

AQA GCSE Separate Science



Subject content



Biology

- 1. Cell biology
- 2. Organisation
- 3. Infection and response
- 4. Bioenergetics
- 5. Homeostasis and response
- 6. Inheritance, variation and evolution
- 7. Ecology



Chemistry

- 1. Atomic structure and the periodic table
- 2. Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter
- 3. Quantitative chemistry
- 4. Chemical changes
- 5. Energy changes
- 6. The rate and extent of chemical change
- 7. Organic chemistry
- 8. Chemical analysis
- 9. Chemistry of the atmosphere
- 10. Using resources



Physics

- 1. Energy
- 2. Electricity
- 3. Particle model of matter
- 4. Atomic structure
- 5. Forces
- 6. Waves
- 7. Magnetism and electromagnetism
- 8. Space physics

Assessment

- There are six written exam 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, worth 100 marks, and contributes to 50% of the GCSE.
- Questions are multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.

Biology Paper 1

Biology Topics 1–4: Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics.

Biology Paper 2

Biology topics 5–7: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology.

Chemistry Paper 1

Chemistry Topics 1–5: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes.

Chemistry Paper 2

Chemistry topics 6-10: The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and Using resources.

Physics Paper 1

Physics topics 1-4: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.

Physics Paper 1

Physics topics 5-8: Forces; Waves; Magnetism and electromagnetism; and Space physics.

How should I revise

- Use a CGP revision guide (details on purchasing can be found on the school website).
- Make revision notes using strategies such as mind maps, flashcards, Cornell notes, and foldables.
- · Make use of online revision resources such as:
 - Seneca Learning for quizzes.
 - Cognito Science for videos walkthroughs and past paper questions by topic;
 - BBC Bitesize for revision notes and quizzes;
 - Physics Maths Tutor for revision resources, past paper questions etc;
- Practise past examination questions including key question types including 4 and 6 mark level of response questions.



AQA GCSE Combined Science



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- 2. Organisation
- 3. Infection and response
- 4. Bioenergetics
- 5. Homeostasis and response
- 6. Inheritance, variation and evolution
- 7. Ecology



Chemistry

- 8. Atomic structure and the periodic table
- 9. Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter
- 10. Quantitative chemistry
- 11. Chemical changes
- 12. Energy changes
- 13. The rate and extent of chemical change
- 14. Organic chemistry
- 15. Chemical analysis
- 16. Chemistry of the atmosphere
- 17. Using resources



Physics

- 18. Energy
- 19. Electricity
- 20. Particle model of matter
- 21. Atomic structure
- 22. Forces
- 23. Waves
- 24. Magnetism and electromagnetism

Assessment

- There are six written exam 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 15 minutes, worth 70 marks, and contributes to 16.7% of the GCSE.
- Questions are multiple choice, structured, closed short answer, and open response.

Biology Paper 1

Biology Topics 1–4: Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics.

Biology Paper 2

Biology topics 5–7: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology.

Chemistry Paper 1

Chemistry Topics 8–12: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes.

Chemistry Paper 2

Chemistry topics 13–17: The rate and extent of chemical change; Organic chemistry; Chemical analysis; Chemistry of the atmosphere; and Using resources.

Physics Paper 1

Physics topics 18–21: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.

Physics Paper 1

Physics topics 22–24: Forces; Waves; and Magnetism and electromagnetism

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