

COMBINED SCIENCE

COURSE DETAILS

GCSE Combined Science

Exam Board Website: www.aqa.org.uk

GCSE Combined Science is a course which aims to give students the knowledge and understanding of science they will meet in their everyday lives. Students will study two GCSEs over the two years.

Through a wide range of activities students will be able to:

- Recognise the impact of science and technology on everyday life
- Take informed decisions about issues that involve science
- Understand the key points of media reports, and reflect on information included (or omitted) from these reports and other information
- Have a greater awareness of science and how scientists work

ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The course is linear and therefore assessed through terminal exams at the end of Year 11. There are no controlled assessments in the new science qualification. Instead, questions in the written exams will draw on the knowledge and understanding students have gained by carrying out the practical activities during the course of the two years. These questions will count for at least 15% of the overall marks for the qualification. Many of the questions will also focus on investigative skills and how well students can apply what they know to practical situations often in novel contexts.

Exams will be 7.5 hours altogether, but broken up into separate papers, and will look to assess knowledge on Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Assessment will be using the new 9-1 grading system.. The foundation tiers will cover grades 1-5 and the higher tier will cover grades 4-9.

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