

8 Top Study Tips for Starting GCSEs

Study Habits Of Successful Year 10 Students

1. Have A Study Area At Home
2. Equip Yourself With Everything You Need
3. Set Up a Study Routine
4. Pay Attention In Class
5. Keep On Top Of Homework
6. Ask Your Teachers For Help
7. Revise For All Tests
8. Enjoy Year 10!

1. Have A Study Area At Home

Set up an area at home where you can do school work, if possible, well away from any distractions. **Discuss with your family what sort of workspace you need.** If that's not possible at home, try the school or local library.

2. Equip Yourself With Everything You Need

Before your first day back at school, **get together the basics such as pens, pencils, ruler, post-its and highlighters.** After the first week or so you'll also have a good idea of other things you'll need such as folders, files, dividers, index cards, A4 pads, calculator and so on. Get these things early on.

3. Set Up A Study Routine

The best way to make sure you get school work done on time is to follow some sort of routine. When you get home from school, unpack your bag, get changed, perhaps have a snack and check your online calendar/student planner. Then get on with it! **Put simply, get home and get on with it!**

4. Pay Attention In Class

The more attention you pay in class and the more actively you get involved in lessons, the more you'll learn and **the less work you'll have to do at home.** You'll also enjoy your lessons more! If there are any gaps in your class notes, make sure you catch up with anything you've missed.

5. 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. Always do your homework properly and hand it in on time. **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 see your teacher if there's anything you don't understand.

6. Ask Your Teachers For Help

If you don't understand something you've covered in class, **ask your teacher to go over it.** If there's not time to do this in the lesson, ask your teacher when they're available to help you. It's so much more difficult to try to understand something later on when you're revising for a test, so it's a good idea to understand things as you go along.

7. Revise For All Tests

Revise for any class tests you have. If you make this a habit, you'll remember much more when you sit end of year exams, mocks and the final GCSE exams. Doing this also gives you the chance to practice your revision skills and find out what works best for you. By the time you reach Year 11 you need to know how to use some basic revision methods, such as how to make flashcards, and to have experimented with different approaches to testing yourself.

8. Enjoy Year 10!

There's no doubt that there's a lot of work to be done in Year 10 and GCSEs are a bit of a challenge - but nothing you should get stressed out about. If you're worried about anything, ask a teacher. **Your teachers will be supporting you all the way and will want you to succeed.** And remember, there's much more to life than exam results alone so get a good study-life balance. Year 10 is a great year, so make the most of it!