



How to revise for GCSE trials & the real summer exams

Why revise at all?



- GCSEs are designed to test your maths skills learned since year 1 (not year 11)
- There's **no way** you can remember every method you've learned without revising
- After significant revision, you will recognise the questions when in an exam
- Revision builds confidence and massively boosts your overall grade
- Adequate revision is the only way you can combat the stress/anxiety of exams

How much do I need to do?



- The amount of revision needed varies per student (because some people have better memories than others) but here's a rough guide:

Mocks/Trials

Half an hour per night from Mon-Fri for 4 or 5 weeks

Real exams

45 mins per night from Mon-Fri for 9 or 10 weeks

**The important thing is that your
revision is EFFECTIVE**

What is effective revision?



- Effective means that it makes a difference and is a smart use of your time:
 - *Focus on the right topics*
 - *The work you do 'sticks' in your brain*
 - *You don't waste your time*
 - *It makes a difference to your ability to recognise questions in the exam*

How to revise



- Make a quiet space to work (a desk with a light etc)
- Use the printed topic list we've given you, and pick a subject which is **not** one of your strengths
- Go to MathsWatch and use the search feature to enter the clip number
- Fast forward the video until you get to the bit where a question is presented and the lady says 'press pause and have a go'. Using a pen and paper, **actually try the questions**. When you think you're done, press play on the video and check your answer(s).
- If incorrect, **then** watch the video (there's a 1 min version if you want it super-quick) and try the questions again until successful.
- If correct, fast forward more to try more questions. You can also click [Interactive Questions](#) for more questions. When fully confident, move on to another topic on the list

Top Tips



- YOU are responsible to do as much as YOU need, spending time on whatever YOU need. Your friends may be focusing on completely different topics (their weaknesses)
- Spread out your revision over several weeks – you cannot do it last minute
- We've also given the page numbers in the book you can buy through the school – questions are at the bottom of each page, and answers are in the back
- You can look online (mathsgenie.co.uk) at past paper questions – make sure you pick higher/foundation correctly, and use Edexcel exam board

