

EFFECTIVE GCSE MATHS REVISION

10 Practical Strategies for Successful Revision

Use a combination of these strategies to build confidence, improve recall and strengthen your exam technique.

1. Topic-Based Practice

Focus on one topic at a time, such as algebra or geometry. Use workbooks, online resources and past-paper questions to practise a variety of questions within that specific topic.

2. Formula Flashcards

Create flashcards for key formulae and theorems and review them regularly. Corbettmaths also provides pre-made revision cards for Foundation and Higher tiers, including interactive exam questions, answers and videos.

3. Worked Examples

Study worked examples in your workbook or online. Pay attention to each step and the reasoning behind it, then attempt similar questions independently.

4. Past Papers

Complete past exam papers under timed conditions. This helps you become familiar with the format and timing of the examination while identifying areas that need further practice.

5. Error Analysis

Review mistakes carefully. Identify why an answer was incorrect and how to correct it so that you are less likely to make the same mistake again.

6. Maths Apps and Websites

Use educational websites and platforms such as Corbettmaths, Lucky Maths and BBC Bitesize for interactive learning and additional practice questions.

7. Group Study Sessions

Study with friends or family members. Discussing problems and explaining concepts to others can strengthen understanding and make revision more engaging.

8. Daily Practice

Complete a small amount of maths practice each day. Consistent practice helps reinforce concepts and develop problem-solving skills. Corbettmaths 5-a-day questions are a useful option.

9. Visual Aids

Use diagrams, graphs and charts to visualise problems, particularly in geometry and trigonometry. Visual representations can make more complex ideas easier to understand.

10. Teach Someone Else

Explain mathematical concepts to a friend or family member. Teaching someone else is an effective way to reinforce your own understanding and identify gaps in your knowledge.

Revision Tip: Short, regular and focused revision sessions are usually more effective than leaving revision until the last minute.