

One thing lots of students put off doing is past papers. It's common to think that you'll do all the content learning first then do loads of past papers.

This rarely works well as you end up not having enough time to do enough past papers.

A great way to solve this problem (and to monitor how successful your revision is as you go along) is to do revision power hours (**see next slide for explanation**).

**Use it to** test your ability to; recall the information you have revised, to answer the question asked, not just write down everything you know, to follow the **command words** in an exam.

- Take it a question at a time, or attempt the whole paper in one go.
- Open book or closed book, you'll develop different skills

Past  
Examination  
Papers



Power  
HOUR



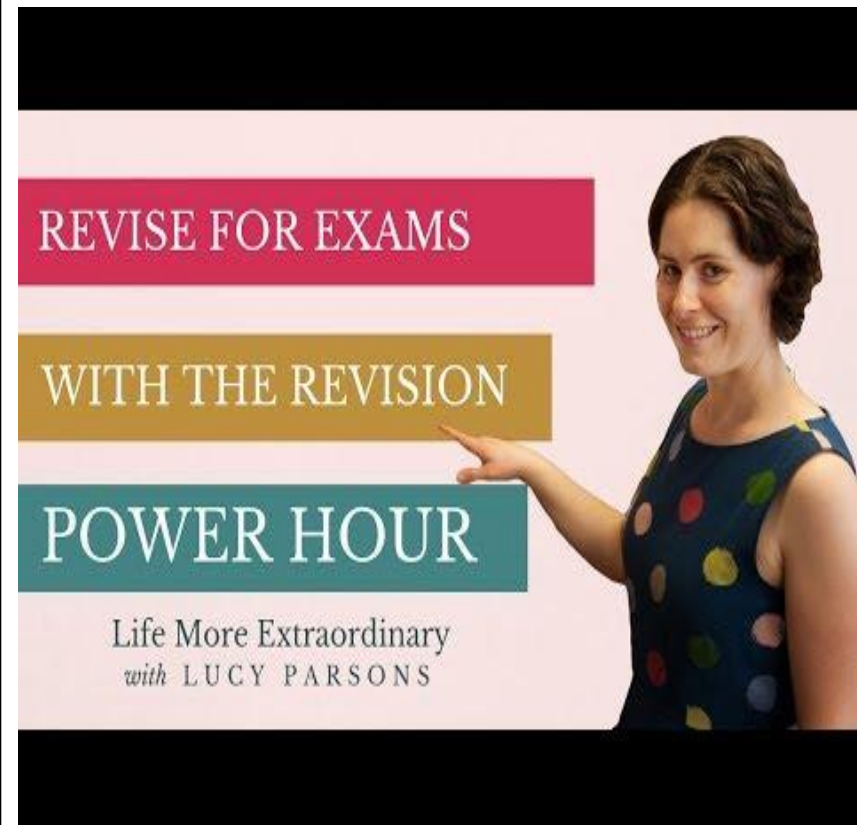
[Revision power](#) hours have five simple steps:

1. Choose a past paper question (or an extract from a question). Instructions on [how to find past papers are here](#).
2. Revise the content you need to know to answer that question
3. Do the question
4. Mark your answer using the mark scheme from the exam board's website ([instructions on how to find the mark scheme are here](#)).
5. Check how good your marking is with your teacher.

### **Additionally**

6. Fill in the answers you missed.
7. Go through the paper and colour code each topic (Red-need to revise, Amber-Need to go over a few bits again, Green-I've got it)

Please watch the video below for an explanation of power hour.



Past exam questions and power hour is a great technique as it makes you repeat the section of knowledge that you're focusing on three times in one short revision session through:

- Memorising content
- Explaining it in your own words
- Reviewing what you've written with reference to the mark scheme

Of course, it also improves your exam technique as well!

**Make sure you use the correct exam board.** Click on the image to the right to access exam board for all your subjects.

## GCSE SPECIFICATIONS

Please find attached specifications for current year 11 students:

[GCSE Art and Design \(Edexcel\)](#)

[GCSE Drama \(AQA\)](#)

[GCSE English Language \(AQA\)](#)

[GCSE English Literature \(AQA\)](#)

[GCSE French \(AQA\)](#)

[GCSE Mathematics \(Edexcel\)](#)

[GCSE Media Studies \(AQA\)](#)

[GCSE Combined Science \(AQA\)](#)

[GCSE Spanish \(AQA\)](#)

[BTEC Business Studies \(Edexcel\)](#)

[BTEC Health and Social Care \(Edexcel\)](#)

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