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Effective Exam Revision Tips

1. Develop a Study Routine to maximise your learning in class.
2. Find out exactly what you will be tested on. You may not need to revise all course content, so knowing what to focus on will help you narrow down your study.
 - a. Check the course outline for key learning outcomes and information about the exam.
3. Look at past exam papers to find out what is expected.
4. Attend classes and tutorials right up until the exam. These often contain useful tips, as well as providing an opportunity to ask questions.
5. Talk to your teacher if you are unsure or have any questions.

Making an Exam Study Plan

- Start preparing for exams and tests early.
- Make a note of your test and exam dates. You can use a wall planner, diary, or organiser.
- Use a weekly study timetable. Block out existing commitments, then schedule 30-60 minute chunks of study time throughout the week.
- You could also use apps, such as My Study Plan (iOS) or Study Plan (Google Play), to help you organise your study.

How to Revise

- Revising class notes is a good way to start your study. Identify topics, themes, issues or concepts that are likely to be in the exam or test.
- Use [Mind Maps](#), diagrams and flowcharts to organize your notes in a more visual format.
- Look at past exam papers to predict the scope of the topic and exam structure. For example, does the exam require you to draw diagrams, solve equations or will you need to write essays?
- Try the [Pomodoro](#) technique to help you manage your study time more effectively and overcome procrastination.

Tip: Focus your study by having a list of realistic revision tasks you want to achieve while you're revising.

For example:

- Review and summarize class notes.
- Organize them into key themes or concepts.
- Identify key words and phrases to use in the exam.

Techniques

Flashcards are a great way to test your knowledge of key words and concepts.

- You can write a word or phrase, or draw a picture on one side, and put the definition or description on the other side.
- Watch this video on how to maximize your learning through Flash Cards
<https://youtu.be/mzCEJVtED0U\>

Spacing is a strategy you can use to remember information. It helps to prioritize what information you need to spend more time and what you don't. The spacing effect <https://youtu.be/eVajQPuRmk8>

Mnemonics are strategies you can use to remember information.

- For example, you can use the acronym ROYGBIV (Red, Orange, Yellow, Blue, Indigo, Violet) to remember the colours of the rainbow.
- Acrostics are also helpful for recalling certain facts or information. For example, try this one for the first nine elements of the periodic table: Harry He Likes Beer Bottled Cold, Not Over Frothy.

Techniques continued

Test yourself

- Practise past exam papers to test your understanding and identify any gaps in your knowledge.
- Time yourself to make sure you can answer questions within the set period.

Work together

- Form a study group to share ideas and get feedback. Working with friends or classmates can also help you to stay motivated and focused during your revision.
- A great way to work out if you have understood a topic or concept is to explain it to someone else (a friend, parent, sibling, and so on). If this is difficult, then go back to your notes, textbooks or discussion boards.

The Wakatipu Way



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The way we do things around here.

To have Pride in our school, & to strive for: Responsibility,
Respect, Inclusion, Resilience & Excellence.





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PROFILE**

CAPABILITIES
FOR LIFELONG
LEARNING

FUTURE FOCUS

**QUALIFICATIONS,
TRANSITIONS
& PATHWAYS**

CAPABILITIES
FOR LIFELONG
LEARNING

**KNOWLEDGE,
SKILLS
& PROCESSES**

COMPETENCIES

**WHS
VALUES**

SELF

**ACTIVE
CITIZENSHIP**

SOCIAL

HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT

REACH FOR YOUR HEIGHTS
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