

# Course Information...

## ...about GCSE Science and Additional Science

### Examination Details

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J261  
J262

### Assessment Details

4 1 hour written examinations (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)  
2 controlled assignment tasks  
2 tiers of entry – foundation (C-G) and higher (A\*-D). Tier of entry will be based on their results in Year 10 examination and Year 11 mock examinations in December. This does **not** depend on which set they are in.

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#### Examinations:

Single Science 2 x 1 hour paper – assesses modules B1, B2, C1, C2, P1 and P2

Additional Science 2 x 1 hour paper – assesses ,modules B3, B4, C3, C4, P3 and P4

- Short answer questions
- Gap fill exercises (in foundation tier)
- Tick boxes (in foundation tier)
- Extended writing questions of 4-8 lines in both tiers

#### Controlled Assessment:

One homework session is spent researching and gathering information on a title given by the teacher. The pupils then conduct an investigation and write it up in controlled conditions. This must be completed twice once for science and again for additional science.

**“No problem can withstand thinking”**

# Steps to Success...

## ...in GCSE Science and Additional Science

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| 1  | Make sure you listen carefully to the advice for writing up the Science in the news coursework and look at the web page on the intranet.   |
| 2  | Check out the science section of the Bitesize website at <a href="http://www.bitesize.co.uk">www.bitesize.co.uk</a> or the site <a href="http://www.learn.co.uk">www.learn.co.uk</a> . |
| 3  | Attend the revision lectures in Year 11 on important topics.   |
| 4  | Read the questions carefully in the examination.   |
| 5  | Check the number of marks for each question in the examination – each mark means you have to write one thing.  |
| 6  | “Explain” means write a reason for your answer.  |
| 7  | Get used to using the periodic table – you will be given one in the examination and you need to be familiar with it.   |
| 8  | Attend the Science Homework Clubs at lunchtimes – one for each subject. Drop in with questions and problems – they will be solved.   |
| 9  | Be familiar with Science related issues in the news, be informed and be prepared to be critical. Learn to use evidence and form arguments.   |
| 10 | Be an intelligent reviser! Make sure everything on the syllabus is covered. Understand your optimum learning style so you can revise effectively.                                      |

### Useful Resources:

[www.learn.co.uk](http://www.learn.co.uk)

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

Textbook provided by school

CGP revision guide for GCSE (one for year 10 and one for year 11) £4.50 from WHSmith or £3.00 from school (room 309M lunchtimes)