

Exam Revision Countdown Planner 2027

A week-by-week spaced revision template with verified summer 2027 series dates for GCSE, A-level and IB.

How the spaced plan works

Each topic is learnt once, then brought back for retrieval practice (blurting, flashcards or exam questions from memory) roughly 1, 3, 7, 14 and 30 days later, as long as there is time before the exam. Spacing reviews out like this, instead of cramming, is one of the most consistently supported findings in learning research. Keep the last 14 days for past papers and mixed practice.

Key dates for summer 2027 (series-wide)

These are the start and end of the common exam series, not your personal paper dates. Always confirm your own timetable with your school or exam board.

GCSE, summer 2027 First exam: Mon 10 May 2027 Last GCSE exam: Fri 18 June 2027 Contingency day: Wed 23 June 2027 Results day: Thu 19 August 2027	A-level / AS, summer 2027 First exam: Mon 10 May 2027 Last A-level exam: Tue 22 June 2027 Contingency day: Wed 23 June 2027 Results day: Thu 12 August 2027	IB Diploma, May 2027 Exams start: Fri 23 April 2027 Exams end: Tue 18 May 2027 Results: Tue 6 July 2027 (12:00 GMT) Confirm zone times with DP coordinator
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Sources (checked 19 October 2026)

- JCQ Key Dates, June 2027 series (jqc.org.uk) — GCSE / AS / A-level common timetable.
- GOV.UK / Ofqual exam and assessment season guidance; AQA results days.
- IB May 2027 final examination schedule (school-published copy); ibo.org assessment FAQ for results.

Your exam

Name / class: _____ Today's date: _____

Qualification (GCSE / A-level / IB / other): _____

Subjects: _____

My first paper date (from school timetable): _____

Past-paper fortnight starts (14 days before first paper): _____

Live countdown and .ics calendars: countdown.askpoppy.ai. An earlier IB notice gave 19 May 2027 as a provisional end date; the final schedule ends 18 May.

Topic list

List every topic from your specification or revision checklist. Estimate first-learn sessions needed.

Subject: _____ Specification / board: _____

#	Topic	First learn ✓	Priority (H/M/L)	Notes
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If you have more topics than weeks before the past-paper fortnight, cut low-priority topics or increase sessions per week. Do not silently drop reviews.

Week-by-week planner

Fill week starting dates working backwards from your first paper. Put reviews before new topics.

First paper date: _____ Sessions per week available: _____

Week starting	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat/Sun	Focus

Session codes (optional)

N = new topic learn · R = spaced review (blurt / questions) · P = past paper · M = mixed practice · Rest = rest day

Rule of thumb: schedule reviews first each week, then add new topics only if slots remain. Mark the past-paper fortnight clearly and protect it.

Review log and final fortnight

Track spaced reviews per topic, then use the checklist in the last 14 days.

Topic	Learn	+1	+3	+7	+14	+30	Past paper?
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Final 14 days checklist

- ☐ Past papers timed under exam conditions (at least one per subject).
- ☐ Mark schemes reviewed — write what you missed, do not only re-read.
- ☐ Weak topics re-blurting or re-questioned from memory.
- ☐ Formula / quote / date sheets practised from blank.
- ☐ Sleep and routine protected; no all-night cramming the night before.
- ☐ Exam tickets, candidate number and equipment ready.

Fill sessions with blurring (blurt.askpoppy.ai) or answer-first flashcards (recall.askpoppy.ai). Live countdown: countdown.askpoppy.ai.