

GCSE COMBINED SCIENCE



Introduction

Science is a compulsory subject at GCSE and students either follow the Combined Science (Dual Award) program, or can choose the Third Science as one of their option choices, which enables students to gain separate GCSE's in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, as an *alternative* to the Combined Science GCSE.

Combined Science, Biology, Chemistry and Physics all count as part of the EBacc and are recognised by employers and higher education institutions as important indicators of academic ability.

Combined Science

Students follow the AQA Combined Science Trilogy courses during Year 10 and 11. This consists of units from Biology; Chemistry and Physics, and requires students to take an active part in 16 required practical activities over the two years.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment in Combined Science takes the form of six (1hr 15mins) written papers: two biology, two chemistry and two physics, each paper is worth 16.7% of final mark. Each of the papers will assess knowledge and understanding from distinct topic areas using a mixture of multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response questions.

For further information, see Mr Hiscock or your science teacher