

# Science

## GCSE

Examination Board: AQA

### What will I study?

You will either follow a Combined Science course that results in you obtaining two GCSE grades spread across three sciences: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Or you will be able to follow the three separate science courses that results in you obtaining three GCSEs of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. As you can see below, the same topics are taught for both sets of qualifications. There is a greater depth of coverage for the subjects when taken separately and longer assessments at the end of the course.

### How is the course assessed?

With the combined course there are six papers: two biology, two chemistry and two physics. Each of the papers will assess knowledge and understanding from distinct topic areas. Each paper is 1 hour 15minutes in duration.

With the separate science courses there are six papers: two biology, two chemistry and two physics. Each of the papers will assess knowledge and understanding from distinct topic areas. Each paper is 1 hour 45 minutes in duration.

### How will the course help me in the future?

Science is compulsory at GCSE and as such is generally highly regarded by colleges and employers regardless of your chosen career/further education pathway. For those completing KS3 Science at a high level, you should be taking the triple science route as this will prepare you more thoroughly for post 16 study of the sciences.

### Are there any pre-requisites for taking the course?

The combined Trilogy Award is open to all students. Students wishing to take separate Science will need to be recommended by their teacher.

### Which member of staff should I contact for more information?

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