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How To Revise Effectively

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Doing well in your exams is important

Exam time can be stressful. But revising properly will help you feel better prepared and more confident in your knowledge. Doing well in your exams is important. Good grades will open up a whole world of possibilities and choices for you in the future – from further learning to your chosen career.

So make sure that you do plenty of revision and arrive at the exam as prepared as you can be.

Stay positive Remind yourself of your achievements and just how much you're capable of

Get organised Try to start your revision at least 6 weeks before your first exam. List your exams in the order they are in and draw up an exam timetable – setting more time aside for subjects you find difficult

Do past exam papers Your tutor or teacher will be able to provide the papers. They're a great way of learning what to expect

Try different techniques Use prompt cards, acronyms, diagrams and mind maps to help you learn and remember

Accept help and support Tutors, career advisers, mentors, friends and family members can offer plenty of advice. This might help you think more clearly about what you have to focus on

Manage your time Take plenty of breaks, sleep well and make sure that you eat, drink water and exercise regularly too

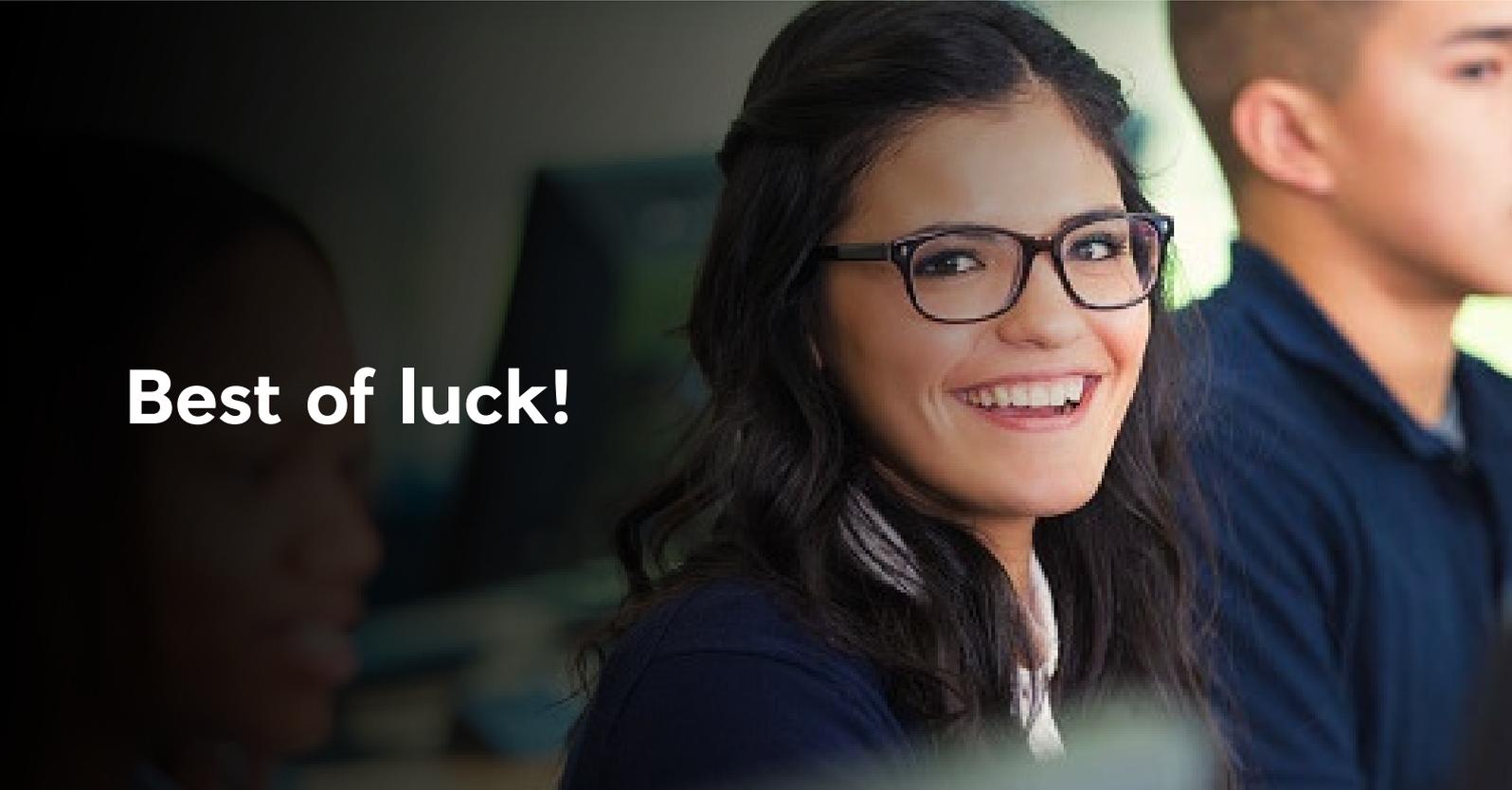
Avoid distractions Limit your time on to social networks, (such as Facebook), during your revision time. It'll waste valuable time that you could be using to revise. Maybe put your phone or tablet in a different room

Revise with friends Working together will give you the chance to discuss things you're not sure about and test each other

Test your knowledge Cover up the answers and make sure you know them back to front

During the Exam This is our checklist – you might find it helpful

- Take in a couple of pens and pencils, spare paper for notes, water, and a few sweets or mints
- Read through the paper a couple of times, follow the instructions and highlight or underline key words
- Notice what the question is asking you to do: identify, define, describe or list, and make sure you answer appropriately
- Use a clock or watch to manage your time effectively
- Look carefully at the examples the exam paper provides
- Start with a topic you know best
- Don't rush and try to answer all questions – you might get marks for attempting or partially answering some questions
- Try to use your neatest handwriting – it will be difficult for the examiner to mark your work if they can't read it
- Make sure you don't miss any questions out by mistake – re read your answers
- If there is time at the end, read through and analyse your answers, correct any spelling mistakes or errors and fill in any gaps



Best of luck!