## **CHEMISTRY**

#### **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

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# TYPE OF QUALIFICATION A-level

## EXAM BOARD OCR

#### **SPECIFICATION**

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#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

Preferred: GCSE Chemistry grade 6 or combined science grade 65 Essential: GCSE Chemistry grade 6 or combined science grade 55



## **AIMS OF THE COURSE**

The aims of this course are to:

- encourage your interest in Chemistry
- develop potential to study Chemistry related subjects at university
- extend your knowledge
- develop your skills of problem solving, handling data, and your practical techniques
- ensure you achieve the best A level grade you can

#### **COURSE OUTLINE & ASSESSMENT**

Module 1 – Development of practical skills in chemistry

Module 2 – Foundations in chemistry

Module 3 - Periodic table and energy

Module 4 - Core organic chemistry

Module 5 - Physical chemistry and transition elements

Module 6 - Organic chemistry and analysis

Practical work is embedded throughout the course and assessed separately through the practical endorsement award recorded on the A Level certificate.

#### **CAREER PROSPECTS**

As well as studying pure Chemistry at degree level there are a range of chemistry-based subjects such as environmental chemistry, biochemistry and medicinal chemistry. A number of university courses either specifically require or find it desirable to have an A level in Chemistry; these include medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, chemical engineering and biological sciences. Chemistry is also appreciated by admissions tutors in many other subjects, for example Law, due to its logical discipline.

#### SUBJECT ENRICHMENT



## Something to think about...

Will humans ever be able to synthesise chemicals in the same way nature can? How should Chemistry shape the sustainable development of our planet? Will we ever design the perfect drug? How would life be different without Chemistry?



## Something to listen to...

Royal Society for Chemistry Podcast (<u>click here</u>) Periodic table podcast (<u>click here</u>) Entropy (Order and Disorder) Energy (<u>click here</u>) Secrets of the Super Elements (<u>click here</u>)



### Something to read... Royal Society of Chemistry website

New Scientist <u>magazine</u> SENECA Learning - <u>enrol</u> on the OCR A-level Chemistry course A-level Chemistry Revision <u>site</u>

