

10 Top Study Tips for Starting Year 11

Study Habits Of Successful Year 11 Students

1. Work Hard From The Get-Go
2. Find A Good Place To Study
3. Understand Things As You Go Along
4. Keep On Top Of Homework
5. Start Writing Flashcards Now
6. Use Revision Methods That Work
7. Revise For All Tests
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9. Get A Good Study-Life Balance
10. Enjoy Year 11!

1. Work Hard From The Get-Go

There are two important things to grasp about Year 11. The first is that the workload is much bigger than Year 10. The second is that time will go fast. Get out of the habit of leaving things until later and **get into a mindset of ‘do it now’**. It’s vital that you develop good study habits early on.

2. Find A Good Place To Study

It’s essential that you **find somewhere you can study undisturbed**. If that is at home, great, but if not check out the school library or the local library.

3. Understand Things As You Go Along

Once you’ve done a topic in class, go over it and make sure you understand it. Don’t leave it until it’s close to the final exams to make sense of it or you’ll end up with having to understand a heap of topics plus do loads of revision. **If you don’t get something, go ask a teacher.**

4. Keep On Top Of Homework

During the Autumn Term, **your first priority for study time should be homework**. Always do homework to a high quality and get it in on time. Homework helps you to check that you understand what’s covered in lessons and tells you where there are any gaps in your learning. Don’t let it mount up.

5. Start Writing Flashcards Now

When it comes to the final exams, the most useful revision resources will be the ones you produce yourself. But they can be time-consuming, so **start making your revision resources** (flashcards, mindmaps etc) **early in the year** as you go along. That way, when the real exams come round, you can spend more time revising instead of just writing notes.

6. Use Revision Methods That Work

By the start of Year 11, you should have some idea of what revision methods work best for you. Whatever methods you use, **base most of your revision around practice papers/questions** (sometimes under exam conditions) and **testing from flashcards**. Other good methods include revision apps/guides, watching videos, teaching someone else a topic and mindmaps.

7. Revise For All Tests

It's really important that you use class tests and especially mock exams to practice your revision skills and exam technique, **so take them seriously**. If you do this, you'll be surprised just how much you remember when you come round to the final exams.

8. Go To Revision Sessions Run By Your Teachers

Whenever your teachers start to run before-school, after-school or lunchtime revision sessions **make sure you go along**. These sessions are a really good opportunity to get some solid revision time in and to ask your teacher to go over stuff you don't understand.

9. Get A Good Study-Life Balance

A healthy work-life balance must **allow time for social activities and interests**. If you're worried about anything, ask a teacher. Your teachers will be supporting you all the way and will want you to succeed.

10. Enjoy Year 11!

And remember, there's much more to life than school and exam results alone. Year 11 is a great year, **so make the most of it!**