

# Revision Guide for Year 8

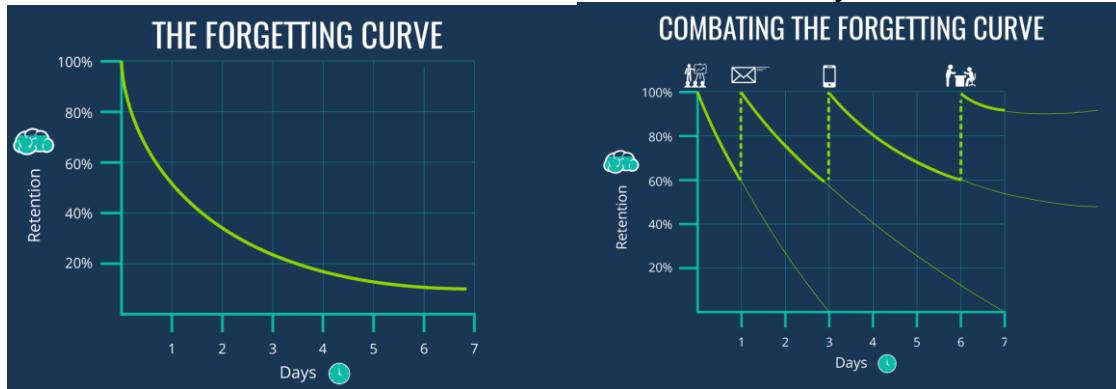


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## Revision tasks and strategies

Successful revision is the key to building your long term memory. Revision is the act of revisiting information, giving yourself time to review the facts and allow yourself time to *think* about it again. The more often you revisit information, the more easy it becomes to retrieve the information, and it makes it less easy for it to be forgotten.









When you are revising, you may begin with tasks that focus purely on facts and information. It is beneficial to test yourself or get someone to test your knowledge. However, revision is not simply re-learning, but also applying and using the information. The most effective revision will be applying your knowledge to practice questions or past papers, to practise and rehearse the act of selecting and using information from memory.

### **Top Tips for Revision:**

- 1) **Don't leave it to the last minute**. Start early and plan revision out over a few weeks
- 2) Use a **revision timetable** to plan your revision
- 3) **Practise** as many past questions as you can
- 4) **Take breaks**, with a timer, and use them to refresh your concentration
- 5) **Avoid your phone**, even having it close by can be a distraction
- 6) Create a dedicated **space for revision**, and make sure you use your breaks to move away from it
- 7) Have something to eat that will keep you **hydrated and fuelled** (fruit and veg, not processed food)
- 8) **Exercise** is a better break than a nap!
- 9) **Make a checklist** of actions and topics to prioritise
- 10) Use a **variety of revision activities**- avoid simply reading, copying or highlighting

## Recommended revision strategies:

<p>1 Keyword lists or Knowledge Organisers</p> 	<p><b>a)</b> Use the “Learn, cover, say and check” technique (Learn two or three, cover them and then see if you can write them down or say them accurately)</p> <p><b>b)</b> Learn the words first, then the definitions</p> <p><b>c)</b> Learn one section at a time</p> <p><b>d)</b> Separate the keywords and definition on flashcards and match them up, or test yourself on just the keywords</p>
<p>2 Exercise books</p> 	<p><b>a)</b> Read through your book, making flashcards or revision notes.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Make a note of anything you aren’t sure about to check with your teacher</p>
<p>3 Online resources</p> 	<p><b>a)</b> Use Quizlet, Seneca, Kerboodle, OR BBC Bitesize to learn and test yourself with the in-app assessments</p> <p><b>b)</b> Use these to create topic mindmaps, flashcards or revision notes</p>
<p>4 Checklists</p> 	<p><b>a)</b> Use or create your own topic checklists</p> <p><b>b)</b> highlight those you need to work on</p> <p><b>c)</b> tick them off, or date them when you have revised each section</p>
<p>5 Flashcards</p> 	<p>Make flashcards using the Keyword or Knowledge Organiser. Write questions on one side, answer on the other. Test yourself and keep them in three piles;</p> <p>1; I don’t know these, (prioritise these)</p> <p>2; I can often get this right, but with some errors; (check these regularly)</p> <p>3; I have tested myself on this and can answer accurately; (check these less often)</p>
<p>6 Past Questions</p> 	<p>Use a list of practice or past questions to test your knowledge and exam technique.</p> <p><b>a)</b> 15 minutes learning content</p> <p><b>b)</b> 5 minutes planning questions</p> <p><b>c)</b> 20 minutes writing answers without notes</p> <p><b>d)</b> 5 minutes checking your answers against the notes/ flashcards</p>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**How long is your exam?**

55 minutes

**How many marks will it be in total?**

35 marks (5 keywords, three 5mark questions, one 15mark question)

**Which Knowledge Organisers do you need to look at?**

Creation and Covenant

Prophecy and Promise

Galilee to Jerusalem

Desert to Garden

**What topics will be in the test?**

Fall, Sacraments, marginalised and messianic prophecies

What resources are available to help?

## ENGLISH

**How long is your exam?**

Reading paper: 60 minutes

Writing paper: 60 minutes

**How many marks will it be in total?**

80 marks (Reading paper: 40 marks & Writing paper: 40 marks)

**Which Knowledge Organisers do you need to look at?**

Summer term 1: End of year exam – Explorations in reading and writing Non-fiction

**What topics will be in the test?**

- Reading non-fiction and analysing how the writer conveys his/her thoughts and feelings
- Consciously crafting your writing for effect – Argue & persuade

**What resources are available to help?**

Knowledge organisers

English SharePoint resources

## SCIENCE

**How long is your exam?**

50 minutes

**How many marks will it be in total?**

50 marks

**Which Knowledge Organisers do you need to look at?**

Autumn, Spring and Summer Term

**What topics will be in the test?**

- Health and lifestyle
- Biological processes
- Ecosystems and adaptation
- Inheritance
- The Periodic Table
- Separation techniques
- Metals and other materials
- Electricity and magnetism
- Energy
- Motion and pressure

**What resources are available to help?**

Educake

## MATHEMATICS

**How long is your exam?**

25mins non-calculator & 25mins calculator

**How many marks will it be in total?**

93 marks

**Which Knowledge Organisers do you need to look at?**

All topics covered this year

**What topics will be in the test?**

Expanding double brackets	M960
Expanding single brackets	M237
Expanding single brackets and simplifying expressions	M792
Factorising into one bracket	M100
Position-to-term rules for arithmetic sequences	M991
Term-to-term rules for numerical sequences	M381
Simplifying expressions containing a single variable	M795
Simplifying expressions containing multiple variables	M531
Constructing and solving equations	M957
Solving equations of the form $ax+b=c$	M634

Solving equations with one step	M707
Nets of 3D shapes	M518
Finding the volume of prisms	M722
Finding percentages of amounts without a calculator	M437
Percentage change with a calculator	M533
Percentage change without a calculator	M476
Financial terminology and calculations	M901
Solving proportion problems	M478
Value for money	M681
Calculating the mean	M940
Calculating the median	M934
Calculating the range	M328
Finding the mode	M841
Drawing bar charts	M460
Drawing pie charts	M574
Drawing and interpreting pictograms	M644

***What resources are available to help?***

Sparx Maths

## GEOGRAPHY

***How long is your exam?***

1 hour

***How many marks will it be in total?***

40

***Which Knowledge Organisers do you need to look at?***

All of the topics this year

***What topics will be in the test?***

Key words from all modules and longer answer questions from Weather and Climate, Flooding and Urbanisation

## HISTORY

***How long is your exam?***

1 hour

***How many marks in total?***

50

***Which Knowledge organisers do you need to look at?***

All of them but particularly the Spring and Summer KOs

***What topics will be in the test?***

Causes of Civil War

Life in the Civil War and Cromwell

British Empire

Slave Trade

## FRENCH

***How long is your exam?***

The exam will take 1 hour. You will also be required to complete a reading aloud test.

***How many marks will it be in total?***

50 marks.

***Which Knowledge Organisers do you need to look at?***

You will need to look at key vocabulary in HT1-5.

***What topics will be in the test?***

- Body parts and illnesses
- Food
- What to do to stay healthy
- Holidays
- Activities on holiday
- What you use your mobile for
- Daily routine
- Frequency words
- clothes

***What resources are available to help?***

- Knowledge organiser
- Exercise book and worksheets
- Quizlet cards on your group

## SPANISH

***How long is your exam?***

The exam will take 1 hour. You will also be required to complete a reading aloud test.

***How many marks will it be in total?***

50 marks.

***Which Knowledge Organisers do you need to look at?***

You will need to look at key vocabulary in HT1-5.

***What topics will be in the test?***

- Food
- Places in the town
- School and subjects
- Opinions about teachers
- Types of houses
- Your bedroom
- Directions
- Telling the time

***What resources are available to help?***

- Knowledge organiser
- Exercise book and worksheets
- Quizlet cards on your group

## MUSIC

### ***How long is your exam?***

All assessments will be taken throughout the carousel but will include some composition (creating your own music, for example on Musescore4 or in a small group) and performance.

### ***How many marks will it be in total?***

Marks will be given as a percentage (/100) based on how well you play the pieces and will take into account the various assessment points throughout the carousel (both performing and composing).

## DRAMA

### ***How long is your exam?***

1-2 lessons

### ***How many marks will it be in total?***

Approximately 40 marks

### ***Which Knowledge Organisers do you need to look at?***

Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time links which will be put on Classcharts. Brecht knowledge organiser.

### ***What topics will be in the test?***

A **script** from 'Curious Incident' that you will have to learn off by heart and perform. You will be in a group of 3 or 4. You will need to incorporate **Physical Theatre** into your performance. Bringing in props and costume will add to your marks as will rehearsing in the drama studio in your breaks.

A **quiz** based on the work we have covered since September so you will need to revise your **Brecht** work as well.

What resources are available to help? Any clips from Curious Incident that you can find on YouTube or BBC Bitesize. See below:

[The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time - Official Trailer – YouTube](#)

[BBC Learning: Who is Christopher? - YouTube](#)

[What is Physical Theatre? | English Literature – The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time – YouTube](#)

[The nature of Physical theatre - Physical theatre - GCSE Drama Revision - WJEC - BBC Bitesize](#)

## PRODUCT DESIGN

### ***How long is your exam?*** 1 hour

### ***How many marks will it be in total?*** 60 marks

### ***Which Knowledge Organisers do you need to look at?***

The Product Design knowledge organiser (the same one is in Autumn, Spring and Summer booklets to help students throughout the carousel)

### ***What topics will be in the test?***

Metals, timbers, polymers, tools for working with metals, 3D printing, the impact of technology on jobs, isometric drawing, vacuum forming, designing to meet a specification

### ***What resources are available to help?***

Revision resources on Class Charts



WEEK 1					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
<b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>			08X/Fr 08O/Re	08V/Re 08A/Re 08B/Fr	08O/Fr
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>		08A/Fr		08V/Fr	
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>		08P/Re 08I/Re 08V/Re 08B/Re 08S/Re	08X/Re	08R Sodium 08R Sulphur	08L Aluminium 08L Silicon 08L Chlorine 08L Magnesium 08R Argon 08R Phosphorus
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>			08P/Fr 08I/Fr		09A/Cg1 09A/Pd1 09A/Mu1 09A/Dr1 09A/Sp1 09A/Sp2
WEEK 2					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
<b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	08X/Hi	08V/Sp	08A/Sp 08B/Sp		
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>		08S/Sp		08X/Sp	
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	08S/Hi	08O/Hi		08V/Hi	08P/Sp 08I/Sp
<b>Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>			08B/Hi	08P/Hi 08I/Hi 08O/Sp	
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>					
WEEK 3					
	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	08A/Gg			08V/Gg 08I/Pd1 08I/Cg1	08r/Pd1 08r/Cg1
<b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>		08P/Gg		08S/Gg	
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>				8LTuring 8LJohnson 8LNightingale 8LSingh	
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>			08I/Gg	08X/Gg 8RPascal 8RHypatia	8RBlackwell 8RLovelace
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	08I/En 08P/En	08S/En	08X/En	08O/En 08A/En 08B/En	08V/En