

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Science

Q Do year 7 students study the three sciences separately?

A Students in years 7 and 8 get taught all three sciences but not under the headings biology, chemistry and physics. They are taught engaging units that cover the three sciences in a broad way. When pupils enter year 9 they will all have three teachers who will teach them biology, chemistry and physics in line with the GCSE exams they will all ultimately sit.

Q What GCSE exam board do we use?

A Edexcel (Pearson)

Q What GCSE science courses do students follow?

A Students will either sit GCSE Combined Science or GCSEs in biology, chemistry and physics. During year 9 a lot of time is spent checking that the students are put into the correct GCSE route for their ability to ensure the greatest chance of success. Final decisions about the GCSE route each pupil takes is not made until the end of year 9.

Q Do you offer A level sciences?

A A Levels in biology, chemistry and physics are taught to sixth formers.

Q Are there any science clubs for year 7 ?

A There is a weekly science club just for year 7 pupils. This starts within the first couple of weeks in September.

Q What resource is used for year 7 lessons?

A Exploring Science is the resource that our key stage 3 (years 7-9) lessons are based on.