

SATs Revision - Starting off

First of all, find a good place to work. It must be quiet and uncluttered - even if it means camping out at the library or your Grandma's house a few nights a week.

Draw up a revision timetable - it's crucial.

Here's how

- ✓ Do plan it carefully (who wants to tackle their worst subject on a Friday night)?
- ✓ Do allow yourself time off.
- ✓ Do divide your time into subjects.
- ✓ Be realistic - you know where your strengths and weaknesses are, so allot time accordingly.
- ✓ Don't plan to spend all night on one subject. An hour per subject is fine. Don't spend hours colouring it in or creating a computer artwork - you may need to update it after a week!
- ✓ Revision Guides can be useful. Get a recommendation from your teacher.
- ✓ Don't just copy out your notes. Jot ideas onto postcards. Draw diagrams too - they're easier to remember in the heat of the exam.
- ✓ Read your notes onto an MP3 player - then play it walking down the street, in the shower...
- ✓ Put key words and phrases on sticky notes around the house, so you'll see them often.
- ✓ Don't go it alone! They say a problem shared is a problem halved. So, get friends and family on board: put a copy of your revision timetable up in the kitchen. Get your family to test you.
- ✓ Revision with a buddy is great - you can share ideas and help each other. Two brains are better than one!