YEAR 11 HALF-TERM REVISION PLANNER

Friday 23 October – Sunday 1 November

Your goal: use the half-term break to strengthen what you know, tackle topics you find difficult and practise answering GCSE exam questions. You also need time to rest and enjoy your holiday.

1. The Pomodoro technique

FOCUS — 25 MINUTES	BREAK — 5 MINUTES	REPEAT — THEN REST
Work on one specific topic. Put your phone away and avoid distractions.	Stand up, stretch, have a drink or get some fresh air.	After four 25-minute sessions, take a longer break of 20–30 minutes.

2. How much should I revise during half term?

- **Aim** for around 2–3 hours of focused revision on most revision days, split into short blocks.
- **Plan** 4–6 Pomodoro sessions (100–150 minutes of focused work), with breaks between sessions.
- **Take** some days lighter or completely off. You do not need to revise all day or cover all 10 subjects every day.
- **Across** the break, include all 10 subjects and give extra time to topics you find difficult or have forgotten.
- **Finish** each session with a few questions from memory or exam questions, then check and correct your answers.

My 10 GCSE subjects

1. English Language	**2. English Literature**	**3. Maths**	**4. Biology**
5. Chemistry	**6. Physics**	7. _____	8. _____
9. _____	10. _____		

3. My half-term plan

Choose a realistic amount of revision each day. Write a subject and a specific topic in each box. Leave time for family, friends, exercise and rest.

DATE	SESSION 1 25 min	SESSION 2 25 min	SESSION 3 25 min
Fri 23 Oct			
Sat 24 Oct			
Sun 25 Oct			
Mon 26 Oct			
Tue 27 Oct			
Wed 28 Oct			
Thu 29 Oct			
Fri 30 Oct			
Sat 31 Oct			
Sun 1 Nov			

Tip: If you do 3 sessions in the morning and 2–3 later, you can still have a proper holiday. Take 5 minutes between sessions and 20–30 minutes after four.

YEAR 11 WEEKLY REVISION TIMETABLE

For when you are back at school

Keep revision manageable alongside lessons, homework, clubs and sleep. A good starting point is 2–4 Pomodoro sessions on a school evening and 4–8 sessions across a weekend day, split into separate blocks. Adjust this to what is realistic for you.

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My weekly timetable

Write the subject and the exact topic or task. Use the first session for a clear goal, then check what you remember or practise exam questions.

DAY	SESSION 1 25 min	SESSION 2 25 min	SESSION 3 25 min	SESSION 4 25 min
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				
Friday				
Saturday				
Sunday				

Breaks: 5 minutes between sessions. After Session 4, take 20–30 minutes before starting another block. You do not need to fill every box.

What should I do in each session?

English Language	Practise exam questions, timed responses and improve answers using the mark scheme.
English Literature	Recall quotations, analyse language, plan essays and practise paragraphs.
Maths	Complete mixed exam questions; mark them and redo mistakes without looking at the solution.
Biology	Recall processes from memory, learn key terms and answer exam questions.
Chemistry	Practise equations, calculations, required practicals and key concepts.
Physics	Practise equations and calculations, required practicals and explaining processes.
Other subjects	Use retrieval practice, topic questions, flashcards and exam questions.

My revision checklist

☐ I set a specific goal for each session.
☐ I test myself before looking at my notes.
☐ I practise exam questions and use the mark scheme.
☐ I revisit difficult topics across the week.

☐ I keep a list of mistakes and retry them later.
☐ I take proper breaks and aim for 8–10 hours of sleep.

FOCUS ON CONSISTENCY, NOT PERFECTION.