

OPTIONS COURSE

TRIPLE SCIENCE

ACCREDITING AUTHORITY | AQA

QUALIFICATION

Triple Science (3 GCSE's: Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
Top set in each band only (not an option)

FACULTY

SCIENCE

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WHAT QUALITIES & SKILLS DO I NEED?

To study Triple science you need to be in the top set for Science in your band. You need to be interested in learning about Science, particularly how Science is used in the outside world. Key qualities and skills that will 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 as there is a lot of content to learn.

COURSE FOLLOWED

[Biology](#)

[Chemistry](#)

[Physics](#)

HOW IS THE COURSE ORGANISED & ASSESSED?

All assessment is taken at the end of the two year course. This means there are 2 exams per subject at the end of Year 11. Each exam is 1 hour and 45 minutes long and is worth 50% of the total grade (50% from each exam in that subject). Grading will follow the new guidelines of 1-9. This is equivalent to 3 GCSE grades.

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 skills (15% of exam) covered in lessons as set in the specification.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE PROGRESSION ROUTE FOR THE COURSE?

Depending on the grade achieved it may then be possible to gain entry onto the Science A levels Biology, Chemistry and Physics Post -16. If you are more suited to a vocational course involving a more course work based approach, you could enrol on the L3 BTEC course, which is suitable for those wanting a stepping stone to further science course. The skills and knowledge that you have gained doing GCSE Sciences also allow you to do other A level courses and vocational courses. For those students who want to work in one of the main professions, for example, law, medical science, nursing, teaching, accountancy etc, having GCSE Science is vital.

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 maths to cope with the demands of the course you can take A level sciences.

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 in maths to cope with the demands of the course 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, which is the end of Year 11. There is no longer the option of resits.

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 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 separate GCSEs one in each subject.

