **questions** from books and online on BBC Bitesize and other sites. Look at [www.wizardtutors.com](http://www.wizardtutors.com) on my delicious links page for some ideas of online revision sites.

- **Stage 6**

Get **practice papers** from school or from the web and go through them with as much time as you need and ALL your notes and books.

- **Stage 7**

Now try doing the **practice papers again**, but this time in exam conditions in the set amount of time, without any of your notes. Then mark it (all papers you can get on the internet on exam boards websites (like [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)) have the mark schemes with it to download) or get your teacher to mark it. Once you've realised your weaker areas go back to stage three until you're confident that you are, actually, a genius!

