Chemistry Department Bridging Work

This bridging work MUST be completed by the time you start your course and it will be assessed in September. The aims are for you re-familiarise yourself with work studied during GCSE but largely ignored for the past 10 weeks, but vital for progression at post 16 level.

Chemistry can be a fun subject but requires hard work to succeed with few shortcuts. Please use resources such as the internet, library and your Chemistry GCSE notes to help you complete this work.

The AS Course comprises of two written exams which will test your understanding of Chemistry and test practical knowhow though these written papers. There is no longer any ISA's which contributes to your final grade, but for those that go onto complete the full A-level there is a Practical Endorsement which you will be internally assessed on over the next two years through a minimum of twelve set practical's.

Exam board: OCR Chemistry

	Length	% of total AS
Paper 1 Breadth in Chemistry 70 marks	1 hr 30min	50
Unit 2 Depth in Chemistry 70 marks	1 hr 30min	50

We recommend the following textbooks for the course: have a look at them to see if you like the style and layout. We will use some of the material from these books during lessons.





Task 1 - Fundamental Particles

Atoms are the basic building blocks of matter. It is not the smallest of particles, and within Chemistry, we are interested in electrons, protons and neutrons.

Using a periodic table, draw the *electronic configuration*, as well as identifying *how many sub-atomic particles* there are for the following atoms and its corresponding ions:

Hydrogen	Oxygen	Calcium
Number of: e ⁻ : p: n	Number of: e ⁻ : p: n [.]	Number of: e ⁻ : p: n [.]
Hydrogen ion, H ⁺	Oxygen ion	Calcium ion
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Task 2 – Constructing formulae from common ions

Writing chemical formulae is an essential skill for both AS and A2 Chemistry and requires a knowledge of both the common positive and negative ions.

Positive ions		Negative ions	
Name	Formula	Name	Formula
Hydrogen	H ⁺	Chloride	CI ⁻
Sodium	Na⁺	Bromide	Br ⁻
Silver	Ag⁺	Fluoride	F ⁻
Potassium	K⁺	lodide	1-
Lithium	Li+	Hydroxide	OH⁻
Ammonium	NH_4^+	Nitrate	NO_3^-
Barium	Ba ²⁺	Oxide	0 ^{2–}
Calcium	Ca ²⁺	Sulfide	S ²⁻
Copper(II)	Cu ²⁺	Sulfate	SO4 2-
Magnesium	Mg ²⁺	Carbonate	CO3 ²⁻
Zinc	Zn ²⁺		
Lead	Pb ²⁺		
Iron(II)	Fe ²⁺		
Iron(III)	Fe ³⁺		
Aluminium	Al ³⁺		

Unlike GCSE these are not given on any data sheet and therefore important to learn and the best way of learning them is using them.

You can though use the periodic table and this can be helpful, particular with the metal ions; try to spot the connect between the metals and their position in the Periodic table.

Complete the table for the formula making sure the charges balance;-

	Na⁺	K⁺	Mg ²⁺	Ca ²⁺	Al ³⁺	Cu ²⁺ (III)
CI	NaCl					
0 ²⁻		K ₂ O				
OH			Mg(OH) ₂			
CO ₃ ²⁻				CaCO ₃		
SO4 ²⁻					$AI_2(SO_4)_3$	

Name the five compounds formed in the grey highlighted boxes above.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

Using the ion table give the formulae of the following ionic compounds:

- 1. Potassium nitrate
- 2. Lithium hydroxide
- 3. Barium fluoride
- 4. Ammonium nitrate
- 5. Sodium hydrogen carbonate
- 6. Iron (II) chloride
- 7. Iron (III) chloride
- 8. Zinc nitrate
- 9. Hydrochloric acid
- 10. Ammonium hydroxide
- 11. Sodium sulfate
- 12. Sodium sulphide
- 13. Sulphuric acid
- 14. Potassium phosphate
- 15. Potassium dichromate (VI)

Task 3 - Dot cross diagrams

You would have covered ionic and covalent bonding in your GCSE. Using your knowledge, draw the dot cross diagrams for the following compounds, showing only outer electrons.

You will need to decide what type of bonding is present within these compounds, before you start remember **ionic compounds** contain ions and must contain **both a metal and a non-metal**; **covalent molecules** share electrons and contain **non-metals**.

Chlorine gas	Sodium chloride
Magnesium oxide	Water
Carbon dioxide	Calcium chloride
Methane (CH ₄)	Nitrogen gas

Task 4 - Rearranging Formulae

When solving chemistry problems you will often be required to rearrange an equation to solve for an unknown. You would have seen this in Physics when trying to solve speed.

Speed (m/s) = distance (m) / time (s)

We can write this to show distance and time as follows:

Distance (m) = speed (m/s) x time (s) Time (s) = distance (m) / speed (m/s)





c)

The units of *n* is mol and the unit for *v* is dm^3 . Write down the units for *c*.

d) There are 1000 cm^3 in 1 dm^3 . Convert the following:

1.	250 cm ³ is	dm ³	4.	0.8 dm ³ is	cm ³
2.	30 cm ³ is	dm^3	5.	10 dm ³ is	cm^3
3.	500 cm ³ is	dm^3	6.	0.0065 dm ³ is	cm^3

Task 5 - Significant Figures and Standard Form

Significant Figures

You need to be able to quote answers to the correct number of significant figures.

Write the following numbers to the quoted number of significant figures. 1) a) 345789 4 sig figs d) 6 3 sig figs b) 297300 3 sig figs e) 0.001563 3 sig figs c) 0.07896 3 sig figs f) 0.01 4 sig figs Complete the following sums and give the answers to 3 significant figures. 2) a) 6125 x 384..... d) 750 ÷ 25 b) 25.00 x 0.01..... e) 0.000152 x 13 c) 13.5 + 0.18..... f) 0.0125 x 0.025

Standard Form

You need to be able to work with numbers in standard form.

3) Write the following numbers in non standard form.

	a) 1.5 x 10 ⁻³	d) 0.0534 x 10 ⁴
	b) 0.046 x 10 ⁻²	e) 10.3 x 10 ⁵
	c) 3.575 x 10 ⁵	f) 8.35 x 10 ⁻³
4)	Write the following numbers in standard	l form.
	a) 0.000167	d) 34500
	b) 0.0524	e) 0.62
	c) 0.000000015	f) 87000000
5)	Complete the following calculations and	I give the answers to 3 significant figures.
	a) 6.125 x 10 ⁻³ x 3.5	
	b) 4.3 x 10 ⁻⁴ ÷ 7.0	
	c) 4.0 x 10 ⁸ + 35000	
	d) 0.00156 + 2.4 x 10 ³	
	e) $6.10 \times 10^{-2} - 3.4 \times 10^{-5}$	

Task 6 - Balancing equations

Look at the following equations – some need balancing, others do not. Balance the equations that need it.

1)	С	+	O ₂	\rightarrow	CO		
2)	Na	+	O ₂	\rightarrow	Na ₂ O		
3)	H ₂	+	O2	\rightarrow	H ₂ O		
4)	Na	+	I_2	\rightarrow	Nal		
5)	CH_4	+	O ₂	\rightarrow	CO ₂	+	H ₂ O
6)	SO ₂	+	O2	\rightarrow	SO3		
7)	Fe ₂ O ₃	+	С	\rightarrow	Fe	+	CO
8)	Fe ₂ O ₃	+	CO	\rightarrow	Fe	+	CO ₂
9)	NH ₃	+	O2	\rightarrow	NO	+	H ₂ O
10)	Fe ₃ O ₄	+	H_2	\rightarrow	Fe	+	H ₂ O
11)	C	+	CO_2	\rightarrow	CO		
12)	Fe	+	S	\rightarrow	FeS		
13)	Ca	+	H_2O	\rightarrow	CaOH	+	H ₂
14)	Al	+	Cl_2	\rightarrow	AICI ₃		
15)	Fe	+	НĊІ	\rightarrow	FeCl ₂	+	H ₂

Task 6 - Relative formula mass

Use a Periodic Table to work out the relative formula mass of the following compounds NaOH : Na + O + H = 23 + 16 + 1 = $\underline{40}$

CuSO ₄
Mg(HCO ₃) ₂
NH ₄ NO ₃
CuCO ₃
Ca(OH) ₂
H ₂ SO ₄
C ₃ H ₈
HgO
NH ₄ Fe(SO ₄) ₂ .12H ₂ O
K ₄ Fe(CN) ₆
Al ₂ (SO ₄) ₃

Task 7 – Organic Chemistry

Organic chemistry is the study of the structure, properties, reactions, and preparations of carbon containing compounds and often derived from living systems.

The hydrocarbons are some of the simplest organic compounds and contain only carbon and hydrogen atoms e.g. Methane. At GCSE you have come across two families of hydrocarbons called the ALKANES and ALKENES.

Complete the tables for the first six alkanes and alkenes.

The Alkanes

Name	Formula	Display Formula
Methane	CH₄	
Ethane		
	C ₃ H ₈	
		$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Pentane		

The Alkanes all share a general formula – using \boldsymbol{n} to represent the number of carbon atoms, complete the general formula below:-

$C_nH_{_}$

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The Alkenes

The alkenes are a second group of hydrocarbons with the general formula C_nH_{2n} , they differ from the alkenes due to their C=C double bond and are said to be **UNSATURATED**. Complete the table for the first five alkenes.

Name	Formula	Display Formula
Ethene		
	C ₃ H ₆	
		$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

The alkenes are often used for the starting materials for the production of polymers such as polyethene; polypropene and polystyrene, see equation below showing the formation of the repeat unit of poly(ethene) from its monomer ethane.



Complete the equation below showing the repeat unit for polymer - Poly(chloroethene)



Task 8 (optional) – Research

Choose one (or more) of the following medicines/drugs and find out:

- 1. Common brand names
- 2. Class of drug
- 3. Brief history of discovery
- 4. State the chemical functional group found in the compound
- 5. Uses
- 6. List any side effects

Chloroquine	Thalidomide	Warfarin
		OH OH OH OH