




Preparing Your Students for Exams

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It's exam season; don't panic!

Although stressful, exams are a great opportunity for students to showcase their knowledge and understanding of the subject matter.



To help you through this season of exams, whether it's SATs, GCSEs, or BTECs, here are some tips to prepare your students for success.

Practise, practise, practise!

It's important to make sure your students understand the format of the exams they will be taking, the types of questions that could come up, and any specific instructions they need to follow.

A great way to do this is by providing students with ample opportunities to practise using past exam papers, sample questions, and other revision materials that will allow them to get comfortable with the exam format and identify any areas for improvement.



Identify and address development areas



In order for students to perform at their best, it's essential to pinpoint development areas and provide them with support and a clear action plan.

This could involve one-on-one mentoring, small group activities, differentiated instruction, extra practice materials, and regular feedback.

By tailoring your approach to each student's individual needs, you can offer the necessary support to overcome any obstacles they may be facing.



Use a **variety** of study materials

This could be anything from textbooks, interactive quizzes, mock exams, online resources/apps, presentations, flash cards, study guides, mind maps, Cornell notes, or study groups.

It is important to keep in mind that not all students learn in the same way, so offering a variety of study materials can help accommodate different learning styles and preferences.

Using a mix of traditional and modern study tools can keep students engaged and motivated to learn.

Encourage good study habits

- Effective study requires good organisation, including developing a study plan and routine, maintaining focus, and avoiding distractions. Study techniques like Pomodoro and Cornell note-taking can help with this.
- Use active learning techniques such as summarising, questioning, applying, explaining and peer teaching to help students engage with and retain information more effectively.
- Encourage regular breaks to help prevent burnout and information overload.

Build **confidence** and a **growth** mindset

To build students' confidence and a growth mindset, provide constructive feedback that emphasises the importance of effort, perseverance, and consistency over innate abilities, and celebrate any successes and progress along the way to reinforce their confidence and motivation.

By creating a safe and supportive learning environment where students view mistakes as opportunities for learning and growth, your students may feel encouraged to challenge themselves to develop their growth mindset further.

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