

How I have got 6A* 1A in IGCSE Exams? | My Study and Exam Tips

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I am a Chinese student, so my English pronunciation may be wrong. Please excuse. This is because I didn't study well in the past, but I overtook others quickly in recent years.

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Hello there! This is the Ken's Study Journey audio articles. How I have got 6A* 1A (six A Stars and one A) in IGCSE Exams. My Study and Exam Tips.

I am Ken, a Chinese A Level student. Welcome aboard Ken's Study Journey productive and diligent study pathway and train.

After the release of the IGCSE exam results, I got 6A* 1A (six A Stars and one A). I have some tips to ace the IGCSE exams, such as having great planning skills.

You need to be productive, diligent and self-disciplined in order to study well and get your desired results.

Today, I am going to share some tips for studying well and getting more A* (A Star) in your IGCSE exams. Follow me!

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In order to study well and get awesome results on your exams, you firstly need to find some motivation to study.

There are many useful purposes for studying, including laying foundations for future study and careers, developing your thinking and problem-solving skills, being knowledgeable, and explaining some phenomena in real life.

For example, Physics (0625, zero six two five) uses some mathematics knowledge, like finding angles of incidence and refraction using the "sin" (sine) function.

Knowledge can be applied in real life. So, one of my study methodologies is to discover and share knowledge in real life, especially when we are travelling and relaxing outside.

As early as when I was in Grade 8 (eight) in my junior high school, I started applying knowledge in real life. The first knowledge I have discovered is Physics knowledge $d=vt$ (D equals to V multiplied by T), where d is distance, v is velocity and t is time.

For example, while I was swimming in a pool, I have discovered Evaporation and Specific Heat Capacity of Water (H_2O , H two O) ($4.2 \times 10^3 \text{ J / (kg} \cdot \text{ }^\circ\text{C)}$), four point two multiple by ten power of three Joules per kilogram degree Celcius). That's why we get cold after exiting the swimming pool.

During my IGCSE study journey, I also made some knowledgeable desktop background images.

More importantly, after discovering a knowledge point, I also teach others and share it on social media.

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My second tip for you is to set your study plan and goals.

After setting your aims, you will have the ambition and motivation to strive towards your terminals.

Your final goals can be how many A*s (A Stars), 'A's and/or 'B's you want to get in your IGCSE exams, what result you want to obtain at your school's mock exams, and so on.

It can be your goals for the whole IGCSE grade, your first academic year, this month, this semester, and so on.

For example, during my IGCSE study, I have set my final goal of getting 5A* 2A (five A Stars and two 'A's) for my IGCSE exams.

You can write down your final goals on a piece of paper or your Notes app. Then you can mark ticks once you have achieved them.

Achiving your final goals can be a steep climb, so your final goals can be split into thousands of daily parts, which looks like integration in A Level mathematics (9709, nine seven zero nine).

For instance, one of my daily goals in my IGCSE grade was to firmly memorise today's knowledge points.

As well as your IGCSE exam, some of my goals were also applicable to IELTS and other exams.

After you have set your daily goals, you will need to take action and track your status, or they will not be useful.

In order to ensure I can achieve my daily goals, I have been using my daily goals checklist since 2020 (twenty twenty).

You can draw a table on a piece of paper or your notes app, including dates and your goals. At the end of each day before sleeping, you can mark ticks and crosses on the table.

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The third tip is to improve your time-management skills.

You need to manage your limited time wisely and reduce procrastination. Procrastination is to delay or postpone a task you need to do now into a future date like tomorrow.

So, how can we boost our time-management skills and utilise our time wisely?

Well, I will introduce some of my methodologies to be self-disciplined.

A useful planning technique is to create some daily tasks lists. Some people call it Calendar Blocking.

By creating a tasks list for the day, you will only do the things you need to do to avoid distractions.

I have been using this methodology for almost a year, which has significantly improved my productivity.

Setting up a tasks list is not a difficult task. You just need a piece of paper or your notes app to write down the tasks to do later.

You need to write down the time ranges and then allocate your tasks. You can make your tomorrow's tasks list at the end of the day before sleeping.

You also need to avoid finding excuses for not doing your tasks, such as feeling tired, bored or having no interest. At least you can try to start doing your tasks.

I recommend you finish your tasks on time. No matter what their deadlines are, you always need to complete your tasks.

If you cram or leave too many tasks until deadlines, you will rush to make your projects finished. This will lower the quality of your projects and hence they will become less effective in your exams.

Reduce procrastination and don't delay your today's tasks. You will have a sense of achievement by finishing all tasks today.

In 2021 (twenty twenty one), I made my study planner web-based app with my programming knowledge, as I am a Computer Science student.

My Study Planner contains daily goals checklist with monthly summaries, projects and events managers, schedules and lessons managers, and checklists.

I use my Study Planner as my Daily Goals Checklist because it automatically calculates my goals achievement rate in a month.

An important feature is that the planner shows how many days are left until the next exam or event on its Home Page.

The boxes will turn orange when there are less than 7 (seven) days left, and turn red when there are less than 3 (three) days left.

If you are interested in, you can sign up for completely free and start making your study plans, at planner.kenstudyjourney.com (planner dot Ken Study Journey dot com).

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Then you need to review the syllabuses of your subjects before practising past papers.

CAIE international exams have syllabuses which illustrate the knowledge points to be tested in the exams.

You can download and use the syllabuses to recall each knowledge point, finding out your missing knowledge points.

The subject syllabuses are directly available on the CAIE official website. You can type "https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/<your syllabus code, e.g. 0580)" (WWW dot Cambridge International dot org slash your syllabus code like 0580 (zero five eight zero)) on your browser, scroll down and download the syllabus PDF file.

After reviewing the syllabuses, you can then review your missing knowledge points.

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Another useful study tip is to test your classmates, which can help you remember knowledge firmly.

For example, in my dorm room, I read my textbooks and ask some questions to my classmates, like "What is the definition of 'DoS Attack'?" on Computer Science (0478, zero four seven eight).

Then, we can test each other to actively recall the knowledge.

As well as testing my classmates, I also make some exam-style question papers to express my questions in a written form and test my classmates.

By making some question papers, you also can enjoy the style of the question papers from the perspective of question makers.

Even if the answers and/or questions may be incorrect or inaccurate, this is a studying process and they can be corrected as we review the relevant knowledge points.

For example, since I am a Computer Science (0478, zero four seven eight) student, I made a question paper for my classmates.

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Then practise past papers after reviewing the knowledge points.

There are many past papers downloading websites, but in my school, our classmates are using Frank's CAIE Workshop (cie.fraft.org, CIE dot FRAFT dot org).

You can immerse yourself into the vibe of taking exams with time limitations. By practising past papers, you will be familiar with the question types as well as how to answer them.

I use my study timer to limit my time of practising past papers, depending on the exam time limits on each paper.

My programmed study timer also displays the current time as well as the remaining time, so I can simply know the time now without switching to the clock mode.

If you still have too much time at the end of the exam, I recommend you to take a rest for a few minutes and then read and check each question very carefully.

You also need to check the Mark Scheme after finishing a paper because you need to know how are papers marked and what types of answers are expected.

You can go to www.kenstudyjourney.com/timer (WWW dot Ken Study Journey dot com slash Timer) to use my online study timer.

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These are my methodologies and suggestions to get 6A* 1A (six A Stars and one A) in my IGCSE exams. I hope you can study productively and diligently and get your desired results with my suggestions.

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