



# Kenilworth School & Sixth Form

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## **Kenilworth School & sixth form - Biology Department**

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Having completed their internal AS examinations last summer students are now completing the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their A-Level Biology studies.

The information supplied here is aimed to inform both yourselves and your son/daughter of the expectations and opportunities for the year ahead; in deed what we can offer your son/daughter to ensure they maximise their potential in this subject but also inspire them to achieve a grade that they are personally proud of and allows the doors of their future education to open widely.

### **1. Examination structure – Summer 2019:**

The grade students achieve will be solely based on the following external exams sat at the end of this year which covers modules 1-6.

#### **Paper 1: Biological Processes (H420/01) – EXTERNAL EXAM**

100 marks                                      2:15 hrs                                      37% weighting

##### **Modules covered:**

Module 1 – Development of practical skills in Biology

Module 2 – Foundations in Biology

Module 3 – Exchange and transport

Module 5 – Communication, homeostasis and energy

#### **Paper 2: Biological Diversity (H420/02) – EXTERNAL EXAM**

100 marks                                      2:15 hrs                                      37% weighting

##### **Modules covered:**

Module 1 – Development of practical skills in Biology

Module 2 – Foundations in Biology

Module 4 – Biodiversity, evolution and disease

Module 6 – Genetics, evolution and ecosystems



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## **Paper 3: Unified Biology (H420/03) – EXTERNAL EXAM**

70 marks

1:30 hrs

26% weighting

### **Modules covered:**

Module 1 – Development of practical skills in Biology

Module 2 – Foundations in Biology

Module 3 – Exchange and transport

Module 4 – Biodiversity, evolution and disease

Module 5 – Communication, homeostasis and energy

Module 6 – Genetics, evolution and ecosystems

### **2. Module test structure 2018-19**

In addition to the end of year exams students will be given regular tests after each module they have been taught. The results in these tests will be compared with student's target grades and if required will form the basis for intervention and extra help. The tests student's will complete are:

- Communication, homeostasis and excretion
- Cellular control and patterns of inheritance
- Neuronal and hormonal communication
- Manipulating genomes, cloning and biotechnology
- Plant and animal responses
- Ecosystems, populations and sustainability
- Respiration
- Photosynthesis

### **Useful websites to support A-Level Biology studies:**

- [www.thealevelbiologist.co.uk](http://www.thealevelbiologist.co.uk)
- <http://www.biologymad.com/>

### **3. Revision sessions, examination practise and the past paper schedule.**

We will not be running "revision sessions" this year as we find this to be of no benefit to individual students. Instead we therefore urge students to be proactive when seeking guidance. Only they will know if they do not understand a concept, a theory, an explanation or an exam question and having realised this, students must come and seek support, guidance and consolidation from any Biology teacher on that particular aspect.

In place of revision sessions, we will be running 'Exam paper sessions' instead. Students will be informed of the topic dates in due course and they will be expected to revise a particular topic each week and then come armed with the required knowledge to practise answering exam questions on this topic during the after school session. They will also have the opportunity to have any areas they find difficult clarified or ask any additional questions.



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Thank you for your support and if you do have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself or the class teacher.

Yours Faithfully,

Mr R. Knee  
Head of Biology