How to Structure an Hour of Revision

Step 1: Choose a past paper

These can be found on the internet (as long as you know the examining board for your subject). Alternatively, you could ask your teacher whether they have any past papers. You will also need access to the paper's mark scheme.

Step 2: Pick a question

Decide which question you would like to complete. Don't just pick questions you know you can do – target the topic you are revising that session. If the questions are short (for example, on a maths paper), choose a few questions – aim for between 15 to 20 marks.

Step 3: Revise

Spend 20 minutes revising the information you need to answer your chosen question/questions.

Step 4: Do the question

Next, spend 20 minutes answering your chosen question/questions.

Step 5: Mark your answer

Use the mark scheme for the past paper to check your answer. Using a mark scheme will also give you a better idea of what examiners expect in an answer.

Step 6: Get feedback

Show your work to a teacher or tutor. Ask them whether your marking is accurate and how you could improve your answers.