

Welcome to Year 10 Science



Course structure

In year 10 all students follow the same course in Science. Only at the end of the year will decisions be made about whether students will follow Double or Triple award Science (Separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics). The decision is based on the performance of the students through the year in the assessments and the Mock examination. The details of the different specifications are outlined below:

Double Award (Trilogy)

Includes Biology, Chemistry and Physics combined to give 2 GCSE awards. The Double Award specification can be found at the link here: [AQA Double Award Specification](#). **The studying of Double Award will not reduce your chances to get into Post 16 or University courses but could help improve your grades.**

Triple Award (Separate Sciences)

The Separate sciences specifications can be found here:

[Biology GCSE Specification](#)

[Chemistry GCSE Specification](#)

[Physics GCSE specification](#)

Assessment

Students will be assessed 4 times through the year around the following times:

W/C 3rd July 2018

W/C 16th October 2018

W/C 29th January 2019

W/C 7th May 2019

Mock exam in July - Date to be confirmed.

These tests will be used to check progress, refine your exam technique and determine your tier of entry and the pathway you will take in Science in year 11.

Homework

Science Homework is set by the 3 individual subject teachers and supports the learning of the topics that are being covered. On top of this practice exam questions are given out and reviewed by students and revision is set centrally by the Head of Department for the Assessments.

Exams (All end of Year 11)

Double Award

2 Biology , 2 Chemistry and 2 Physics papers each 1 hr 15 mins are combined to produce your double award grades from 9-9 to 1-1.

There is a significantly reduced content to revise compared with the separate sciences.

Triple Award

Biology

2 x 1 hour 45 min papers. Graded 9-1.

Chemistry

2 x 1 hour 45 min papers. Graded 9-1.

Physics

2 x 1 hour 45 min papers. Graded 9-1.