



OVERVIEW

Students follow the AQA GCSE Science course and will gain a thorough grounding in each of the three sciences. Not only will they develop their knowledge and understanding of biology, chemistry and physics but they will enrich their experience by completing practical activities and learning through discovery. Students continue to build on the knowledge and understanding gained from Year 9, studying topics that build in complexity. Lessons include regular retrieval practice and past paper questions to build up recall and application skills. Students are taught by three specialist teachers, each taking 4 lessons a fortnight.

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Biology

B1 cells

Transport in Cells, Osmosis
Practical, Microbiology,
Stem cells, Mitosis,
Cancer.

B2 Organisation

Digestive system, Enzymes,
Practical, Circulatory System,
Heart, Blood & Blood vessels,
Respiratory System,
Adaptations of the lungs.

Chemistry

C1 Atomic Structure

Atomic Structure, development
of atomic model, history of
periodic table, group 1
elements, group 7 elements,
transition elements.

C2 Bonding

Ionic Bonding, Reactivity of Metals,
Covalent Bonding, Metallic
Bonding, Simple molecules,
allotropes of carbon, nanoparticles.

Physics

P1 Energy

Energy pathways &
transfers, Energy
calculations, Renewable &
non-renewable energy
sources, insulation
investigation.

P2 Electricity

Circuits & symbols, series &
parallel circuits, resistance
equation, resistance of a
wire investigation, wiring a
plug, National Grid, static.

Assessment:

*End of topic test for
each unit.*

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Biology

B3 Infection

Pathogens, communicable
Diseases, Viruses, Bacteria,
Fungi and Protists, Immune
Response, Vaccinations,
Clinical Trials.

Chemistry

C3 Quantitative Chemistry

Relative Formula Mass,
Reacting Masses, Balancing
equations, Atom Economy,
Titrations.

C4 Chemical Changes

Reactivity of metals, Reactions
of acids, Displacement, forming
salts, Electrolysis.

Physics

P3 Particle Model

Particle model, density
investigation, Change of
state and internal energy,
Latent heat, Gas pressure.

Assessment:

Mid-Year exam
paper based on
topics covered so
far.

*End of topic test for
each unit.*

Sum

Biology

B4 Bioenergetics

Photosynthesis,
Adaptations of a leaf,
Respiration, Effects of
exercise on the body.

B7 Ecology

Communities, Adaptations,
Cycling materials, Sampling
populations, Biodiversity,
Human impact on
ecosystems.

Chemistry

C5 Energy Changes

Exothermic & endothermic
reactions, energy change
investigations, energy level
diagrams, calculating bond
energy, fuel cells.

C6 Rates of Reaction

Rates, Effect of concentration,
effect of surface area, effect of
temperature, Catalysts.

Physics

P4 Atomic Structure

Atomic Structure, History of
the atom, Alpha, Beta and
Gamma radiation, Half life,
irradiation & contamination.

Assessment:

End of Year exam
will be 3 x Paper 1

*End of topic test for
each unit.*

Useful resources for supporting your child at home:

- Knowledge retriever and workbook (provided)
- CGP Science Revision Guide
- BBC Bitesize revision pages
- YouTube: Cognito Science lessons

Homework:

Weekly exam question and Educake quiz must be completed.