



Avoiding Boredom

It can become very tedious using the same revision method all the time. Often it is a good idea to try other study methods. Consider the following alternative methods and try some that seem to appeal to you. Best advice would be: If it works keep it, if not discard it and move on to the next.

Reading Rapid Revision books:

These books greatly reduce the amount of material you have to read and so can save you a lot of time. The "padding" has been removed, leaving you with the "need to know" information. These books allow you to revise far more frequently than you could if using the textbooks. Remember they are no substitute for doing all the background work, which is still necessary to understand the notes.

Reading your Notes:

Good personal notes, clear and concise, allow for frequent revision. The time spent making out these notes is never wasted.

Self-testing using Study Cards:

When a chapter is mastered study cards allow you to stay in control because you can revise the chapter very quickly and very frequently. These study cards only contain the main headings of the chapter or your notes on the chapter. The idea is that if you can remember the headings the details should automatically follow. If the details fails to follow you can check them in the chapter or your notes. (It doesn't have to be card, single sheets or a dedicated copybook can be jus as helpful.)

Writing full answers to questions from past papers:

Full answers take a lot of time. You should do this for some questions to practise your depth of answering and timing so that you will not lose marks because of bad time-management on exam day. Many of the past papers questions will be given as homework so do your best and correct them neatly and accurately in a different colour, trying to practice within the time given for thatwork during an exam.

Reading previous homework:

This is great revision especially if you have written and corrected them neatly. Many of these questions are similar if not identical to those you will see on the exam paper.

Quiz and be quizzed

This is a brilliant method of study. All you need is a willing partner, parent, classmate or sibling. This is a method that students often have the chance to use use in a free class. Students use it to avoid boredom but it is powerful learning as well as good fun.

Study is not easy, it's not always exciting, you have to work at it.

Always remember: The more you accomplish in school the easier it is at home.