

CORE COURSE

SCIENCE

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GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy
Science
Mrs Hutchinson

WHAT QUALITIES & SKILLS DO I NEED?

Science is a crucial subject to the understanding of how the world works and enables us to develop vital skills we use every day. Key qualities and skills that enable students to thrive and achieve highly in the subject include good organisation, resilience, communication, the ability to research, analyse and evaluate, time management and working well practically. You need to be motivated to complete homework and revise in time for the examinations.

COURSE FOLLOWED

[Combined Science Trilogy](#)

HOW IS THE COURSE ORGANISED & ASSESSED?

All assessment is taken at the end of the two year course. This means there are 6 exams (2, biology, 2 chemistry and 2 physics) at the end of Year 11. Each exam is 1 hour and 15 minutes long and is worth 16.7% of the 2 total grades. Grading will follow the new guidelines of 1-9 and students will gain 2 GCSE grades in Science (based on 17 point grading system from 1,1 up to 9,9). The exams will all be a combination of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response questions. Some of the questions will link to key practical tasks covered in lessons and numeracy skills.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN I STILL DO A LEVELS IF I DON'T TAKE TRIPLE?

Yes, so long as you achieve a high enough grade in Science and Mathematics you will be able to take A level sciences. If you are unsure on this speak to either your class teacher or Mrs Hutchinson or Mrs Swallow

CAN I DO A LEVEL BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS EVEN IF I DO TRIPLE BUT DON'T DO AS WELL IN THAT EXAM?

Yes, so long as you achieve a high enough grade in Science and Maths you can take A level sciences.

CAN I TAKE RESITS?

Unfortunately, no. There have been changes to GCSE recently that mean that all exams are taken at the end of the course, so you can only sit them at the end of Year 11 and cannot resit.

WHY DO I HAVE TO DO SCIENCE?

Science is a core subject. It influences everything we do or use today so a basic understanding is important for everyone. Employers or higher education organisations look for people who have gained good science qualifications as it demonstrates the ability to use many key skills such as data interpretation, problem solving and abstract thought.

HOW MANY GCSES WILL I GET?

Combined Science will give you two GCSEs. If you do triple science you get 3 GCSEs.

