

7 Study Habits of Successful KS3 Students

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1. Develop Key Study Skills

Study skills? What's the point? In Years 7, 8 and 9 you'll have to tackle homework, revise for tests and organise your time. **Nailing these type of study skills is vital to your success** at school both now and in the future. Your GCSE exams probably feel a long way off but it's during KS3 that you start to develop the skills you'll need to do well in future exams.

2. Get Organised at Home

Set up an area at home where you can do school work. It's best if this is at a well-lit table or desk and where there's no background noise to distract you. If none of this is possible, try the school or local library. Sort out a place at home to keep your exercise books tidily so that it's quick and easy to find them. **Stick up your lesson timetable somewhere in the house where everyone can see it**, such as the kitchen.

3. Keep on Top of Homework

Nobody wants to do homework but doing it to the best of your ability builds the foundation for future exam success. When your teacher tells you about a homework task listen carefully and ask if you're not sure about anything. **Make it your aim to do homework on the day you get it.** This gives you time to check it before handing it in and to go see your teacher if there's anything you don't understand.

4. Set up a Study Routine

The best way to make sure you get your homework done on time is to follow some sort of routine when you get home from school. Try this. Start by unpacking your bag, get changed and have a snack. Now check your online calendar/student planner and decide what homework needs to be done that evening. Now do it. **Put simply, get home and get on with it!**

5. Plan Ahead for Tests

Let's be honest, nobody likes revising for tests and many students (you perhaps?) put it off until the last minute. **Planning your revision makes you feel more in control** and ensures that you make the most of the time you spend revising. In simple terms, planning involves finding out what sort of test it is, when it will take place, what topics are to be covered, how much revision you need to do and when you're going to do it.

6. Make Revision Active

The best way to revise is to work actively rather than just flicking through your class notes or a revision guide. **Active revision means getting your senses involved by using your eyes, ears and hands!** Active revision methods include making flashcards, testing yourself or getting someone else to test you, doing quizzes on an app, watching videos about a topic, trying sample questions and teaching a topic to a family member.

7. Max Out Marks In Tests

Here are some great ideas to help you get more marks in tests:

- ✓ Always write neatly and clearly.
- ✓ Spend more time on questions worth more marks.
- ✓ If you get stuck on a question move on and come back to it later.
- ✓ **Have a go at every question on the paper.**
- ✓ Never leave blank spaces.
- ✓ Leave a little time at the end of the test to go back and answer any questions you've left out.
- ✓ If you finish early, check for careless mistakes and add to your answers if you can.