

## What next: Your future exams

When your exams are done – what about the future? Will you use the Revision Toolkit for your next exams? Here's how.

### 1 Early in your studies: Sketch out a strategy

Key steps	Toolkit item	Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get a clear picture of what lies ahead</li></ul>	Exam Fact Sheets	Pages 15–17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify your best times for revision</li></ul>	Exam Planning Calendar	Pages 22–23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you will be taking an unfamiliar type of exam – read the relevant section of Chapter 6.</li></ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Having decided a date for starting Revision, enter it in your day-to-day calendar.</li></ul>		

Then set aside thoughts of the exam and go back to your studies.

### 2 A week before you are due to start revising: Do your planning

#### i Plan your revision period

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work out how many revision sessions of various types you need</li></ul>	Revision Sessions Calculator	Pages 122–4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draw up a detailed timetable</li></ul>	Revision Timetable	Pages 124–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prioritise your potential revision sources</li></ul>	Sources Overview	Pages 118–9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan your revision sessions</li></ul>	Timings for Revision Sessions	Pages 130–1

#### ii Review your revision technique

- Skim back over Section 3 of Chapter 7 (pages 128–43) to remind yourself of key aims and techniques.

#### iii Plan your exams

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Work out how long to spend on questions</li></ul>	Minutes per Question Calculator	Pages 93–4, 149
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan your use of time within the exam</li></ul>	Time Plan for the Exam	Pages 150–1

#### iv Final preparations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make a list for the final day</li></ul>	Vital Exam-day List	Page 155
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Remind yourself of your priorities</li></ul>	Thoughts for the Day	Pages 165–6

### 3 During your revision period

- Use Chapter 9 to guide you (pages 159–72).

### 4 Intensifying your insight into exams

At times during your studies, you may find yourself reflecting on the part exams play within your studies and on your growing skill and confidence in preparing for them. And occasionally you may find it useful to skim back over sections of Part 2 of *Ace Your Exam* to remind yourself of key principles.

- Chapter 3 – how you can make the most of your mental powers
- Chapter 4 – how exams are marked and how you can push up your grades
- Chapter 5 – how to keep anxiety in check
- Chapter 6 – how to adjust your approach for different types of exam

However experienced and capable we become, there is always something to be gained from reminding ourselves of the underlying nature of the challenges we face and of the strengths we can draw on to overcome them.