

Study Time

The first step of studying is probably the most important and that is **planning**.

Firstly, you have to know the answers to the following questions:

1. What subjects do you have exams in?
2. When are the exams?
3. Do you have access to all the notes/textbooks/past papers for each subject?
4. Has supported study been provided?

Once you have answered those questions you can then continue to plan and organise for the exams by creating a study timetable.

Firstly you have to identify all the different topics/units that are to be assessed in each of your subjects. Then create a detailed study timetable.

Identify when you are studying each subject and exactly which topic you are studying.

Break down each subject into topics to study. This makes it seem less daunting!

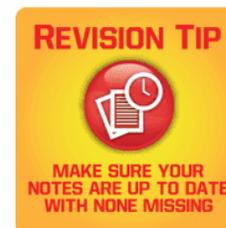
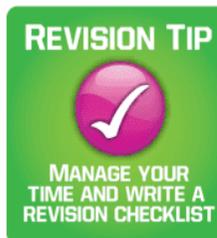
Make your revision slots last around 1 hour – not too long that you get fed up and won't study again.

Have a clear focus – know what you want to achieve in your revision (e.g. complete a past paper).

Remove all distractions from the area – give yourself a good chance to revise well.

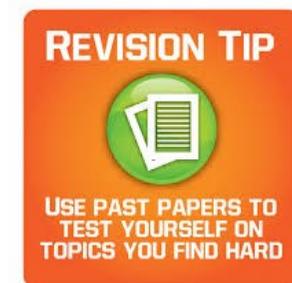
Ways to Learn the Course Content

- ⇒ Read all theory materials for each unit:
 - Course notes
 - Classwork
 - Theory powerpoints
 - Revision Textbooks
 - Subject Online Resources—Padlet/Team/OneNote/Google Classroom
- ⇒ Re-write/type up the notes for revision.
- ⇒ Make mind maps for each topic or subtopic.
- ⇒ Use revision websites such as BBC Bitesize, Scholar, Kahoot.
- ⇒ Revise with a friend and ask each other questions to check content knowledge.
- ⇒ Write out/type up short revision notes/flash cards highlighting key points you must remember.
- ⇒ Create mnemonics/songs to help you remember difficult pieces of information.
- ⇒ Put up revision notes/posters around your room so that they are there to glance at and revise easily.
- ⇒ Attend supported study if teachers are offering it...if not ask!



Ways to Practice Exam Technique

- ⇒ Complete revision tasks and practice questions supplied from your class teacher.
- ⇒ Download SQA past papers from the SQA website.
- ⇒ Complete past papers at home—start off open book using your notes then build up to closed book.
- ⇒ Complete past papers in timed conditions.
- ⇒ Ask your teachers to mark them. Their feedback will help you know how to improve.
- ⇒ Download and use the SQA marking schemes when creating your revision notes. That gives you an insight into what they are looking for.



Advice and Tips

For on the Day of the Exam

Before the Exam:

Take 3 pens and your SCN card.

Arrive fresh, go to the toilet before, have something to eat and stay hydrated.

Arrive around 5 mins early to the exam hall so that you are not rushed.

During the Exam:

Answer every question. Spread out your points.

Read each question/instruction carefully.

Answer questions in sentences when appropriate.

Read over each answer – does it make sense.

Pay attention to the **mark allocation** for each question and **command words** if appropriate.

Expand and develop EVERY answer – don't be vague in your descriptions.

Use the margin of your paper/scrap paper to plan out your answers, write down keywords so that you don't forget them in the middle of the exam.

EXAM TIP



MAKE YOUR ANSWERS MORE INTERESTING BY USING DIAGRAMS

EXAM TIP



IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH TIME AT THE END CHECK THROUGH YOUR ANSWERS

EXAM TIP



READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

Revision Websites



Forfar Academy Website



SQA Past Papers



Bright Red Digital Zone



BBC Bitesize



STEP 1:
Start your favorite QR code scanner

STEP 2:
Point your phone at the QR code

STEP 3:
Scan the QR code

STEP 4:
View the web page!



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It is never too late to start studying.

If you start to put in the hard work now you will see the benefit when you get your results.

Cramming the night before is not a successful way to pass an exam.

