Revising for Science Exams

It is important that you are fully prepared for your Science exams.

Revision is a key part in this process. Many of the ideas below can also be used in other subjects to help you score higher marks in their tests.

Revision is much more than just re-reading your textbook and/or file.

Try these ideas in time for your next test, it is probably best to do them in the order suggested:

1. **Know what you have to learn.**

* Use the specification from your file or Firefly. Usually given out at the start of a topic. A collated version is on the exam prep page of Firefly. [Here](https://elizabethcollege.fireflycloud.net/science/years-10-and-11-sciences/year-11-gcse-courses/y11-biology/separate-biology/exam-preparation)

1. **Remind yourself of the facts.**

* Read the pages in the textbook/Kerboodle and your file.
* Don’t forget to look at any questions and answers you have already done, especially any corrections you needed to make.
* Firefly has podcasts, interactive activities and BBC bitesize pages specifically for your course. [Here](https://elizabethcollege.fireflycloud.net/science/years-10-and-11-sciences/year-11-gcse-courses/y11-biology/separate-biology/exam-preparation)

1. **Make a record of key points.**

* Make brief notes or simple diagrams on a new piece of paper as you go along to remind yourself of each point on the specification.
* Firefly has lots of resources (Zig Zag grids, Revision maps etc) which help. [Here](https://elizabethcollege.fireflycloud.net/science/years-10-and-11-sciences/year-11-gcse-courses/y11-biology/separate-biology/exam-preparation)

1. **Practise using your knowledge.**

* Have a go at any past exam questions you are given and/or at the end of each chapter.
* You can do these in your head or, better still, write them down to help you later (one of the few times when full sentences are ***not*** required!)
* You do not *have* to do them all but obviously the more you do the more practice you will have.
* Firefly has links to AQA past papers. [Here](https://elizabethcollege.fireflycloud.net/science/years-10-and-11-sciences/year-11-gcse-courses/y11-biology/separate-biology/exam-preparation/past-papers)

1. **Get help if you need it.**

* If you get stuck or are unsure, make a note of the problem and see your teacher as soon as possible to help you understand it better in time for the exam.
* If you have written down any answers to the practice questions, ask your teacher to check them for you, especially if you are not sure they are correct.