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The run up to the exam period for SATs, GCSEs and A-Levels can be extremely stressful for everyone in the family, as most parents/carers know. Below are some tips to help you cope and support your children during exam time:



- You can help your teen revise by being a bit more flexible in your routine. Also be lenient about chores and untidiness.
- Expect lost tempers and moodiness over and above the norm. Keep a calm head, try not to nag too much and remind yourself that the exams will be over soon.
- Sort out a revision schedule with them or ask for the school's advice. Remember its not too late to study or ask for help.



- Makes sure they have a comfortable place to work. Some people CAN revise better with music or TV on. You can also help by encouraging a healthy diet and early nights to aid their concentration.
- Don't go in for bribes. Encourage them to work for their own satisfaction and schedule small, frequent rewards for effort.



- Be calm, positive and reassuring and put the whole thing into perspective. They can always take the exam again.
- After each exam, encourage them to talk it through, this will be an opportunity for you to help re-focus them on the next exam and not dwell on something that can't be changed.
- Plan a family event to mark the end of exams, although be prepared to fit in with your kids social life—it could be something as simple as a meal together.

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