

The Birches Head BIG 9 Effective Revision Strategies

- Past papers and mark schemes
- Cue cards/flash cards
- Revision grids
- Self-testing
- Mind maps
- Transforming your notes
- Asking why
- Mnemonics
- Technology

Please note that all of the ‘Big 9’ Strategies involve ‘doing’ something with the subject content. This is a key component effective revision and is proven to make things stick. However, it’s important to remember that revision is down to the individual and finding a strategy that works for them.

Revision Strategy	Revision Strategy
Past Papers and Mark Schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past examination papers are one of the best ways to revise • Deliberate practice – practice what you DON’T understand • Very useful if exam technique is an area for development 	Transform it <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take a concept and change it to another form example Turn notes into: Venn - diagram, mind map, symbols, bullet points, audio recordings or post notes
Technology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Apps when revision • Audio revision e.g., podcasts • Effective use of twitter 	Mnemonics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial letters of a word or group of words and making a concept you can remember • Example NEWS – North, South, East and West
Revision Grids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up topics in the form of question grids – used both during lessons and also for homework 	Asking Why <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking why a concept is true will help you remember if • Example – serving in badminton requires coordination. Why? Because you need to synchronise 2 movements into one smooth action
Self-Testing – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading content and then testing yourself or getting others to test you • Focus on the information that you DONT understand 	Flash Cards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key points • Learning is chunked • Combinations of bullet points and diagrams • Questions and answers on different sides • Colour code topics
Mind Maps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All concepts must link • Text/images or both 	